

Year 14 Careers Education



St. Mary's
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YEAR 14 LEARNING SCHEDULE 2017/2018

THE UCAS PROCESS FOR YEAR 13 INTO YEAR 14

The purpose of this timeline is to help you manage key deadlines.

All year 13/14 pupils have one timetabled careers class only once every two weeks resulting in limited pupil contact time

*DEADLINE: MONDAY	Careers Event/Deadline	
	06:02:17	Work Experience (11 & 12 February)
FEB	20:02:17	Work Experience Debrief Individual career guidance interviews on-going Workshop on Personal Statement Preparation Library
MAR	27:02:17	UCAS FORM: Introduction Stage 2 of Work experience process begins (June Placements) Individual career guidance interviews on-going
	06:03:17	UCAS FORM: Introduction Individual career guidance interviews on-going
	13:03:17	Aptitude Tests Individual career guidance interviews on-going
	20:03:17	All official June Work experience school paperwork regarding confirmed placements completed Aptitude Tests Individual career guidance interviews on-going
APR	27:03:17	On-going work on UCAS form Individual career guidance interviews on-going
	03:04:17	On-going work on UCAS form Individual career guidance interviews on-going
	10:04:17	Personal statement/on-going work on UCAS form Individual career guidance interviews on-going
	17:04:17	EASTER HOLIDAYS
MAY	24:04:17	Draft One Personal Statement due (Phase 1 & 2) Individual career guidance interviews on-going
	01:05:17	Working on personal statement Individual career guidance interviews on-going
	08:05:17	AS PRACTICALS AND ORALS BEGIN
	15:05:17	
	22:05:17	
JUNE	29:05:17	
	05:06:17	Y13 Careers Parents' Information Event – Focusing on Higher Education (8 JUNE)
	12:06:17	
	19:06:17	Phase 1 applicants – UCAS workshop – Filling in the application form- 2pm Monday 19th June – Personal Statement Draft Two due
	26:06:17	
	14:08:17	A LEVEL RESULTS OUT THURSDAY 17 AUGUST

A D C	21:08:17	UKCAT (KAPLAN) TRAINING (available in Belfast, Ballymena)
	28:08:17	YEAR 14 OFFICIALLY BEGINS Phase 2 –Induction Day - Official registration with UCAS and begin filling in the 'live' UCAS form (Parts 1-5 of the form) Amending Personal Statements
SEPT	04:09:17	Amend personal statement University of Ulster Open Day (7 Sept – ALL YEAR14 STUDENTS) Queen's University Open Day (8 Sept – ALL YEAR 14 STUDENTS)
	11:09:17	UKCAT exams completed Phase 1 UCAS forms submitted – 14 September
	18:09:17	Phase 2 personal statement final check and redrafting
	25:09:17	Phase 2 finalise 5 courses – check entry requirements
	2:10:17	Final course check; interview with Senior teacher writing reference
OCT	09:10:17	Final check on Personal Statements (to Careers teacher) Phase 2 UCAS forms submitted (12 th October)
	16:10:17	Deadline for LNAT registration (Oxford)
	23:10:17	St Mary's University Applications Preparation Begins – Direct Entry
	30:10:17	MID-TERM BMAT exam
	06:11:17	MMI Interview workshop (TBC) English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews begin
NOV	13:11:17	Final submission to St Mary's University College; Cambridge/Oxford Interview Preparation; Applications completed for Talented Athletes Scholarship/Elite Athletes English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going)
	20:11:17	Medicine/Dentistry/ Vet Science – Individual Interview Preparation English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental /Veterinary School Interviews (on-going) Mock Interview Evening (COMPULSORY FOR ALL YEAR 14 Wednesday 22 November (Date TBC)
	27:11:17	On-going Interview Preparation; English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going) QUB Medical/Dental interviews begin (Dec-Feb)
DEC	04:12:17	LNAT Workshop (TBC) English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going) QUB Medical /Dental Interviews (on-going)
	11:12:17	CAO Applications due; Art Foundation Applications to FE & HE Colleges (Ballymena, Limavady, Belfast Met) QUB Medical/Dental Interviews (on-going) English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going)
	18:12:17	
JAN	01:01:18	Deadline for HPAT Ulster registration (3 January(TBC)) QUB Medical/Dental Interviews (on-going)

		English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going)
	08:01: 18	Stranmillis interviews begin English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going) Deadline for LNAT registration
	15:01: 18	Closing date for HPAT –Ireland registration (20 Jan TBC) HPAT Training Workshops (Ulster) Stranmillis interviews (on-going) QUB Medical Interviews (on-going) English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going) LNAT exam – complete by 15 January (TBC)
	22:01: 18	HPAT TEST ULSTER (Last Saturday in Jan 2018 TBC) HPAT Ireland training QUB Medical Interviews (on-going) English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going)
FEB	29:01: 18	On-going interviews (CHECK UCAS TRACK FOR INTERVIEWS) QUB Medical Interviews (on-going) English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going)
	05:02: 18	Dealing with university offers/rejection QUB Medical Interviews (on-going) English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going) St Mary's University College Interviews & Writing Assessment (TBC)
	12:02: 18	UCAS Extra opens QUB Medical Interviews (on-going) English/Welsh/Scottish Medical/Dental/Veterinary School Interviews (on-going) St Mary's University College Interviews & Writing Assessment (TBC) MID-TERM
	19:02: 18	HPAT Ireland Exam (End of FEB TBC) Social Work - Additional essay Creative Writing – Additional Essay
MAR	26:02: 18	Completion of all Student finance forms;
	05:03: 18	Investigate sponsorship opportunities NEELB staff will be in to collect completed finance forms;
	12:03: 18	Social Work Interviews Nursing Interviews (QUB) begin HPAT Ulster results
	19:03: 18	Research apprenticeship pathways (where appropriate) Social Work Interviews Nursing Interviews (QUB)
APR	26:03:18	Final UCAS decision made – choose firm and insurance courses. Reject other 3 courses
	02:04:18	University of Ulster – Art Degrees – Portfolio Interviews
	09:04: 18	
	16:04: 18	Final DEADLINE for responding to UCAS (End of April)

The purpose of Careers lessons is to help you to think about your long-term future and ensuring that you make informed decisions when it comes to the next stage of your Career journey. It is important that you look at your personal skills and qualities and see how they might fit well in certain career pathways. Alongside this you need to look **realistically** at your academic performance and research the courses that you might consider. **IF YOU DON'T MAKE BOTH ASPIRATIONAL & REALISTIC CHOICES BASED ON YOUR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, IT MAY IMPACT NEGATIVELY ON YOUR FUTURE CAREER PATH!**

University places are getting increasingly more competitive and many highly competitive courses look at GCSE results, AS results and the Personal Statement. It is important that you aim to give the best you can in your preparation for the next stage of your Career journey in order to give yourself the best possible start.



WHERE TO SOURCE CAREERS INFORMATION

All relevant information about Careers events or opportunities will be emailed to you at your C2K email address.

You will also be emailed a copy of the weekly Careers Bulletin. It is very important that you take the time to read through this carefully noting key events & dates.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you regularly check this email account and that you clear your deleted messages.

Your form teachers and Head of Year also are emailed about any new opportunities

There is also a Year 14 Shared Careers Resources page on Showbie & Shared Resources. It is hoped to establish a Shared Careers Folder through Google Drive. You are all members of this group. Here you will find all electronic resources and additional information on specific careers.



The Careers Department has also set up a Twitter account. Please follow our account so that you can keep up to date with all the possibilities and information that comes through.



@CareersDeptSMG

**Take risks:
If you win, you
will be happy; if you
lose, you will be wise.**

PROFILE OF APPLICATIONS

All students in Year 14 have the opportunity to consider making applications to the full cross section of institutions and organisations offering courses at Third Level Education.

1. UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions System)

This organisation governs entry to all universities and colleges of higher education in the UK. Students make an application to **5** courses in this system (they do not declare an order of preference).

Deadline dates:

□ **Phase 1** Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Science/Oxford/Cambridge

14 September

Phase 2 All other applications **12 October**

2. St Mary's University College, Belfast

Students may also apply to courses at St Mary's University College Belfast – this is a **separate** application and not part of the UCAS system. Applicants must declare a subject preference. Students may apply for a maximum of 3 BEd courses and 3 BA Liberal Arts courses. The order of subject preference is very important as this will be the preference which will determine a place in August, if successful.

Deadline date: □ **November.**

3. CAO (Central Applications Office)

This organisation governs entry to all universities and colleges in the South of Ireland. Students select **10** courses **in order of preference**. Pupils are encouraged to consider a range of Universities within this system.

Deadline date: □ **Dec.**

4. Northern Ireland Colleges of Further and Higher Education

These colleges offer a wide range of courses including Foundation Diplomas/Foundation Degrees, HNDs (Higher National Diplomas) and a small number of degree courses. The courses can offer very useful additional options for students who may be concerned about their 'A2' performance. Pupils can progress onto Degree Courses on successful completion of Foundation Diplomas / Foundation Degrees/ HND. (Belfast Metropolitan College has been a popular option).

5. European Universities

Pupils may consider making an additional application to Universities across Europe in particular Netherlands and Germany. Students are advised to use www.studyineurope.eu and will be able to use links to all European Universities.

APTITUDE TESTS

Introduction

Aptitude tests have become an increasing aspect of the selection process, and performance in these can determine if a pupil is invited for interview or given an offer. (Full details of each of the tests referred to below are available to collect).

1. **BMAT – Biomedical Aptitude Test (£44)**

For those applying for Medicine / Veterinary Science at Cambridge / Oxford / UCL / Royal Veterinary College / Imperial College London/Brighton and Sussex Medical School, Leeds (Medicine & Dentistry).

Date of test is TBC - pupils sit this written test in St Mary's. Results out on 25 November TBC

2. **UKCAT- UK Clinical Aptitude Test (Test £65)**

For those applying for Medicine/Dentistry at **all** universities pupils must have completed the test by **10 September** to allow time to finalise selection of their universities, based on their UK CAT results. This is an online exam taken at a Pearson's Test Centre.

3. **HPAT-ULSTER (£105)**

For those applying to University of Ulster for degree courses in Dietetics/Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy/Podiatry/Diagnostic Radiography & Imaging / Radiography & Oncology / Speech and Language Therapy. **4 January 2017 is the deadline for registering on- line** for this exam. This is a 3 hour written exam which will take place **28 JANUARY 2017** at Jordanstown, Coleraine or Magee Campuses.

4. **HPAT – IRELAND(€TBC)**

For those applying for Medicine at NUI, Galway; RCSI; TCD; UCC and UCD through the CAO system. Applicants must register on-line by 5.15pm **date TBC** and must have their CAO number. The exam **date TBC**. The test is a 2½ hour paper based on problem solving and non verbal reasoning (similar to HPAT-ULSTER). Test centres will be located in Cork, Dublin, Galway, the North-West and the South-East - details are to be confirmed (see www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au).

5. **LNAT (£50)**

For those applying to Law at a number of Universities including Oxford, Durham, Glasgow, Bristol, Birmingham, Kings College London, Nottingham and UCL (not QUB or UU) two deadline dates exist - for Oxford applicants it is **20 October tbc** and for all other Universities it is **19 January (TBC)**. Cambridge applicants must sit Cambridge's own law exam.

Oxford/Cambridge Applications – check the specific course page for dates of admissions tests and venues.

KEY DATES FOR ME!!!!

In the following calendar, record the key deadlines that are relevant to you. Add to it throughout the year.

MONTH	EVENT
SEPTEMBER	UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS 7 & 8TH
OCTOBER	
NOVEMBER	MOCK INTERVIEW EVENING 22nd NOV
DECEMBER	
JANUARY	
FEBRUARY	
MARCH	