ISD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF DÜSSELDORF SINCE 1968

Counselling Department

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GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS | ISD COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT EVENT CALENDAR

GR. 12 STUDENTS & PARENTS

- **North American Checklist | UK/NL/IRE/EU Checklist – Priority action points to complete by November 30th!** There are **31 days** until the **Dec. 1st INTERNAL ISD** application deadline for **UK/NL/IRE/EU/North American** Institutions. Each application should be **complete** and ready for a **final review** by the counsellor by this date.

ALL applicants

- **Check the Class of 2027 Google Classroom group and your (personal) email regularly (spam/junk too!!)** to stay up to date with all communication from the CHE Counsellors and the institutions to which you are applying.
- ***If required**, submit **IB Self-Prediction Form** to your **Career & Higher Education (CHE) Counsellor** and determine when to request **HE predicted grades**.
- **Finalize** your **MAIA** application list together with your CHE Counsellor, including the **degree/programme/course**.
- **Use** the application **Roadmap** (**NL applicants**) to track deadlines and document requirements for each institution.
- **Complete** each **online application** and meet with your CHE Counsellor to finalize each application.
- **Use** these **AI Prompts** to get feedback on your personal statement, admission essay, and/or motivation letter.
- **Confirm** your CHE Counsellor is aware of **any official school documents** they need to submit on your behalf.
- **Open, read and reply** to all **email communication** from each institution to which you have applied. **Create a unique email folder** for each institution and **filter** messages to that folder.
- **Within two weeks of submitting each application, verify** that your application file is **complete** and **ready for review**.
- **Notify your CHE Counsellor** if any required application documents are missing.
- ***If required** for application and/or Study Visa, register and take the **TOEFL/IELTS** /***Duolingo** (***if accepted**).

IRE applicants

- **Review** the **2027 CAO Handbook** (**Personalize**), including the **Timetable of Events** inside the front cover.
- **CAO Apply** opens **Nov. 5th**. **Create your application account** and then see your CHE Counsellor to apply.

NL applicants

- **Register for ROOM.NL.** Learn **how it works**, explore the **FAQs**, and then create your account.
- **Visit** the **Study in NL** website. for more information on student housing in the Netherlands, including links to other private and public housing providers
- **Register** for **Studielink** (**PDF**). You need a **JPEG/PDF** copy of your **Passport** or **EU ID** card to confirm your identity and complete your registration. **Residency cards** are **NOT** accepted!
- **Submit** up to **4 enrolment applications** in **Studielink,** with no more than **2 Numerus Fixus** (**Step-by-step**) **courses.**
- **Monitor** your **email** (**spam/junk too**) for the invitation from each individual institution/programme to complete the **online application**.
- ***If required**, edit and revise the ***Letter of Motivation**. Share with your CHE Counsellor for feedback (**AI prompt**).
- ***If required**, edit and revise your ***Résumé/CV**. Share with your CHE Counsellor for feedback.

UK applicants

- **Revise** the UK **personal statement** (**guides**). Share with your CHE Counsellor for feedback (**AI prompt**).
- Meet with your CHE Counsellor for a final review of your **UCAS Hub** application.

US applicants

- **Connect** your **Common Application** account to **MAIA** (**YouTube**). See your CHE Counsellor!
- **Revise** the **application essay** and/or **supplemental essays**. Share with your CHE Counsellor for feedback (**AI prompt**).
- ***If required**, follow the correct process to **request teacher recommendations**. See your CHE Counsellor!
- **Early Action/Early Decision** and **University of California/California State University** applicants should review each application with their CHE Counsellor before submission.
- **Finalize** applications with **rolling admissions** deadlines and be ready to submit in **November**.
- ***If required, send standardized test scores** to institutions where you have applied Early Action / Decision / Rolling.
- **Note financial aid** application requirements (**FAFSA | CSS Profile | Certification of Finances** (International students).
- **Register** to take the **ACT** and/or **SAT** in **December** if necessary.

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STUDY IN GERMANY HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR (REGISTRATION | EXHIBITORS)
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4TH @ 16:00-17:30 | EAST BUILDING COMMONS ROOM

GR. 12 STUDENTS & PARENTS (Continued)

- **IB Wise ONLINE IB Revision Intensive Courses**
  Winter: Comprehensive preparation during winter break. Led by world-class IB educators & examiners.
  Spring: An excellent in-depth and highly effective IB exam preparation course for students in their last IB Diploma year.

- **Internationaler Freiwilligendienst – Eine Welt Netz**
  Im Freiwilligenjahr 27/28 gibt es wieder viele spannende Plätze. Wir entsenden für **12** oder **9 Monate** in Partnerprojekte in Ghana, Togo, Namibia, Botsuana, Tansania, und Ruanda. Die Programmdetails finden Sie in dem **Flyer** oder auf unserer **Website**. Zur näheren Information bieten wir eine **digitale Infoveranstaltung** an, uns und das weltwärts-Programm kennenlernen können. Sie findet statt: am **Donnerstag, den 12.11.2026** um **18:00**. Anmeldung per **Mail** an.

GR. 11 STUDENTS & PARENTS

- **IB Wise MID IB Summer Revision Camp**
  The Summer Mid IB Revision Course is designed for students who are currently in their first IB Diploma year. It is an efficient and thorough way of ensuring you get your second IB Diploma year off to a very good start. It will allow you to reinforce what you have already learned and provide you with a sound base on which to build in your final year.

GR. 11 & 10 STUDENTS & PARENTS

- **Potential U.S. & Bocconi University Applicants – Online SAT Preparation Course**
  Higher Ground Learning provides affordable (just $750 USD!) SAT test preparation to students at international schools around the world. Please refer to the **ISD introduction letter** and **schedule** for the **February/March 2027** session.

GR. 10 STUDENTS & PARENTS

- **IB Wise PRE IB Summer Revision Camp**
  For students who will begin their first IB Diploma year after the summer. You will choose 1 – 4 major IB subjects. Each subject will be combined with a minor IB-related subject. All important IB subjects are offered, helping to introduce you to the IB syllabus and prepare you thoroughly for the IB Diploma.

ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS

- **Online and In-person Work Experience & Career Days for Students**
  Students seeking to experience different careers or gain work experience in their chosen field have several options. Whether performing arts, psychology, business, medicine, law or becoming a vet, several companies deliver immersive career experiences to students **aged 15-18** who aspire to break into some of the world's most desirable industries. Check out **Career Days** | **InvestIN** | **Immerse Education**.

- **Upcoming Higher Education Visits & Events**
  - **European Higher Education Fairs**
  - **Universität Münster: Veranstaltungen und Vorträge für Studieninteressierte**
  - **UMCH Hamburg Online Info Event: Study Medicine in Hamburg | 02.11 | 18:00**
  - **Study in Germany WEBINAR: Public vs Private Universities | 05.11 | 18:00**
  - **Einstieg Köln: Messe für Ausbildung, Studium & Gap Year | 06. & 07.11**
  - **St. Ursula-Berufskolleg Düsseldorf Tag Der Offenen Tür | 07.11 | 10:00-14:00**
  - **Bachelor & More Fair | 7. Nov. @ 09:30-16:00 | Palladium Köln | FREE Entrance**
  - **NACAC Virtual College Fair | 8. Nov. @ 18:00-23:00**
  - **University Colleges in the Netherlands Webinars | 11.11 @ 14:00 & 12.11 @ 19:00**
  - **Boston University Virtual Information Session | 12.11 | 13:30**
  - **Radboud University (NL) Bachelor's Open Day | 13. & 14.11**
  - **Maastricht University Bachelor's Open Day | 14.11 | 9:30-16:30**
  - **CIS International University Fair in Frankfurt | 16.11 | 10:00-12:30**

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