

## Applying to University from Esher College: Information for Parents 2021-22

This information supplements that which was disseminated in the Parents' Higher Education Information presentation in mid-March 2021. The information sheet will be available on the College website under Parents > Events > Higher Education Evening.

### Future Esher Sixth Form College events and dates

#### UK University and Apprenticeship search virtual fair - Wednesday 17 March, between 12 – 6pm

This is a 'drop-in' event where students and parents can speak directly with admissions teams and recruitment officers from a wide variety of UK universities. Find out more and register independently [here](#).

#### Higher Education Day and Evening – Tuesday 23 March 2021, 11.30am – 4.15pm, and 6.00 – 8.15pm

Higher Education Day 2021 will be fully online. The programme of **evening talks** and joining links for parents, carers and students is below. Please click on the relevant link at the correct time to join the session. Some talks will be broadcast via the College's YouTube Channel and others directly via Teams.

18.00 – 18.30	Paying for university - how does UK student finance work? (University of Leeds) <a href="#">Student Finance</a>	
18.35 – 19.05	How do universities support students with disabilities? (University of Exeter) <a href="#">Students with disabilities</a>	What are degree apprenticeships and how do students apply? (University of Kent) <a href="#">Degree apprenticeships</a>
19.10 – 19.40	Making a strong application for a competitive course (University of Sheffield) <a href="#">Making a strong application</a>	
19.45 – 20.15	Studying Abroad (A star future) <a href="#">Studying abroad</a>	Applying to Oxford and Cambridge (Shai Moghul, Oxbridge Coordinator) <a href="#">Oxbridge</a>

#### UCAS/Discovery – South East – Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 April 2021, 10.00am – 6.00pm

This virtual Higher Education Fair is organised by UCAS, the organisation which coordinates applications to UK universities. Find out more and register independently [here](#).

#### Apprenticeships and Employment Seekers Evening – Wednesday 21 April 2021, 6.00pm

Presentations for students and parents from College staff and external speakers on the range of opportunities that apprenticeships and employment offer, and the help that Esher Sixth Form College can provide. Please click here to join at 6pm: [Apprenticeships and Employment](#)

#### The Internship Programme – Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 June 2021






A three day fully online virtual internship programme with 8Billion ideas. Students must book their place for this event via the shop on the College database.

#### 'After Esher Day' on Tuesday 6 July 2021

Students start making plans for their futures by starting their university application forms or completing mock job interviews and assessment centre exercises. We will confirm whether this event will be solely face to face or will have virtual elements nearer the time.

## Sources of help and advice for students and parents

The following are some of the best sources of help and advice available. All universities' websites have similar material. The default ports of call for information should be **Unifrog** and **UCAS**.

Help or information about....	Source of help	Weblink etc
General future planning	 <p>Esher College's PDP programme – delivered during tutor periods</p>	<p>Presentation material is available on the College portal&gt;Student Life&gt;PDP&gt;6.1 tutorial materials</p> <p>A 'How to apply to UCAS 2022' presentation will be uploaded to the portal and website for After Esher Day.</p>
All aspects of destinations planning: exploring options, researching; recording skills and preparing applications.	 <p>Unifrog – the complete destinations platform. We have a College subscription which lasts the student beyond their 2 years at Esher.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.unifrog.org">www.unifrog.org</a></p> <p>Students have already made their own account and can click through from the portal front page.</p> <p>Parents can create an account using the form code <b>esherparents</b>. Please follow the <a href="#">Unifrog presentation</a> on the College website.</p>
Deciding which course to study	 <p><b>MyUniChoices</b></p> <p>If students are unsure which courses they might enjoy, MyUniChoices is a <b>paid-for</b> diagnostic tool (£30) that can help identify suitable courses.</p>	<p>Established for many years and developed by Cambridge Occupational Analysts, MyUniChoices (formerly Centigrade) has helped thousands of students find the right course and right university for them. Take time and care answering the 150 questions to get the best suggestions.</p> <p><a href="https://www.myunichoice.com/">https://www.myunichoice.com/</a></p>
Researching and applying to University	 <p>UCAS is the independent charitable organisation which provides the admission framework for application to UK universities. Students will be registering on the UCAS hub on HE day.</p>	<p>Especially useful areas:</p> <p><a href="https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate">https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university">https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/student-life/getting-student-support/undergraduate-student-finance-and-support">https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/student-life/getting-student-support/undergraduate-student-finance-and-support</a></p>
Researching and comparing universities	 <p><b>The UniGuide</b></p>	<p>Formerly Which?University, this tool is now hosted by The Student Room site. Lots of great information for students and parents.</p> <p><a href="https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/">https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/</a></p>

<p>Writing your personal statement</p>	 <p>The COA Personal Statement planner is available from the Progression Guidance office R105 for just £2</p>	<p>Also see:</p> <p><a href="https://www.unifrog.org/student/personal-statement">https://www.unifrog.org/student/personal-statement</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ucas.com/sites/default/files/ucas-personal-statement-worksheet.pdf">https://www.ucas.com/sites/default/files/ucas-personal-statement-worksheet.pdf</a></p>
<p>Student finance</p>		<p>This is where you find out the 'official' information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/student-finance">https://www.gov.uk/student-finance</a></p> <p>And this is where you can see Martin Lewis's take (MoneySavingExpert) on what it really means to have a student loan:</p> <p><a href="https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/">https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/</a></p>
<p>Getting to university to Open Days <i>(assuming this is permitted)</i></p>		<p><a href="http://takeme2uni.com/">http://takeme2uni.com/</a></p> <p>A free service that arranges car-shares between parents or guardians with children at the same school or college. Takeme2uni matches you for <b>voluntary journeys</b> on the same day to the same university open day, so you can split the travel costs. <i>(At present this site is not taking bookings but hopefully it will be by the summer!)</i></p>
<p>Alternatives to university and apprenticeships</p>		<p>Please come to our evening talk on Weds 21 April about apprenticeships and employment: <a href="#">Apprenticeships and Employment</a></p> <p>These sites are also useful:</p> <p><a href="https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/">https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://amazingapprenticeships.com/">https://amazingapprenticeships.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/">https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.multiverse.io/en-GB/">https://www.multiverse.io/en-GB/</a></p>
<p>Studying abroad</p>		<p><a href="https://www.astarfuture.co.uk/">https://www.astarfuture.co.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/study-abroad">https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/study-abroad</a></p>
<p>Taking a Gap Year</p>	 <p>Several Gap year activity providers</p>	<p><a href="https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/gap-year/should-i-take-a-gap-year">https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/gap-year/should-i-take-a-gap-year</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/preparing-to-go/gap-years/">https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/preparing-to-go/gap-years/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/keywords/gap-years">https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/keywords/gap-years</a></p>

Information about all aspects of progression	<b>Esher College Progression Bulletins</b> are published regularly and sent to all students during term time.	Information about open days, lunchtime talks, apprenticeships, taster days, part time jobs, Gap year opportunities and more. Previous and current issues are uploaded to the Progression Guidance area of the College Portal.
1:1 help with all aspects of Progression	<b>Progression Guidance</b> department staff. We are in <b>R105</b> (along the corridor from the Maths department) and there is someone here most of the time during College hours for f2f or virtual help.	Drop in or book an appointment with Sally Leyshon (Progression Guidance Coordinator), Cat Elmes (Employment and Alumni Coordinator) or Alex Elbourn (Elmbridge Consortium Careers Adviser).  Email <a href="mailto:progression@esher.ac.uk">progression@esher.ac.uk</a> for an appointment or information.

## Esher Sixth Form College 2022 UCAS Apply deadlines

Students are strongly advised to get their UCAS form checked by a member of the Progression Guidance team **BEFORE** paying and sending, to ensure no errors or omissions.

Our 'turnaround time' commitment is only valid for forms submitted without errors.

Applications can be submitted from the start of teaching in the autumn term, Monday 13 September 2021.

Type of application	Esher College deadline	We will send your form to UCAS
Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry applications	8am on <b>Monday 27 September 2021</b>	by the UCAS early deadline of <b>15 October 2021</b>
Competitive applications ( <i>e.g. applications to Russell Group and other high tariff universities, and for certain competitive subjects</i> )	8am on <b>Monday 11 October 2021</b>	within <b>10 working days</b> of the form being received, provided it is error-free
General applications	8am on <b>Monday 8 November 2021</b>	by the end of the autumn term, <b>Friday 17 December 2021</b>
General applications - final deadline	8am on <b>Monday 22 November 2021</b>	By the UCAS final deadline of <b>15 January 2022</b>

We will endeavour to process forms submitted after Monday 22 November as quickly as possible but **cannot guarantee** they will be submitted by the UCAS deadline of 15 January 2022.

**Most** universities continue to accept applications beyond the UCAS deadline, but are **not obliged** to consider them. In general, for most courses and institutions, a policy of '**first come, first served**' seems to apply. Early applications for any course at any institution therefore optimise the chance of receiving an offer.

If a student is unsure about which course to apply for, or whether to apply to university at all, they can make a **direct to clearing** application on results day in August, or a **post-results application** in September 2022, as a '6.3 applicant'. Help and Unifrog access will still be available to the student as a former member of college, and a 6.3 UCAS registration session will take place in early September 2022.

**Art Foundation Course** Applications are due in during the Spring Term 2022. Each Art College has its own deadlines.

**A level results day will probably be Thursday 18 August 2022.**

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