



[ISD Counselling Department Event Calendar](#) – (Virtual) Fairs, Career Fairs, Test dates & more!**GR. 12 STUDENTS & PARENTS****• Higher Education Application FINAL Deadlines**

Applications to most UK, EU, Canadian and U.S. institutions should now be complete or near complete. Any applications currently in progress should be wrapped up by **JANUARY 31st**. As the counsellors will transition to working with the Class of 2023 on their Junior Conference plans and the Class of 2024 on their academic programme and course choice planning, now is the time to take advantage of your counsellor's support to put the finishing touches on your applications. **Parents** – You are always welcome to contact the appropriate counsellor with any questions you might have about the status of your child's applications.

• Application Submitted? What next?

It is extremely important to verify that each application is complete and ready for review, therefore, **we remind all applicants to read your emails carefully (spam/junk too!) and to check your application account for each institution to which you have applied.** In some cases, **you may be required to upload (unofficial) copies of your Senior School Transcript and/or DP Predicted Grades to complete your application.** In most other cases, your counsellor will have already sent the required official school documents via MaiaLearning or by email directly to the Admissions Office of each institution. **If you receive a notice from an institution that a document(s) is missing, please notify your counsellor.** Keep in mind that institutions must process thousands of official school documents and match them to the applications they received on or around the final deadline. Please allow some time for this matching process to happen (usually 1-2 weeks). If your student account is still not updated and with all documents marked as received within two weeks after submitting your application, notify your counsellor and s/he will contact the admissions department to verify.

• MaiaLearning 'Applying List' Updates

We remind Grade 12 students to review their 'Applying List' in [MaiaLearning](#) to ensure that it is accurate. This helps your counsellor to know which documents to send by when. **Update** each of the institution profiles with the 'Programme' (Course, Faculty, School, and/or Major) and the **application deadline**. If you have applied to more than one programme at the same institution, include each of programme in the profile. You may **delete** any institutions where you have chosen not to apply. Please see the ['Applying List Examples'](#) for more details.

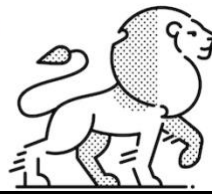
• Admission Decisions – Inform Your Counsellor

Several grade 12 students have received their first admission decisions. As the counsellors are not notified directly by the institutions (unless you have applied to the UK!), we ask our students to share the good news with us so we can celebrate the outcome of our work together. Also, remember to **add the decision to the 'YES!' wall in the North Building (virtually too!)**. As we update all decisions in MaiaLearning so that we can use the data to better advise upcoming students on admission trends, we also appreciate being informed when you've been told 'No'.

Unfortunately, it does happen, but do keep in mind that **you determine the course of your life** and that **one decision from a university does not detract from you as a person or any of your accomplishments.** We thank you for your continued cooperation and look forward to hearing some great news!

• Campus Visits, YouTube & Unibuddy

The upcoming Ski Week and Spring Break vacations are a good opportunity for Grade 12 students to (re)visit the institutions to which they have applied. Before settling on a final choice, we encourage students to take advantage of the many virtual opportunities to explore the institutions/courses on their application list in order to make the most informed decision about which institution to attend. **YouTube** is also a great place to search for 'Student Experience', 'Campus Tour', and other informational videos, while [Unibuddy](#) offers the opportunity to connect with current students studying at institutions around the world. While these virtual opportunities are not the same as an actual campus visit, they are still a great option for gathering the information needed to make a final decision.

**GR. 11 STUDENTS & PARENTS****• U.S. Applicants – [February ACT Registration](#)**

The registration deadline for the **February ACT** is **TODAY!** Note that ISD is **not** an ACT test centre due to the computer-based test format.

ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS**• Gap Year Fair – Schule, Reisen, Lernen, Leben Weltweit!**

If you have been giving some thought to taking a gap year, the '[Die JugendBildungsmesse](#)' is a great place to explore options for exchange programs, internships, au pair positions, work & travel opportunities and volunteer projects. The fair will take place virtually on **Sunday, January 22nd** from **10:00-16:00**. [Register now](#) for free.

• EINSTIEG Köln – Higher Education, Career & Gap Year Fair

Representatives from several German, Dutch, British and American higher education institutions and companies will take part in [EINSTIEG Köln](#) on **Feb. 11th + 12th**. The event is open to all students and parents. Entrance is **FREE**.

• Pre-med Projects – [The Weekly Surgery Online Medical Experience](#)

Work experience sessions for **students aged 14-18** considering careers in health care. Every **Monday at 19:30 GMT (18:30 CET)**. Discuss a different medical case each week with doctors, and with the help of the students attending, diagnose and treat the patient in the interactive 2-hour sessions. Take advantage of a **1-month FREE subscription** – Visit [The Weekly Surgery](#) and use the school code: **WEEKLY90**

• [InvestIN Education](#) – Weekend Career Opportunities Ages **15-18 & 12-14**

Students can now register for spring term career opportunities, which are available in **20+ cutting-edge industries** and delivered 'Live Online'. **Students will learn directly from some of the world's best professionals** - doctors, forensic scientists, architects, politicians, filmmakers, engineers and more - through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made professional experience.

• [London International Youth Science Forum 2022](#) – Unique Science Summer School

Are you interested in learning science while also having a fun-filled experience of summer camps? The unique STEM learning programme organized by LIYSF every summer in the UK offers hands-on experience with cutting edge scientific research at state-of-the-art research facilities to ignite your passion for the sciences. [Apply now!](#)

• Upcoming Higher Education Visits – JANUARY

Grade 10-12 students are strongly encouraged to take the opportunity to meet institution representatives. Parents are always welcome! All visits take place in the North Building. **Students should register for individual visits in [MaiaLearning](#)** by clicking on 'Universities' and 'Visits'.

▪ **Choose Excellence: Study in [Canada](#) – [25.01 @ 16:00 CET](#) & [26.01 @ 19:00 CET](#)**

▪ **EBS Universität Online Info Session BSc Business Studies – [19.01 @ 16:00](#) & [16.02 @ 16:00](#)**

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