

JFS - Sixth Form Progression Process for 2018

SPRING TERM 2017 (Year 12)

- Students undertake initial research tasks for presentations during tutorials.
- Seminar to launch process of research and advice (**January – special assembly**).
- Intending Oxbridge and medicine applicants preparation sessions begin; a four-week special programme (**February – March**).
- Visit to Oxford University (**Wednesday 8 March**).
- Year 12 Parents' Sixth Form Progression Evening (**Wednesday 15 March**).
- Individual interviews with Mr Andy Gardner, the School's Higher Education/Careers Consultant
- Students enrol for taster courses offered by *University of London* and other London institutions (**from late January**).
- *UCAS Fair* visit (**Tuesday 28 March**).
- Visit of JFS alumni – current university students' perspective (**Tuesday 4 April**).

Other Spring Term issues/events:

- Work Experience placements should be finalised as soon as possible. Work Experience week is **Monday 24 July – Friday 28 July**.

SUMMER TERM 2017 (Year 12)

- Post-18 Progression Programme: *Future Choices* takes place during **June**. Among the activities are:
 - Seminars on how to complete the UCAS form
 - Seminars about Jewish life on campus
 - Personal statement master classes by university admissions tutors and the JFS advice team
 - A range of subject and career-focused seminars
 - Individual interviews with tutors to assist reference preparation
 - Oxbridge applicants: further specific preparation
 - Medicine applicants: preparation day
 - Apprenticeship applicants: further specific preparation.
- Year 12 Subject Reports issued (**May**).
- June is also a peak time for both university open days and taster courses and students are strongly encouraged to participate in these opportunities. (Only three open days per student will be authorised.)
- It is expected that all students intending to apply for university in the autumn will have completed a draft application form by the end of June. Forms, including final choices of course and institutions, will be revised and fine-tuned in August.
- AS examinations in unreformed subjects (mathematics, further mathematics, government and politics, Ivrit and media studies) will take place between **Monday 15 May and Friday 23 June 2017**). Study leave is as notified in the email sent to parents on 13 January 2017).
- Year 12 Mock Examinations (**Monday 3 to Friday 7 July 2017**). Study Leave from **Monday 3 to Friday 7 July** (CACHE and BTEC students will be notified of separate arrangements).
- *Work Experience Week* takes place in the last week of the school summer term **Monday 24 to Friday 28 July**.

AUTUMN TERM 2017 (Year 13) Term starts 6 September 2017

- Completion and submission of applications according to JFS deadlines:
 - 1 Oxbridge and Medicine applications by **Monday 11 September**.
 - 2 High demand subject applications (eg Law, History, English) by **Monday 16 October**.
 - 3 All remaining UCAS and Art Foundation applications by **Friday 3 November**.
- Medicine applicants' preparation: BMAT/UKCAT sessions and mock interviews in **November**.
- University Finance Seminar for students.
- All UCAS applicants will have a final, formal interview with one of the reference-writing team of senior staff once the UCAS form is finished.
- Oxbridge applicants will have a whole-day interview preparation seminar in early November, organised by Brent's former *Aim Higher* Co-ordinator Peter Bournnell and will have 1:1 interview practice in school as will all other students who have an interview imminent.

Parents should note that the reference writing process for UCAS applications takes a considerable amount of time involving collation of subject teacher reports, a tutor profile and a student interview with a member of senior staff. Please be aware that this process may take up to three weeks, especially close to the November deadline. An early application is, therefore, advised.