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GR. 12 STUDENTS & PARENTS

▪ **Class of 2025 'YES!' Wall & Graduate Destinations**

The **Class of 2025 'YES!'** wall is ready for students to share their admissions decisions. We also regularly update the Counselling Department '[Graduate Destinations](#)' page. Please remember to **inform your counsellor** of each decision so we can continue to update the website with the latest information. Congratulations!!

▪ **[CAO Ireland](#) – [FINAL Application Deadline](#)**

Saturday, Feb. 1st @ 17:00 is the closing date for applications. Applicants should forward their '**Statement of Application**' with their course/institution choices to their counsellor and update their [MaiaLearning](#) 'Applying' list.

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Junior Conference invitations were included with the January 31st Weekly Announcements. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE REQUIRED STEPS IN THE INVITATION BEFORE** scheduling an appointment with your **Career & Higher Education Counsellor**. **Junior Conferences take place throughout the spring from February 3rd to June 20th** for students who are interested in North American, UK, EU, and other institutions worldwide.

*Applicants to **Japan** follow a different process. Contact **Mrs Kitagawa** | [Book a meeting](#) | kitagawa@isdedu.de

GR. 11 & 10 STUDENTS & PARENTS

▪ **Potential U.S. Applicants – [SAT Online Preparation Course](#) Registration**

[Higher Ground Learning](#) is a US-based company with a long-standing reputation for providing **affordable (just \$649 USD!)** SAT test preparation to international school students around the world. Please refer to the **course [introduction letter](#)** and **[calendar](#)** for the upcoming **March/April** session. **Registration closes February 21st**.

▪ **Canadian Higher Education Explained**

If you would like to inform yourself about the Higher Education options in the great white north, then the [Universities Canada](#) ([search](#)), [Globe & Mail Canadian University Report](#) and the [Maclean's Education Hub](#) are three good places to begin your research.

▪ **[EU Higher Education Explained](#)**

Discover everything you need to know to [plan and complete your studies in Europe](#), including national higher education systems, funding opportunities, and visas. Visit the [EU Commission Country Profiles](#) page.

▪ **German Higher Education Explained**

The [DAAD publications](#) are a great resource to learn more about studying in Germany. Many publications are available in English and German, and several are available in other languages as well. The [Study in Germany](#), [My GUIDE](#), and [Uni-Assist](#) websites are also valuable sources of information.

▪ **Irish Higher Education Explained**

If you would like to know more about the Irish Higher Education options offered, the [Central Applications Office](#) ([Handbook](#)) and [Education in Ireland](#) sites are two good places to begin. The [CAO Parent Guide](#), [IUA Entry Requirements](#) and [NUI Maynooth DP Equivalency](#) documents are also helpful sources of information.

▪ **The Netherlands Higher Education Explained**

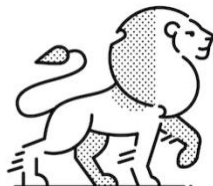
If you would like to know more about the structure of Higher Education in The Netherlands, the [Study in Holland](#) and [Find Your Study Programme](#) websites are a great starting point for learning about your study options.

▪ **UK Higher Education Explained | [UCAS for Parents](#)**

If you would like to know more about the UK research and application process, the UCAS [Where to Start](#) site is a great place to increase your knowledge and understanding of UK higher education.

▪ **U.S. Higher Education Explained**

The College Board website provides many helpful tips about the U.S. higher education application process. The [For Parents](#) and [Action Plan](#) pages from the [College Board Big Future](#) site, which lays out a timeline for supporting your child through the process, right up to accepting an offer of admission.



GR. 10 STUDENTS & PARENTS

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

We are happy to invite Gr. 10 students and parents to schedule an academic programme and course choice conversation with the relevant counsellor: **Mr. Layman (A-K): [Book a meeting](#); Mrs. Mika (L-Z): [Book a meeting](#); Mrs. Kitagawa (Japan): [Book a meeting](#).** Virtual/hybrid appointments are possible. Consultations are available [until March 28th](#), when the course selection forms are due. Note that Gr. 10 students are available during **break (11:10-11:30)** and **lunch (12:25-13:15)**. **Conversations should not be scheduled during class time.** To meet **before school (8:00)** or **after school (15:55)**, please email the relevant counsellor directly to check their availability.

GR. 10 & 9 STUDENTS & PARENTS

▪ [PSAT 10 Registration \(U.S. Higher Education\)](#)

Grade **9-10** students considering studying in the U.S. may wish to take the [PSAT 10](#) on **Saturday, April 5th**. The PSAT 10 simulates the format, structure, and content of the SAT, which U.S. applicants usually take in 11th and/or 12th grade. Interested students must [REGISTER VIA THIS LINK](#) **BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st**! The typical cost is usually between **50€-75€** depending on the number of test proctors needed. **For more information on U.S. Standardized Testing, please visit the [ISD Counselling Department website](#).**

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▪ [LEAP Female Leadership Programme](#)

LEAP brings female high school students together to learn and develop their entrepreneurial skills while being taught and mentored by CEOs, Managing Directors, company owners and other experienced leaders. The programme offers students the opportunity to run with their own business ideas, gain insight and funding from experts, develop their leadership and entrepreneurship skills, and have experiences ready for their university / job applications.

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

The LIYSF STEM learning programme organized 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!](#)

▪ [Lumiere Education Research Scholar Program](#)

The Research Scholar Program offers students the opportunity to work 1-on-1 with a PhD mentor to learn about the cutting edge in their field of interest and produce an independently developed research project. With over 400 mentors from world class universities, Lumiere education is poised to train the next generation of researchers.

▪ [Rotary Meets School Berufs- Und Studienberatung](#)

Erfahrene Rotarierinnen und Rotarier sprechen über ihre Tops und Flops im Beruf, geben wichtige Hinweise zu geeigneten Ausbildungsgängen und stehen den Teilnehmenden umfassend Rede und Antwort. Die nunmehr zehnte Runde, die vom 21.01 bis zum 19.02 2025 stattfindet, konzentriert sich auf 10 besonders nachgefragte Berufsfelder. Die Teilnahme an den Veranstaltungen steht allen Oberstufenschülerinnen und -schülern offen und ist kostenlos.

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

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

- [Die JugendBildungsmesse](#) Gap Year Fair – 01.02 @ 10:00-16:00 | [REGISTRATION](#)
- [RWTH Aachen Studieninformationstag](#) – 03.02 ab 9:00
- [KU Leuven \(Belgium\) Faculty of Engineering Technology Open Day](#) – 08.02 @ 09:00-14:00
- [Berufskolleg Kaiserswerther Diakonie Tag der offenen Tür](#) – 08.02 @ 11:00-14:00
- [Breda University of Applied Science \(NL\) International Open Day](#) – 08.02 @ 10:00-17:00
- [Frankfurt School of Finance & Management Data Science Day](#) – 12.02
- [EINSTIEG Köln](#) Higher Education, Career & Gap Year Fair – 14.-15.02

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

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