

Early Applicants to UCAS

- Which universities?
- What courses?
- Admissions tests
- Work submission/portfolios
- Advice for the summer
- Questions





Who is making an early application to University?

- Anyone applying to any course at **Oxford** or **Cambridge** University
- Anyone applying to any university for **Medicine**, **Dentistry** or **Veterinary Science**
- Other applications are also welcomed to be sent early but do not come under the specific umbrella of being an essentially early application.

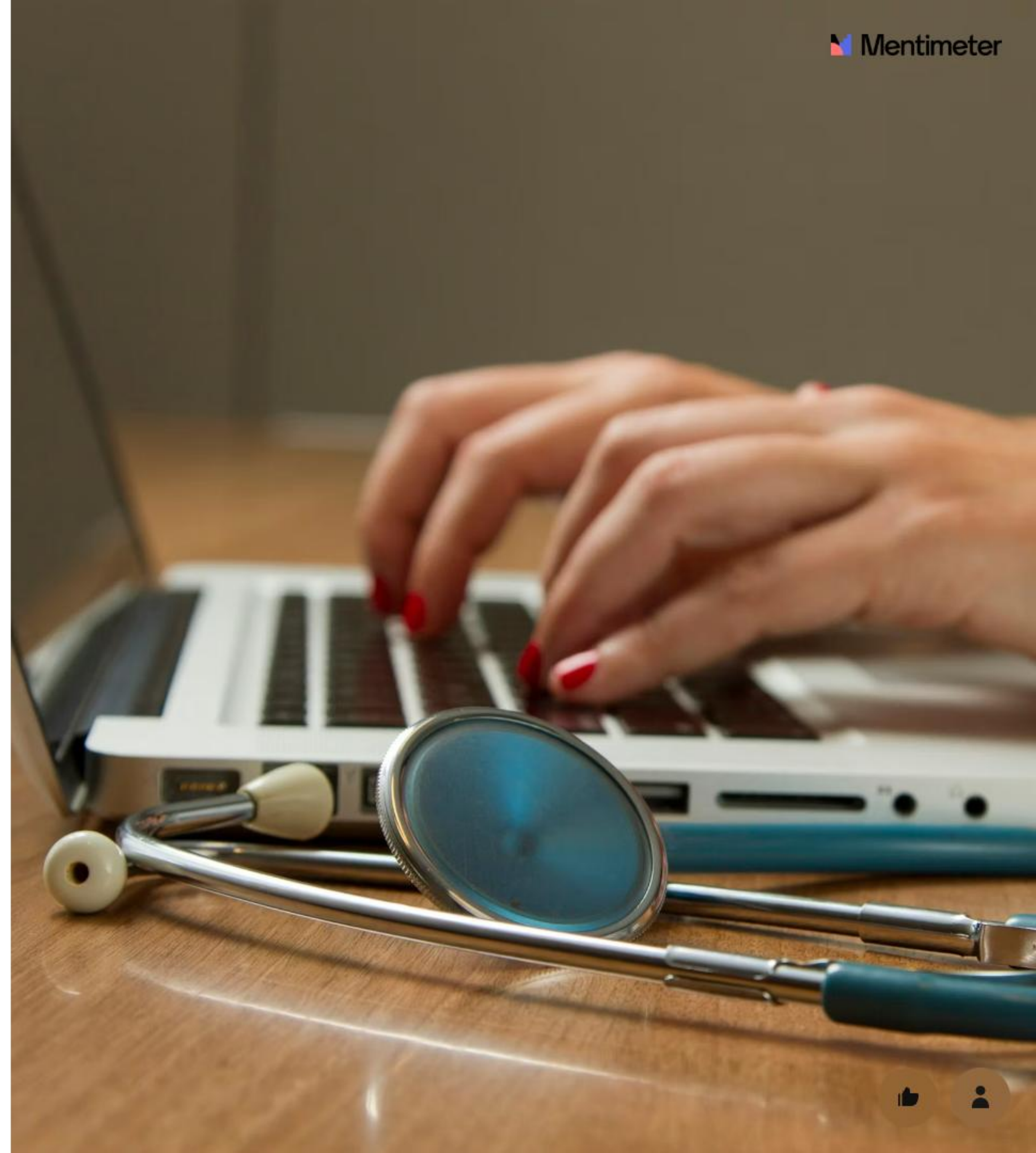
There is a different UCAS deadline for **EARLY** applicants

- (College) Friday the 25th of September
- (National UCAS) Thursday the 15th of October at 18:00
- Missing the national UCAS deadline means that an early application cannot be made
- Applicants (students) must make sure their UCAS is sent to us with enough time to check and process it accurately



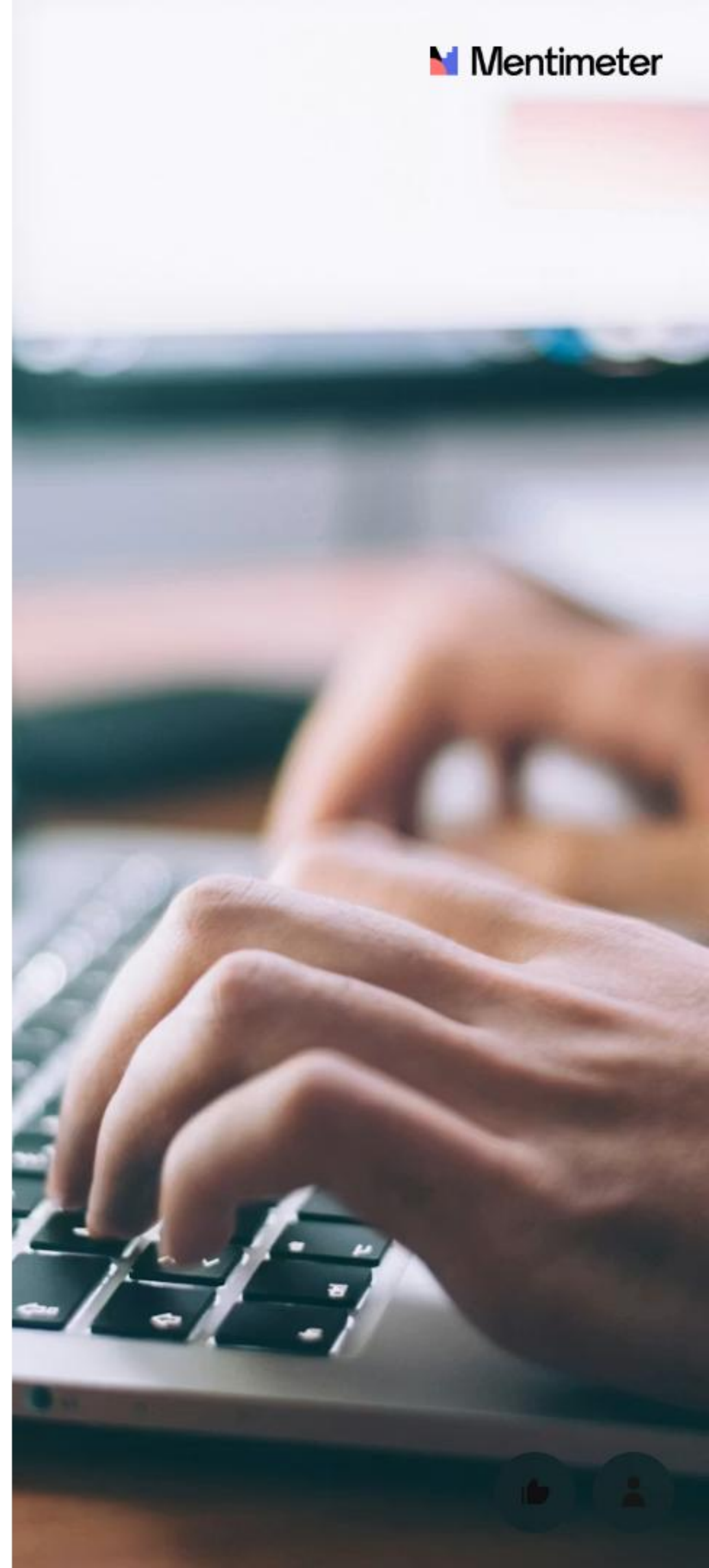
Facts you may not be aware of

- Students cannot apply for both Oxford and Cambridge
- For MDV applicants, applications are usually done in a '4 and 1' combination as UCAS blocks students being able to apply for 5 medicine courses etc.
- Not everyone who is an early applicant will need to sit an admissions test but they will all have an interview



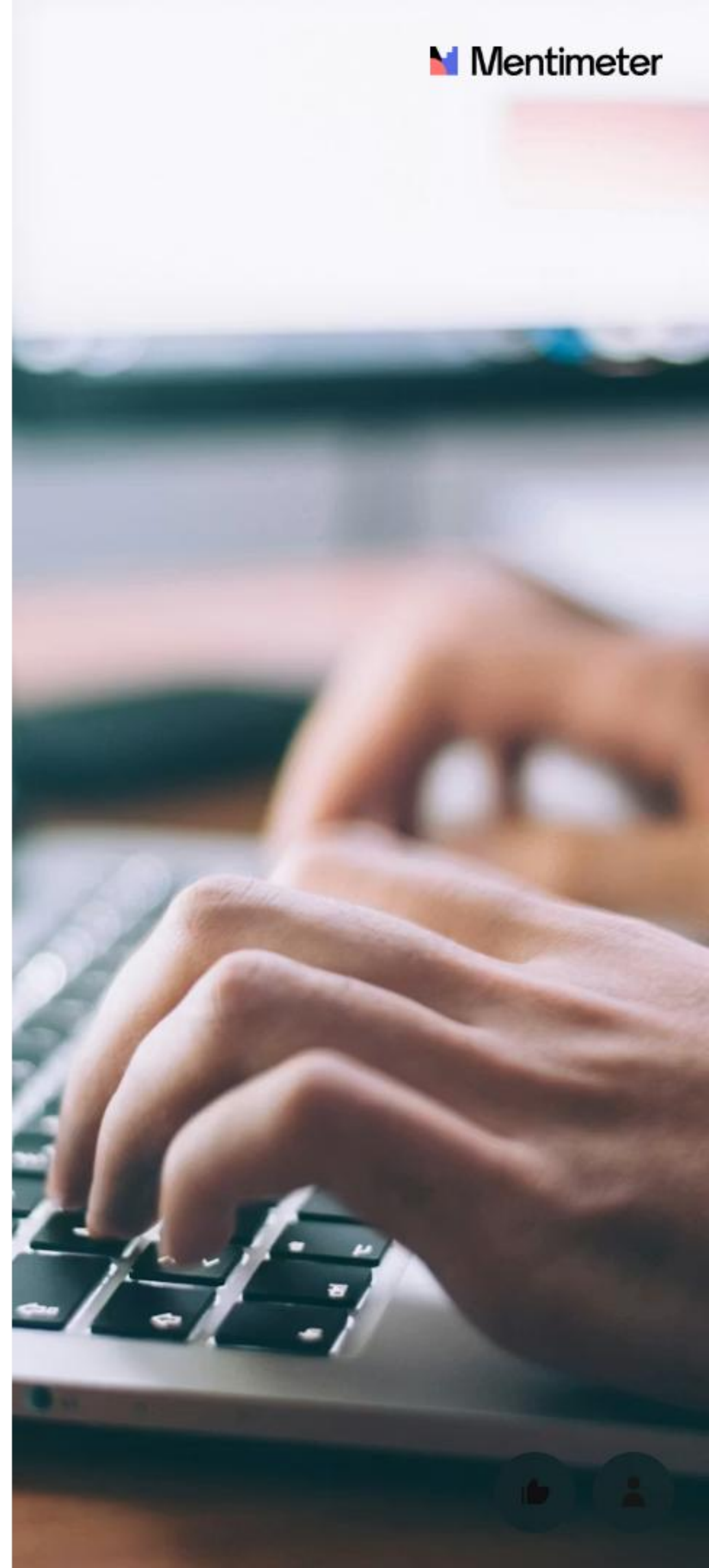
Admissions Tests

- UCAT, LNAT, ESAT, TMUA and TARA
- All UK Medicine/Dentistry schools use the UCAT
- There is no entrance exam for Veterinary Science (except Cambridge)
- Some universities will use the LNAT for Law
- The ESAT is used for some Engineering courses
- The TMUA is used for some Maths (and some Economics) courses
- The TARA exam is used for a variety of courses including Computer Science, History and Politics
- If an entrance exam is required it will be listed on the course page for the university



Admissions Tests

- All the admissions tests are done on computers at test centres around the UK
- Students can register on the various platforms **now** and need to complete some early information for bursaries and/or access arrangements
- These tests are **NOT** booked through college
- The test windows vary depending on the admissions test e.g. UCAT have ~3 months, ESAT etc have 1 week, LNAT also have ~ 4 months.
- Some results are instant (UCAT) others take longer
- The tests are NOT free e.g. UCAT is £70 (no resits in a cycle)
- We do not encourage the use of private tutors and there are lots of resources on the official websites
- Tests should be revised for over the summer
- Universities who require these put a lot of weight on the score - **these tests are a big deal**





Submissions of work and other assessments

- Some universities (e.g. Oxbridge) will request samples of written work.
- These should be carefully selected and we strongly recommend they are a marked mock exam
- They will ask for details such as: Why was this written? How long did it take? Can you provide teacher contact information?
- Some other departments and courses will assess in some other ways e.g. Architecture at Cambridge - all these details can be found on their course pages

Interviews

- For MDV applicants - it is likely they will have an interview format known as a 'Multiple Mini Interview' (i.e. an MMI)
- Other interviews will either be a panel or a smaller task orientated interview which may be 1:1
- For some courses, students will be asked to prepare using some reading administered by the university
- Interviews may be online or in person
- Students may be asked to several interviews for individual universities
- We will delivery mock interviews for all early applicants as soon as they get an interview offer (*they need to notify us of this information*)
- We specifically offer mock MMIs for MDV candidates
- We have laptop, camera and microphone facilities which can be booked for early applicant interviews in quiet rooms at college



Next Steps

- Research courses and universities
- Register/book admissions tests as required
- Prepare for admission tests as required
- Complete a draft of their personal statement
- Revise ahead of September CAPs
- Attend open days - ask current students!
- Complete additional super-curricular activities to support applications
- Register and attend online work experience (MDV)

