

YEAR 12



YEAR 13

AUTUMN

APPLICATION TIMELINE

SUMMER

Competitive Edge Programme launched as part of Sixth Form induction

Higher Education Information Evening for parents includes Competitive Edge briefing

Competitive Edge Specialist Support sessions for pupils on HE Day

Learning for Life Programme UCAS sessions begin (Unifrog tutorials, pupils shortlist courses and universities)

Intellectual broadening in Competitive Edge: EPQ, Massolit, supra-curriculum reading, competitions, MOOCs etc

Preparation for **Admissions Tests** and submitted work begins with departments

Career Carousel of specialist speakers eg Medicine, Law, Architecture, Creatives, Engineering, Finance etc

Work Experience Programme launches to shape summer placements

Subject specialist sessions on how to write compelling **Personal Statements**

Ongoing assessment and guidance on the refining of Personal Statement drafts

Mock interviews begin within departments before the end of the Summer Term and continue into the Autumn Term (Year 13)

Final revisions of Personal Statements

Mock Interview Evening includes one-to-one interviews with Oxbridge alumnae and leading academic experts from top-performing peer institutions

Weekly **Think Tank** seminars build critical thinking and interview skills

Final portfolio of work submitted and **Admissions Tests** practice with departments (including UCAT, LNAT etc)

Oxbridge application submitted **Mid October**

Non-Oxbridge competitive application submitted **before Mid November**

Post offers support by the KES Futures Team to ensure that competitive offer is met

A Level Results Day

A full and successful programme of support for returning applicants in **Year 14**, with realised grades as part of their UCAS or international application

GLOSSARY

COMPETITIVE EDGE:

This programme is for all pupils wishing to apply to a **highly competitive** university or course. Examples include courses in Medicine and Law and institutions such as Oxbridge, Imperial, King's College London etc.

ADMISSIONS TESTS:

These are the formal tests set by universities. Where they are set, they are often the single most important factor in a pupil's success. Whether an admissions test is required is specific to the course, and can change year-on-year.

MOCK INTERVIEWS:

These are simulated interviews designed to prepare pupils psychologically and in terms of technique, skill and knowledge for admissions interviews. Oxbridge interview all applicants. Some other universities will interview for particular courses.

SUBMITTED WORK:

Some courses require pupils to submit marked examples of their school work as part of their applications. The criteria for these pieces are explained on individual course websites.

COMPETITIVE EDGE ETHOS:

The School provides structure, insight and expertise. The pupils bring mindset, agency and commitment.

SIXTH FORM

TIMELINE AND STRUCTURE FOR **COMPETITIVE EDGE PROGRAMME**