

15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

RHW/raf/CompetitiveUniversityApplications



Dear parents and carers

## **Competitive University Applications**

If your child is considering applying to Oxford, Cambridge, or courses in Medicine, Veterinary or Dentistry, there are a number of additional opportunities open to them in the coming weeks.

### Oxbridge Preparation Sessions

These run Friday week 2 during p5. Students should already have signed up but if anyone else is interested they should see me ASAP. In the sessions we discuss applications, interview style questions and upcoming opportunities.

### TEAMS Group Sharing Opportunities

If students wish to be signed up for these groups, they should email me stating whether Oxbridge or Medicine.

### Oxbridge Virtual Information Sessions

There are three sessions being run by Trinity Hall, Cambridge and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. Students and parents can sign up via the links.

Introduction to Oxbridge: Admissions – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 5-6pm [OCID 2026: Admissions](#)

Introduction to Oxbridge: Student Life – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 5-6pm [OCID 2026: Student Life](#)

Parents and Carers/Supporters – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 6-7pm [OCID 2026: Parents and Carers](#)

The sessions on 28<sup>th</sup> January clash with Y12 Parents' Evening so you may wish to take this into account when planning appointments.

### Oxbridge and Medicine Information Evening

St Mary's, Calne have invited our students and their parents to attend a virtual information evening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The event will be streamed via Teams; see the link below. The evening will include separate sessions including information about the application process, studying Medicine, and what it is like to be a student at an Oxford or Cambridge college.

[To join the Oxbridge and Medicine Information Evening, click here.](#)

### Dauntsey's Enrichment Course

The head of Biology, Vincent Muir at Dauntsey's has invited St John's students to join them for an enrichment course for anyone interested in careers within medicine or any subject allied to medicine e.g. psychology, vet med, dentistry etc. The course runs from 4.20-5.15pm on a Wednesday evening at Dauntsey's School. If your son/ daughter would like to attend and can make arrangements to travel to the school, please let me know so I can let the school know.

Finally, applications for the Sutton Trust Summer School opened on the 12<sup>th</sup> January. Link to the information is here: [The Sutton Trust - Explore higher education on our UK Summer Schools](#). Most applications close on 5<sup>th</sup> March, but Cambridge courses close on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Further opportunities will be shared with students via the TEAMS groups and the Friday class.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R Haig'.

**Mrs R Haig-Williams**  
**Director of Sixth Form & Assistant Vice Principal**