



KIRKCALDY BELL

Pathways

Guiding your journey to university





About Us

Lucy, a student of PPE at Brasenose College, Oxford, founded Exam Prep Team in March 2020. Her mission is to provide access to tutors studying at the UK's top universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and University of London.

Exam Prep Team prides itself on being entirely student-led. Tutors' recent experience of the admissions process ensures they can provide up-to-date, relevant and personal advice. Current students on the most competitive courses act as the perfect role model to prospective applicants.

Richard, a former financial services professional and journalist, founded Kirkcaldy Bell in 2018. His mission is to provide students with bespoke expert tuition and university application solutions.

Kirkcaldy Bell also has a wealth of experience in the mentoring field, aiming to instil confidence and add structure to students' lives. We help students who are struggling with organisation, anxiety, social media issues, peer pressure, exam stress, insomnia, diet, and relationship issues.




Our tutors can provide a first-hand, representative account of their course, university and college.

This helps students to understand more about the course structure and difficulty, or how their lifestyle could differ between universities/colleges. All tutors are extremely passionate about their subject, giving students the opportunity to explore their prospective course with someone who is profoundly knowledgeable and who shares their academic interests.

Your Journey

Students come to us at various stages in the university process. You may already have made some firm choices regarding your university destinations and career and even done some wider reading. You may be at the beginning and be uncertain as to your direction or what and where to study. Perhaps you are daunted by the Personal Statement and need some assistance. We are here to help.



“Thanks to Richard, I got accepted from all five universities which I applied to.”

Sierra (International Student)
University Admissions

Personal Statement

This can often be the most daunting part of the application process. We have expertise in a wide range of subject disciplines and take the stress off so that personal statements can be checked for accuracy of content. Tutors have an active interest in their chosen subject. They will be keen to delve deeper into ideas touched upon in the personal statement, ensuring ambiguities and interview pitfalls are ironed out early on.

Any university student recalls the chaos of simultaneously revising for mock exams, writing a personal statement, keeping up with extracurricular commitments and completing a UCAS application. **Tutors at Exam Prep Team are well-placed to advise and reassure students about their workload during weekly tutorials. Kirkcaldy Bell has placed over fifty students in various Russell Group and leading universities across the UK and US, often at short notice.**

Admissions Tests

Admissions tests are designed to pose an entirely new challenge for students hoping to secure a place to study law, medicine or most Oxbridge courses. Rather than testing subject knowledge, universities want to test skills such as critical thinking and problem solving which indicate a student's ability to succeed on their toughest courses.

Exam Prep Team offers one-to-one, tailored tuition for all students who are approaching university admissions tests. Students are paired with a tutor who performed exceptionally in the relevant exam, who can pass on crucial advice and techniques to improve speed, accuracy or both. Our team will devise a course according to the student's strengths and weaknesses, availability and budget, to ensure they achieve maximum progress from their tutorials.

In-school courses typically consist of five hours of intensive workshops. Groups are shown how to approach the paper in the most effective way, tackle new question styles and apply knowledge in different contexts. This is a great way to introduce students to an admissions test, giving them the necessary tools to begin their independent preparation and highlighting weaker areas that might require more work.

“Lucy’s tutorials have significantly improved my maths skills and technique.”

Ismail (Cambridge Applicant)
Engineering Admissions Assessment

Interviews

Interviews can be challenging at the best of times. Richard Kirkcaldy is a former recruitment consultant for the financial industry and knows what interviewers are looking for when you apply for internships,

work experience or full time jobs. Lucy Higginbotham has a wealth of experience at Oxbridge Admissions level and is on hand to personally take you through the process step by step. Preparation is critical, don't leave to chance!

Kirkcaldy Bell has a wealth of proven experience and success in identifying the underlying contributing factors and providing effective solutions specifically tailored to suit the individual.

Whether you are having mental health issues or finding it difficult to juggle your A-Levels, don't suffer in silence. Our one-to-one sessions bring vision, clarity and relief to your workload or anything else weighing you down.

We use a variety of techniques to enable you to feel in control once again, from implementing a mapping tool for your studies to tackling problems such as peer pressure, insomnia, social media, body image, addiction or anything else.

Mentoring

Although students may have an idea of what they wish to study, sometimes it is not so clear what career path they want to take. We can assist you and show you what your options are and which would play to your strengths.

It is not always so obvious; we have had experiences of students finishing their law degree and then finding jobs in fashion, for example! You will spend many years of your life working so finding what you love to do is so important.

A young man and woman are looking at a laptop screen together. The man is on the left, looking intently at the screen. The woman is on the right, also looking at the screen. They appear to be students or professionals in a collaborative setting.

Bright, talented and intelligent students do not always achieve their full potential, for a wide range of reasons...

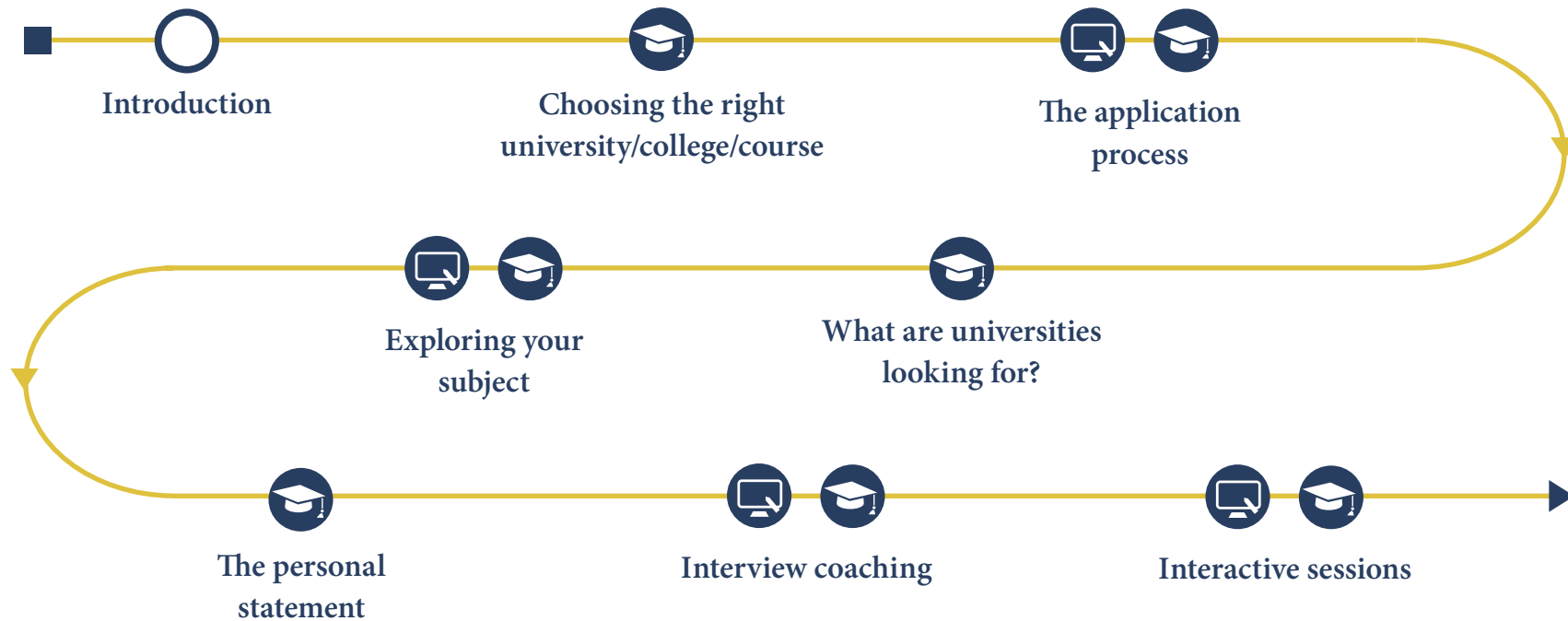


Mentoring Sessions
(2 x 60 minutes per week)



Tutorials
(2 x 90 minutes per week)

Example Journey



A fully comprehensive 10-week package, we have carefully designed a perfect blend of university application guidance, mentoring, tuition and interview coaching, to achieve the best possible use of your time and reach your end goals. All bases are covered here, whether you are applying to Oxbridge or anywhere else. Our full programme offers the best value as it includes two **FREE** mock interview sessions followed by detailed (written and verbal) feedback. Not all students will require the full suite of services, however. Get in touch for a consultation to cherry pick from our services and we can arrange a programme designed around you.

In schools, these themes could take the form of weekly presentations and interactive workshops, and we would look to consult with teachers and senior staff to integrate our programme with the school's current support system. During weekly tutorials and mentoring, you will receive expert guidance on how to get to know your subject inside out, as well as admissions test and interview help where relevant.

Services

Oxbridge Admissions Prep

Individual £50 /hour

In school groups From £100 /hour

University Applications £65 /hour

(including Personal Statement)

Mentoring £65 /hour

Subject-Specific Tutition

(please get in touch for a free consultation)

“Richard has guided me since the start of my A-Levels. From grades of DDE, he motivated me to achieve AAB and land a place at my first choice of Cass Business School. I have retained Richard’s services and am currently on track for a First Class degree. My plans are to do a Masters at Harvard or similar and I will continue to use his mentoring programme to fulfil my academic and career goals.”

Richard (Undergraduate Student)
Mentoring

“The Thinking Skills workshop led by Miss Lucy Higginbotham was extremely well structured, and the delivery was confident, highly knowledgeable and thorough. The course covered the critical thinking and problem solving areas of the BMAT and TSA specifications, highlighting individual question types and offering opportunities to practice the skills gained at each stage of the course. There were many opportunities for collaborative learning and the time spent on the various activities was just right. Miss Higginbotham was very positive and supportive of the students throughout the day and the feedback given by the pupils was extremely positive. I recommend this course without reservations.”

Cristina Vilela (Oxbridge Coordinator)
Thinking Skills Course, Withington Girls’ School

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