



Week 5 focus – Timeline, research & personal statements

Welcome to the weekly progression update. Here you will be able to find ideas and resources to get you started with your research. You should be spending 1 hour a week thinking about your progression plan. Any questions, please email me isaacr@smrt.bristol.sch.uk. If you haven't done so already, please follow redcliffeprogession on Instagram for more updates throughout the week.

This week there is no new information but time to pause and remind you of the great resources available to you. You should continue with your research and continue writing your first draft of your personal statement.

Below is a timeline to outline the progression journey from year 12 into year 13.

April	<p>RESEARCH</p> <p>Spend time researching your options - University vs Apprenticeship vs GAP year</p> <p>SMRT Progression Site is a good place to start sites.google.com/site/smrtprogression2/home</p>
May	<p>PERSONAL STATEMENTS</p> <p>Begin writing the first draft of your personal statements using the UCAS writing tool</p> <p>Aim to email this to your tutor by the end of May</p>
June	<p>REGISTER WITH UCAS</p> <p>Everyone regardless of their plan will sign up to UCAS.com for 2021 entry</p> <p>If you decide not to go to uni or to take a GAP year we can delete your account at a later date - this just gives you options</p>
Sep	<p>APPLICATIONS CONTINUE</p> <p>Research & applications continue</p> <p>Early entry - register for admissions tests</p> <p>Some of you will now be considering an apprenticeship or GAP year instead of Uni</p>
Oct	<p>EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE</p> <p>Anyone applying for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science</p> <p>Application deadline is 15th October 2020</p>
Jan	<p>FINAL DEADLINE</p> <p>Final UCAS deadline - 15th January 2021</p> <p>Other applications will now open for Apprenticeships, Art Foundation, Summer Schools, Internships etc! Do your research</p>

A reminder of some useful websites

[SMRT progression site](#)

Thinking about **University**
[10 things to consider when comparing courses](#)

Thinking about an **Apprenticeship**
[This website has some great info including live vacancies](#)

[HE+ website](#) further reading in your subject for **super-curricular opportunities**

[UCAS personal statement template tool](#) to structure your **personal statement**

Pre-recorded videos from The University of Birmingham

[The benefits of higher education](#)

[Student finance](#)

[Choosing courses/universities](#)

[Writing a personal statement, hints and tips from admission tutors](#)