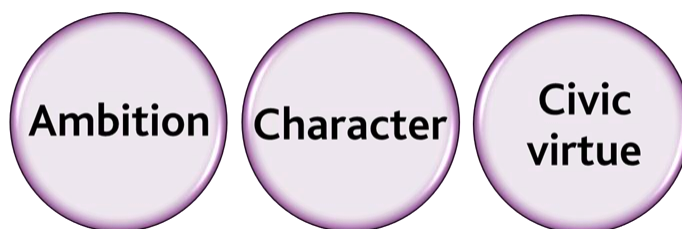




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UCAS Parent and Carer Information Evening 2025



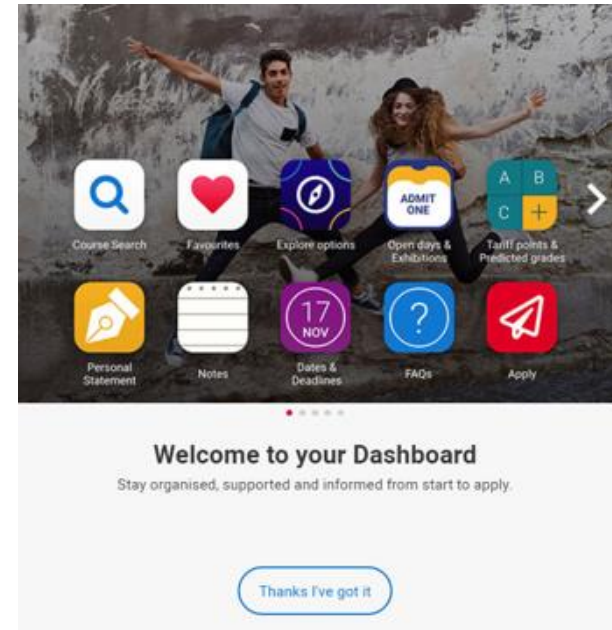
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Agenda

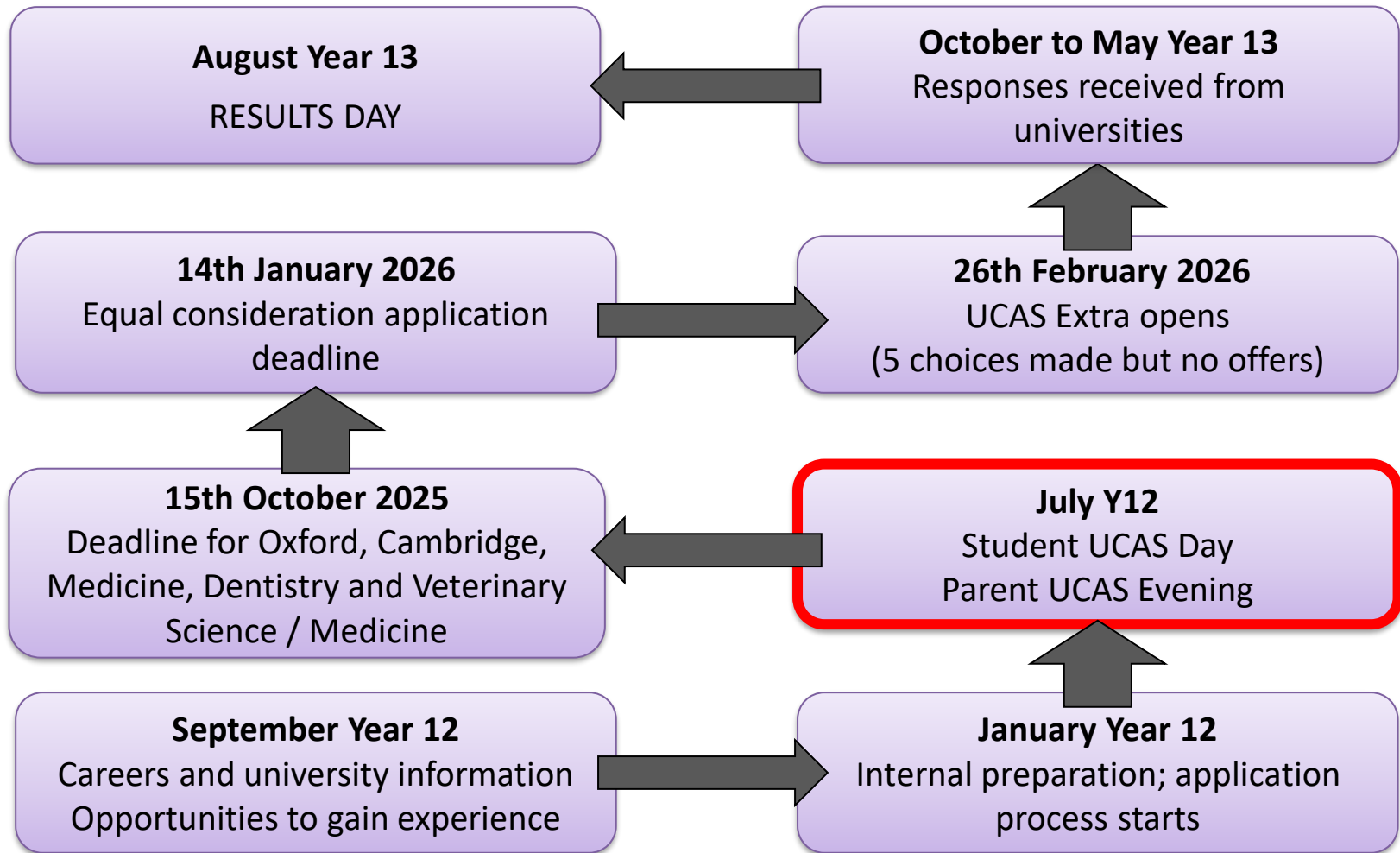
- Important information related to UCAS
- Supporting your child academically

What is UCAS?

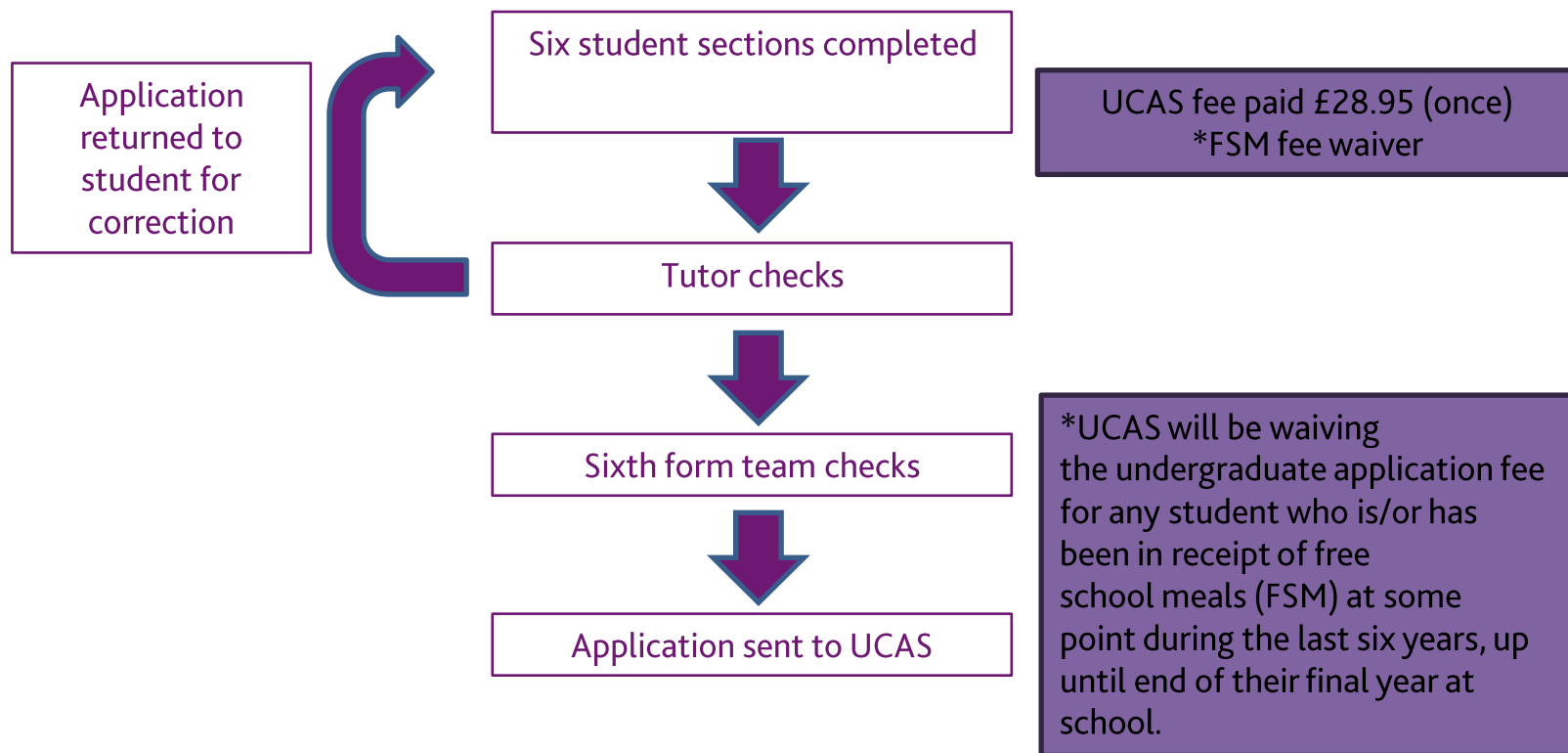
- Central hub for managing university applications
- If you want to go to university in the UK, you apply through UCAS
- You send one application to UCAS which gets sent to various universities around the country



Important Dates / Timeline



The Application Process



Key actions - what must be done?

1) Personal statement

Students must

- Provide a high-quality draft for review
- Meet tutor deadlines for submission of drafts
- Make edits promptly
- Ensure good grammar and punctuation

Key actions - what must be done?

2) UCAS Portal and choices

Students must

- Make sure all sections of the form are completed
- Thoroughly research university choices, including entry grades and modules
- On completion, make payment and submit

Key actions - what must be done?

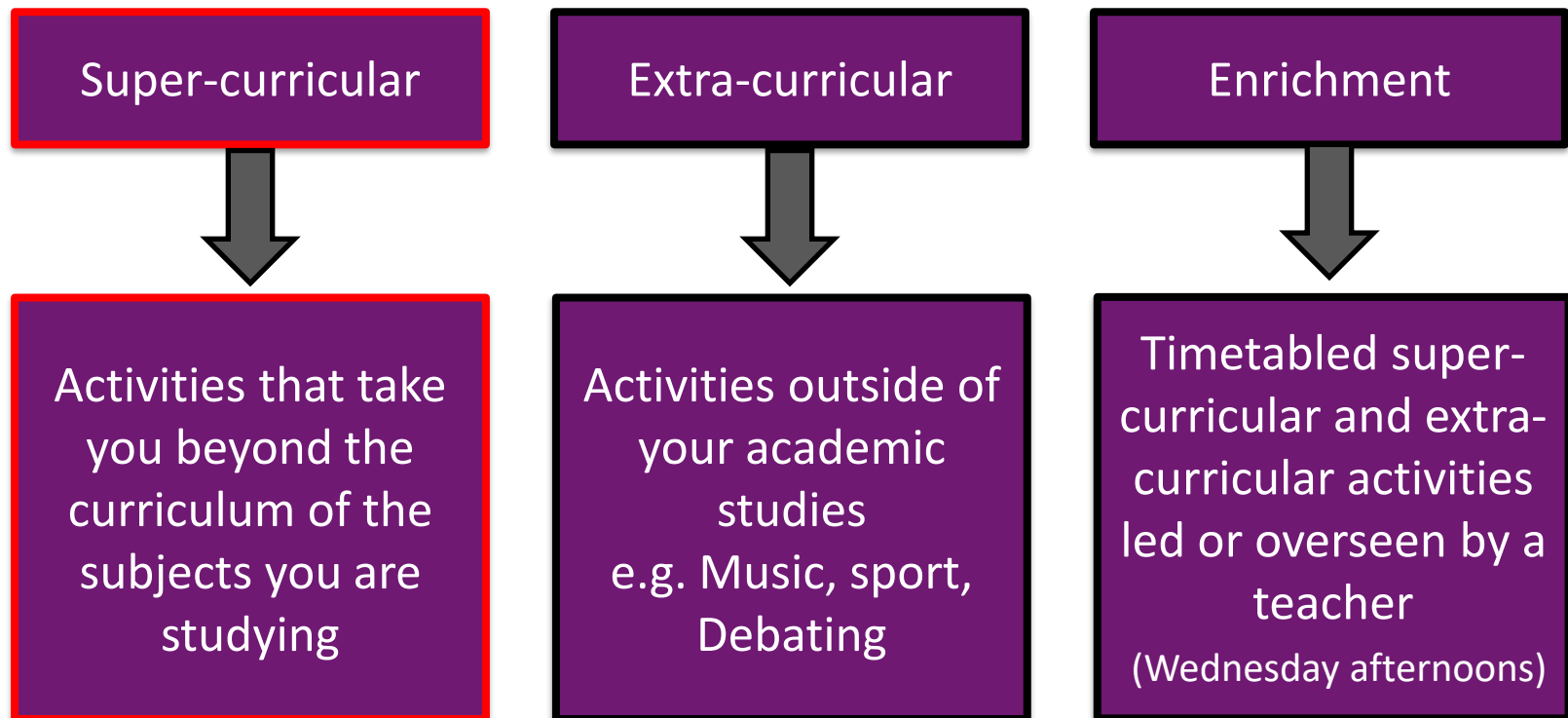
3) Admissions tests (if necessary)

- Book via the appropriate portal
- Students should prepare independently, but the school will offer support

Key actions - what must be done?

4) Enrichment and Opportunities

DMHS offers a wider range of opportunities for super-curricular and extra-curricular activities:



Key actions - what must be done?

5) Further research into universities and courses

- Visit universities
- Attend open days (www.opendays.com)
- Course specific requirements
- Are they interested in the modules of the course?

UCAS Groupings

Students will be grouped to allow efficient management of the process and support for all students

- **Group 1:** Early applicants - Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, Oxford and Cambridge
- **Group 2:** Very well progressed with their planning - will be ready to apply early in the window
- **Group 3:** Making good progress with planning - largely clear about choices and well organised
- **Group 4:** Progressing with tasks but will require extra time and support
- **Group 5:** Not engaging / progress unsatisfactory

Support in School

- Form Tutors, Head of Year, and Head of Sixth Form
- Careers Officer: UCAS and careers
- Mental health support – two dedicated school counsellors
- Pastoral Development Programme