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If you decide to apply for any course offered by the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge, the application deadline will be 15th October in Year 13 – this is a little earlier than most deadlines to allow for the extra steps in the application process, which can include admissions tests, written work submissions, and interviews.

During your time in the Sixth Form at SCGSG, we will guide you through this process and help you to prepare. In readiness, these are some of the things that you can be doing now....
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Look into your subject area by doing some of the following: reading books and articles, watching lectures online, signing up for MOOCs, listening to podcasts, following the news, etc. Lots of good suggestions to get you started are in the ‘Super-curricular’ guide on the transition website, so look through this guide carefully and start exploring!

Browse the university websites for information about what it is like to study there:
www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate
www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk
Focus your Personal Research Project on an aspect of the subject that you are considering for a degree – as well as helping with your subject knowledge ahead of A-Levels, this will improve your research and communication skills, and give you lots to write about in your personal statement. All universities are on the lookout for applicants who love their subjects and want to find out more, so choose a topic that excites you and give yourself the great opportunity to look much more deeply into an area of the subject that you find fascinating.
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In Sixth Form, you will be able to attend lectures and taster days, gain relevant work experience, and hear from experts in the admissions process at Oxford and Cambridge. You will be given focused support with writing the personal statement, guidance ahead of any admissions tests, and multiple practice interviews in whichever format is relevant to your chosen course. We have had lots of success in recent years, and our previously successful applicants will be on hand to answer questions and provide you with top tips. In the meantime, please feel free to email Dr May (sim@suttcold.bham.sch.uk) with any questions.