

GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS | ISD COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT EVENT CALENDAR

GR. 12 STUDENTS & PARENTS

North American Checklist | UK/NL/IRE/EU Checklist – FINAL action points!

The ISD **INTERNAL** application deadline is **December 1st**. All applicants should have completed the points below. We will use the time between **Dec. 1st** and **Dec. 13th** to meet with students and finalize applications, with the intention to submit all current applications prior to the start of the Winter Break. **This is particularly important for application due dates that fall during the holidays as the counsellors and secretaries will not be available between Dec. 14th-Jan 5th**. If you have any questions about the status of your child's applications, please contact the relevant counsellor.

ALL applicants

- CHECK the [Class of 2025 Google Classroom](#) group **and** your (personal) **email** regularly (**spam/junk too!!**). Stay up to date with all **communication** from the **Counselling Department** and the **institutions** to which you are applying.
- **FINALIZED** your [MaiaLearning](#) application list ('Universities' | 'Applying').
- **INFORMED YOUR COUNSELLOR** about each application that you are **ready to submit**.
- **REVIEWED** each application together with your counsellor and ensured that they are prepared to submit any **required official school documents** needed to complete each application.
- **VERIFIED** your **application file for each institution where you have applied is complete and ready for review**.
- **NOTIFIED** your counsellor **IMMEDIATELY** if any official school documents are missing.
- **CREATED a unique folder** for each institution and filtered all messages to that folder.
- **OPENED, READ, and REPLIED** to all email communication from each institution to which you have applied in **chronological order (oldest to newest)** to ensure that you have followed all application steps in the right order.
- **SENT** official [TOEFL/IELTS](#) /[Duolingo](#) scores to each institution (***If required**).

IRE applicants

- **REVIEWED** the 2025 [CAO Handbook](#), including the **Timetable of Events** inside the front cover.
- **CREATED** your [CAO application account](#) at home (requires a credit card).
- **MET** with your counsellor to complete your application, including your course choices **in order of preference**.

NL applicants

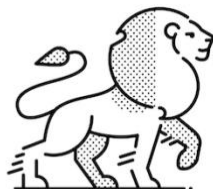
- **REGISTERED** for [ROOM.NL](#) the **National Student Housing Registration Portal**.
- **VISITED** [Study in NL](#) for more student housing information, including links to other private and public providers.
- **COMPLETED** your [Studielink \(PDF\)](#) registration.
- **SUBMITTED** up to **4 enrolment applications** with no more than **2 Numerus Fixus (Step-by-step)** courses.
- **COMPLETED** the **online application** for each individual institution/programme.
- **FINALIZED** the ***Letter of Motivation (*If required!)**.
- **FINALIZED** your ***Résumé/CV (*If required!)**.

UK applicants

- **FINALIZED** the UK [personal statement \(ISD resources | Chat GPT\)](#).
- **MET** with your counsellor for a final check of your [UCAS Hub](#) application.

US applicants

- ***IF REQUIRED, FINALIZED** any supplemental application materials ([application essay](#) | [supplemental essays](#) [[ISD resources](#) | [Chat GPT](#)] | art/design portfolio | audition supplement | CV/resume...)
- ***IF REQUIRED, SENT** official **ACT/SAT scores** to individual institutions.
- ***IF REQUIRED, SUBMITTED** **financial aid/scholarship** application documents ([FAFSA](#) | [CSS Profile](#))
- ***IF REQUIRED** at the time of application, **non-U.S. citizens/residents** should have submitted the [Certification of Finances](#) for admission/Visa purposes to each institution as necessary.



GR. 11 STUDENTS & PARENTS

▪ U.S. Applicants – MARCH/MAY/JUNE [DIGITAL SAT](#) Registration

As there are a limited number of places for each SAT sitting, we recommend registering early to ensure that you have a seat on test day. The deadline for registering for the MARCH 8th SAT is February 21st. The deadline for the MAY 3rd SAT is April 18th. Students must [register online](#) via the College Board.

▪ U.S. Applicants – [Spring ACT Registration](#)

There are a [number of ACT international test dates in Spring 2025](#). The deadline to register via the [ACT Student](#) website for the Feb. 2025 test date is Jan. 10th. The Apr. 2025 registration deadline is Mar. 7th.

ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS

▪ [Praktikum Partnership Opportunities](#)

The Praktikum is a **2-week internship** undertaken by all **Grade 10s**. The **2025 dates are June 5-18**. We are seeking **Praktikum Partners** and would be delighted if your company could offer one (or more) places via the [ISD Praktikum Partner form](#). For more information, please contact [Mrs Adriana Korec-Radloff](#) – ISD Praktikum Coordinator.

▪ [Downing College Cambridge International Programme \(15-18 years\)](#)

This [4-week programme](#) is designed to broaden international students' horizons, providing a true academic challenge, and offering a glimpse into life as a typical undergraduate student at the University of Cambridge. Think world-class education, laboratory and museum visits, academic enrichment, applied learning, and cultural immersion.

▪ [Summer Program List](#)

The ISD Counselling Department maintains a [list of summer programs](#) covering a variety of interests – academic, adventure, artistic, athletic, and more. Note that ISD does not specifically endorse any of the programs listed.

▪ [The International Summer School of Scotland](#)

ISSOS offers **13-18-year-olds** the unique opportunity to combine learning, creative enrichment, and adventure in one of two historic UK university towns – St Andrews and Cambridge, as well as Yale University in the U.S.. Places are limited to 10% of any one nationality and can fill up quickly!

▪ [Immerse Education Summer School Essay Competition](#)

Students aged **13-18** are invited to submit essay responses to a pre-set question relating to their chosen subject. **10** winners will receive a **100% scholarship**, with runner-up prizes also awarded. **Deadline: January 16th, 2025**

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

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

▪ [European Higher Education Fairs](#)

▪ [RTL Digitale Ausbildungstage](#) Live am 04.+05.12.24 | 14:00-15:45

[Keith Layman \(A-K\)](#) | [Marlene Mika \(L-Z\)](#) | [Noriko Kitagawa \(Japan\)](#)

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