

University Application

- Why university?
- Choosing a course
- Choosing a university
- Student finance
- The Beaumont process

Why University?

- A life-broadening experience
- Improved earnings potential
- Pursue an academic interest
- Essential for many careers
- But not right for everyone

Which Course?

The most important choice

Range is vast (50,000)

Vocational or academic?

Relation to current study

Choosing a University

Home or away?

City or campus?

Traditional or modern?

Reputation or reality?

Finance

Total Cost = £25000? (3 years)

Grants & bursaries

Student Loan Scheme

Repayment post graduation

Low risk/low cost debt

Key Research Sources

- University websites & prospectuses
- Admissions Officers
- University Open Days

UCAS - what students do

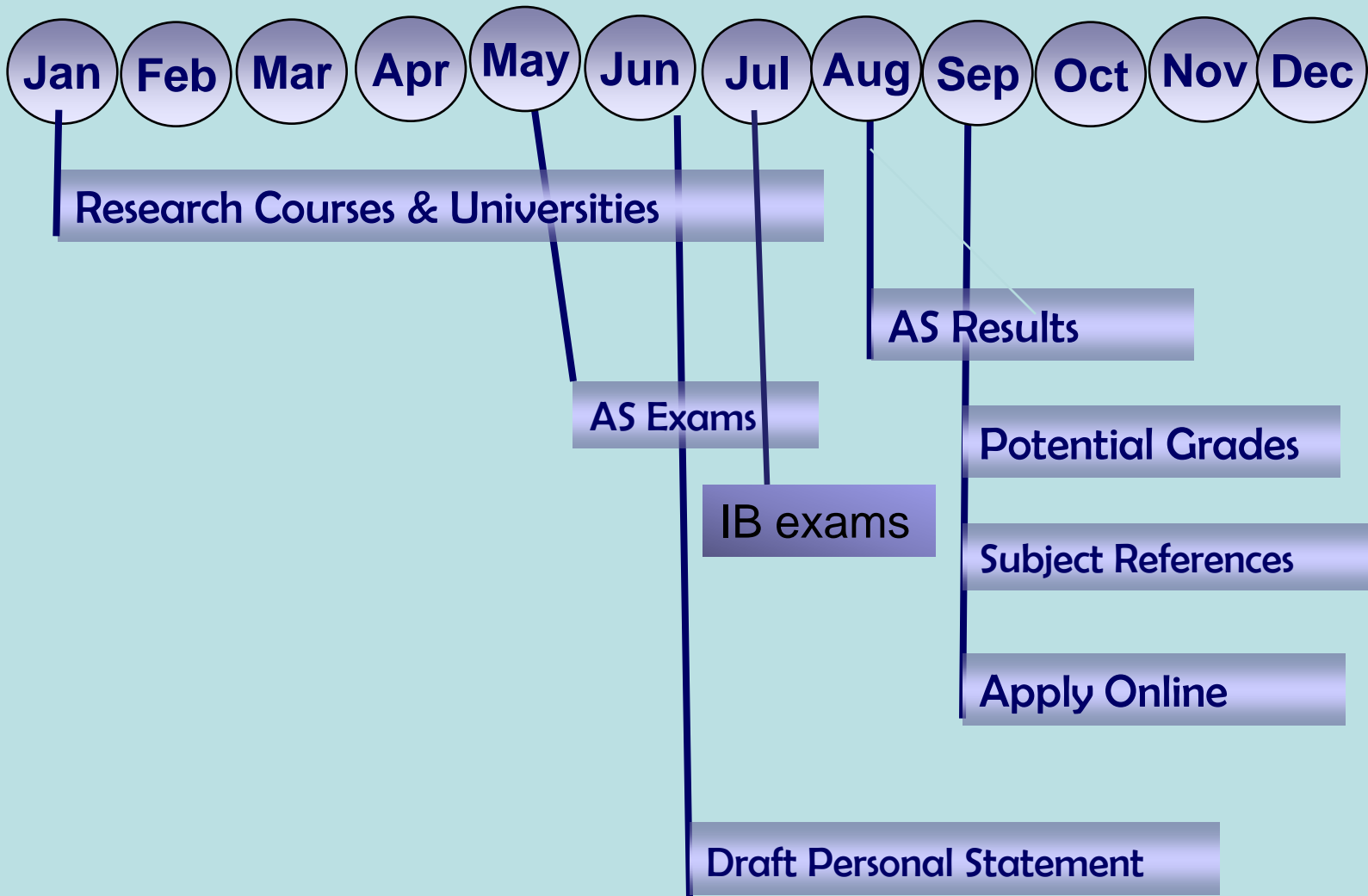
- Choose a degree subject
- Write a personal statement
- Choose 5 university courses
- Apply via www.ucas.com
- Accept two offers
(“firm” & “insurance”)

UCAS - what Beaumont does

- Provides “potential” grades
- Reviews personal statement drafts (form tutors)
- Provides a school reference – this is comprised of

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Beaumont Timeline



Calendar

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Deadlines

Student completion by
beginning of Autumn
half-term ensures
November receipt by
UCAS

Additional Student Support

March 24th: Birmingham University Talk
(focus on choices and university life)

July 6th: UCAS presentation to
support applications

Jun – Oct: Support in Thursday
morning sessions

Key Success Factors

AS/IB indicative performance
matches course requirements

Extensive research

Realistic choices

Focused personal statement

Strong reference from school

Final results match offer

Common Questions

What is the most frequent reason for rejection?

What if current performance doesn't match aspiration?

What about deferred entry?

Can I change my mind?

Can I apply for two very different courses?

Are league tables useful?

Can I apply after I leave school?