

12 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of their research into applying for university courses, students should check whether any admissions tests or assessments are required.

Many courses at **Oxford and Cambridge** require an admissions test; students have been advised to check the relevant university website to see whether this applies to their chosen course. These pre-interview tests will be held at school on either 18 October, 19 October or 20 October. Students wishing to register to take one or more of these tests must submit the Google Form available on the Year 13 Google Classroom by 09:00 on 20 September. There is an administration fee of £5 which should be paid via ParentMail by 27 September; the reference is **Year 13 Oxbridge administration fee**.

Students considering Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Medicine received information about UCAT last term. The following universities ask for **BMAT** (Biomedical Admissions Test): Brighton & Sussex Medical School, Cambridge, Imperial, Lancaster, Oxford, UCL. Oxford also ask applicants for BC98 Biomedical Sciences to take BMAT. Students wishing to take BMAT at school on 18 October must complete the Google Form available on the Year 13 Google Classroom by 09:00 on 20 September. There is an entry fee of £78 for candidates taking the BMAT, plus the £5 administration fee so the total fee for this test is £83. This should be paid via ParentMail by 27 September; the reference is Year **13 BMAT or TMUA registration fee**.

The school is able to apply for students who meet certain financial criteria to have the BMAT fee paid; further information is on the BMAT website <u>here</u>.

Students applying for Mathematics degree courses should check the requirements of their preferred courses. Students applying for Mathematics, Computer Science or their joint degrees at Oxford should register for the Mathematics Admission Test (MAT). Imperial College London uses the MAT for all of its undergraduate Mathematics course applicants. The University of Warwick encourages applicants for Mathematics degrees to take the MAT, STEP, or the Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA). Taking a test is not compulsory, however, a good performance on the MAT or the TMUA may result in a reduced offer. For details, visit the University of Warwick's Mathematics Institute website.

Students wishing to take the MAT at school on 19 October must complete the Google Form available on the Year 13 Google Classroom by 09:00 on 20 September. There is an administration fee of £5 which should be paid via ParentMail by 27 September; the reference is Year 13 MAT administration fee.

The **Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA)** is designed to give students the opportunity to demonstrate that they have the essential mathematical thinking and reasoning skills needed for a demanding undergraduate Mathematics or Mathematics-related course, such as Computer Science or Economics.

For applications to the University of Cambridge (Economics and Computer Science) TMUA is compulsory and all results will be shared automatically with the University of Cambridge.

As well as Cambridge, the following universities accept results from the TMUA: Bath, Cardiff, Durham, Lancaster, London School of Economics and Political Science, Nottingham, Sheffield, Southampton, Warwick. Please visit these universities' websites for more information. The full list of courses can be found in the *Courses accepting TMUA 2023* document linked <u>here</u>. For applications to most of these universities, students can decide whether they want to share their TMUA results with the university after they have received them. This means TMUA gives them a risk-free opportunity to prove their potential, and in some cases to receive a reduced offer.

There is an entry fee of £78 for candidates taking the TMUA, plus the £5 administration fee so the total fee for this test will be £83. This should be paid via ParentMail by 27 September; the reference is Year 13 BMAT or TMUA registration fee.

The school is able to apply for students who meet certain financial criteria to have the TMUA fee paid; further information is on the TMUA website <u>here</u>.

Students applying for Law courses may need to take the LNAT (Law National Aptitude Test); the LNAT website provides more information <u>here</u>. This test cannot be offered at school; it is administered by Pearson VUE and students need to book a slot at a test centre (similar to UCAT or the driving theory test). Registration is open now. Students must take the test before 16 October if they are applying to Cambridge or Oxford and have to register by 15 September for this (students have already been advised of this). Students applying to King's College London, UCL or LSE must sit the LNAT before or on 31 December 2023. Other universities requesting LNAT require students to take the test on or before 25 January 2024. Universities asking for LNAT for 2024 entry are Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Glasgow, King's College London, LSE, Oxford, SOAS and UCL. It is the student's responsibility to check whether their chosen universities require LNAT.

Please ask your daughter to speak to me if she has any questions about this, or any other aspect of the university application process.

Kind regards

Michelle Sutton Deputy Head of Sixth Form