

## GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS | ISD COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT EVENT CALENDAR

### ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS

#### ▪ [AGIS Spring Higher Education Fair - REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!](#)

The AGIS HE Spring Fair returns on **Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** from 17:00-19:00. Join [60+ institutions from 15 different countries](#). Learn about Bachelor programmes, admissions, scholarships, and financial aid. Attend three informative presentations about [Studying in Scandinavia, the UK Personal Statement and Admission Tests, and a Dutch Higher Education Panel Q&A](#). **This event is open to non-ISD students and families.**

#### ▪ [Veritas AI: Learn AI. Build a project. Write the Future.](#)

An immersive virtual AI program for ambitious students, founded and run by Harvard graduate students. Now accepting applicants for our Spring Cohort! The summer early admission deadline is **March 23, 2025**.

#### ▪ [MaiaLearning College Search](#)

**MaiaLearning**, ISD's career and higher education research platform, has made some improvements to their 'College Search' function. Check out their [3-min video](#) on how to get the most from this feature.

**PARENTS** - if you would like to be matched with your child's MaiaLearning account and take advantage of the 'College Search' and many other features, please complete this [PARENT ACCOUNT REQUEST](#).

#### ▪ [Hochschule Rhein-Waal \(DE\): GET A TASTE OF STUDYING](#)

Um einen Vorgeschmack auf das (digitale) Studium an der Hochschule Rhein-Waal zu bekommen, haben Studieninteressierte in den Osterferien die Gelegenheit vom **14.-25.04 2025** am Veranstaltungsformat GET A TASTE OF STUDYING teilzunehmen. Bei (virtuellen) Vorlesungen, Experimenten und Präsentationen geben die Studiengänge der Hochschule Rhein-Waal einen realistischen Einblick ins Studium. Die zentrale Studienberatung bietet den Studieninteressierten ebenfalls Angebote, die über das Studieren an der Hochschule Rhein-Waal Aufschluss geben. [Note that many Bachelor programmes are offered in ENGLISH!](#)

#### ▪ [Carl Benz School of Engineering \(KIT\) Summer Programme](#)

Get an insight into the **B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering** (International) College Program, student life, and possible careers in engineering. The unique combination of lectures and workshops in engineering and leisure activities addresses technically interested students from aged **16+**.

#### ▪ [ProEd Summer School Programmes](#)

ProEd programmes offer the 'ultimate work experience' through interactive simulations, site visits, seminars, networking sessions and career coaching guidance in the heart of London at Imperial College. The immersive career learning experiences for students aged **13-15** and **16-18** include options in Science, Technology, Medicine, Engineering, Law and Finance.

#### ▪ [Masaryk Medical Summer School 2025](#)

A unique experience to high school students aged **16+** who want to see what it is like to study Medicine in the beautiful student city of [Brno](#) in the Czech Republic. See the perks of choosing to study at Masaryk, gain the experience of student life, and get to live a week in a vibrant student city. [Apply now!](#)

#### ▪ [Summer Course Opportunities in Italy: Art, Design, Fashion](#)

High school students can immerse themselves in creative disciplines while experiencing university life in Italy. [NABA Summer Camp for Design and Fashion Design](#). NABA and University of the Arts London [Fashion Design](#). [Istituto Marangoni Fashion Design](#) or [Fashion Styling](#).

#### ▪ [EU Business School International Summer School](#)

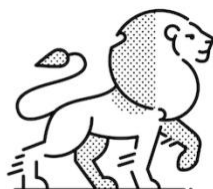
ISS is specially designed for high school students **aged 15-19** considering a bachelor's business degree. The ISS hands-on learning approach gives students an introduction to core business skills and industry trends and skills through interactive workshops, company visits, case studies and more.

#### ▪ [Upcoming Higher Education Visits & Events & European Higher Education Fairs](#)

Interested ISD students and parents are invited to take part in the upcoming events below:

▪ [UCAS Personal Statement Changes Webinar](#): 26.03 @ 19:00

▪ [Radboud University \(NL\) Bachelor's Open Day](#): 29.03 @ 9:00-16:00



## GR. 12 STUDENTS & PARENTS

### ▪ [MaiaLearning](#) Final 'Applying' List Update

It is time for Seniors to review their MaiaLearning 'Applying' list. For **submitted** applications and/or applications in **progress**, **verify that your counsellor has [added the 'Program'](#) (Degree/Major/Course) for each institution and **removed** all other applications where you did not/will not apply. **U.S. applicants** should remove colleges they did not apply to from their **CommonApp** so they no longer sync with MaiaLearning. **Dutch** applicants can remove any Studielink enrollment applications for programmes they will not attend.**

### ▪ Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Region Düsseldorf e.V. – [Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr \(FSJ\) beim ASB](#)

Du willst deine Zeit sinnvoll nutzen und etwas Neues erleben? Dann ist ein Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr (FSJ) beim Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) genau das Richtige für dich. Bei uns kannst du dich optimal aufs Berufsleben vorbereiten, deine Kompetenzen erweitern und dich selbst ganz neu kennenlernen. Erfahre jetzt, welche Möglichkeiten dir ein FSJ eröffnet und welche Voraussetzungen es gibt.

## GR. 11 STUDENTS & PARENTS

### ▪ **REMINDER:** Junior Conference Higher Education Planning Meeting

**Class of 2026** [Junior Conference invitations](#) were sent by email on **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. This important planning meeting is the **1<sup>st</sup> of many steps** in the higher education admission process. We encourage students to **schedule their Junior Conference as soon as possible** so they can take advantage of the research resources their counsellor will provide. See this [Junior Conference Plan](#) for one example of how your counsellor will support you with researching your higher education options. **REMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED STEPS IN THE INVITATION BEFORE scheduling an appointment with your Career & Higher Education Counsellor.**

## GR. 11 & 10 STUDENTS & PARENTS

### ▪ Spring Break Virtual Campus Visits & Student Chats

Take advantage of Spring Break to start your higher education research and identify institutions that might be a good fit for your future. The **UCAS** and **YouVisit** sites offer access to 100's of campus tour options, while **UniBuddy** offers the opportunity to speak to current students attending institutions from around the world.

- [UCAS Virtual Tours of Universities and Colleges](#) (United Kingdom)
- [UniBuddy – Chat to Students](#)
- [Princeton Review Virtual Campus Tours](#) (United States)

### ▪ **U.S. Applicants – Test-optional Institution List**

Despite some high-profile U.S. institutions choosing to [require standardized testing for some applicants \(ACT & SAT Policies\)](#) 2,100+ U.S. institutions are **test-flexible** or **test-optional** for the **Class of 2026** and beyond. **Fair Test** regularly updates their list of [test-optional](#) schools, while [Niche](#) maintains a list of [Best Test Optional Colleges](#).

## GR. 10 STUDENTS & PARENTS

### ▪ **Class of 2027** [Academic Programme and Course Choice](#) Counsellor Consultations

Students who returned their completed 'Teacher Recommendation' form will receive access to the **Academic Programme & Course Choice Selection Form** from Mr. Olson, the DP Coordinator. The form must be submitted electronically by **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. [Mr. Layman](#) (A-K), [Mrs. Mika](#) (L-Z), and [Mrs. Kitagawa](#) (Japan) will continue to be available for conversations with students and parents until the March 28<sup>th</sup> deadline. Please follow the relevant counsellor link and choose the 'Class of 2027' appointment option.

[Keith Layman](#) (A-K) | [Marlene Mika](#) (L-Z) | [Noriko Kitagawa](#) (Japan) | [Adriana Korec-Radloff](#) (Germany)  
[ISD Counselling Department](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)