



# Junior Parent University Orientation – CLASS OF 2021

## UK & INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS



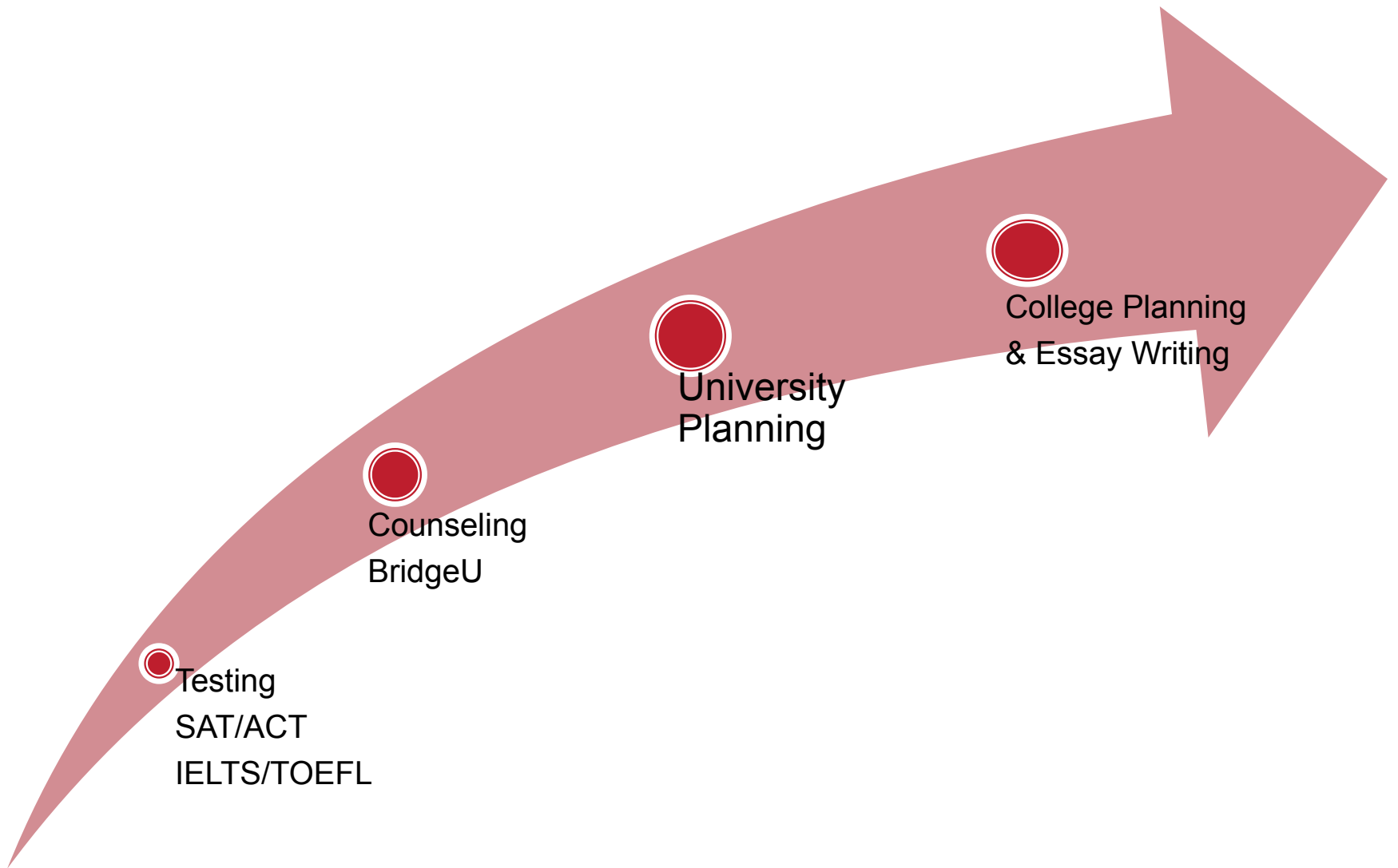
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OF PARIS

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# Agenda

- Getting started as Juniors
- Understanding the admissions process in the UK, continental Europe, and beyond
- How universities assess applicants for admission - different for every country
- Criteria for selecting universities
- Finance & fees

# Spring Semester



# Standardized Testing

- SAT & SAT Subject Tests

- 2020: March 7 (SAT Only); May 2 (SAT & Subject Tests); June 6 (Subject tests only); August 29 (SAT & Subject Tests. Be aware to Fall Test dates! The November test is not scheduled.
- Register: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ASP is a closed testing center - must enter ASP as school attending, then enter code 57515 to find and select ASP as test center

- ACT with Writing

- 2020: Feb 8-9; April 18 - 19; June 13 – 14, July 18
- Register: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- ASP is NOT a testing center

- IELTS: Test of English Language Proficiency

- Administered frequently in testing locations in Paris
- Register: [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) or through British Council site

# Test Preparation

Many Options

The important point is that preparation is essential



Self-study/Shmoop  
Online

SAT – Free Khan  
Academy

ACT online course

Group courses

Individual Tutoring

Diagnostic and Mock  
Testing



Private test prep  
courses

**BESPOKE TEST**  
Prep in Paris

# Getting Started: Counseling

## REQUIRED ORIENTATION MEETINGS (LATE JANUARY – EARLY FEBRUARY)

- Student Data Questionnaire assigned

## FIRST INDIVIDUAL MEETING WITH COUNSELOR

- Assigned once group meeting is completed
- Schedule using Calendly!
- Review graduation requirements and academic record
- Estimate predicted IB/AP scores
- BridgeU
- Intro to UCAS
- Initial list of universities
- Student Data Questionnaire
- Parent Data Questionnaire

## SECOND INDIVIDUAL MEETING WITH COUNSELOR

- Second individual meeting with counselor
- Student Data Questionnaire – last date to submit
- Explore personal qualities, goals and interests
- Begin thinking about writing for applications
- Revise initial list of universities/BridgeU

# Getting Started: Parent Contribution

- Parent Data Questionnaire
- Preferably completed by the second student meeting

# Admissions to the UK

- Applications made via UCAS – University College and Admission Service – to study a specific COURSE at a university: 5 Choices ([www.ucas.co.uk](http://www.ucas.co.uk))
- Deadlines: Oct 15 (Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science) and January 15. Beware of exceptions!
- IB Diploma (plus, in certain cases, proof of English proficiency – IELTS)
- Other credentials: 2/5 AP exams sometimes with GPA and SAT/ACT requirements, sometimes a transcript required
- Conditional offers made based on predicted exam results
- Institution makes offer via UCAS - Conditional/Unconditional
- Student will accept one FIRM and one INSURANCE offer



# Evaluating the Applicant

- Academic
  - Predicted and earned IB or AP grades
  - Admissions tests/interviews in certain cases
- Personal Statement
  - Interest in course
  - Qualifications/Relevant experience
  - Personal aspirations/goals
  - Other interests
- Reference Letter
- International

# Selecting a University

- UCAS: Course of study and entrance requirements
- Location
- Campus life (housing, social life, athletics)
- Student body
- Reputation

# Exploring Options

- Beyond UCAS
- EUNICAS Website
- International options: College Counseling website resources
- Visit university websites
- Attend meetings with visiting admissions staff
- Utilize university guidebooks/online resources (The Guardian/Good University Guide)
- Plan visits/OPEN Days
- Consider summer programs
- Talk with alumni, friends, relatives, contacts

# Finance & Fees

- England 2019 - 2020
  - EU/UK: Home fees: Maximum of £9,250
  - International fees: £10,000 to £30,000 (depending on program with lab based, engineering and medical programs more costly)
- Scotland
  - Home: 1,820
  - EU/non-UK: 1,820
  - England: up to £9,000
  - International: £10,000 and up
  - For complete fee and loan information see:  
<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/university-tuition-fees/going-to-university-in-england/>

# The Netherlands

- Increasingly popular destination offering multiple undergraduate options in English
- University College System, Universities of Applied Science, Research Universities
- Entry requirements: IB Diploma welcome or USHS plus 4 AP exams – some programs, particularly at UAS, will have less demanding requirements
- Tuition costs 20-21: Dutch/EU 2083 euros (50% reduction possible); International 7992 euros
- Apply through Studielink – In general, January and later. Beware of earlier Priority Deadlines.

# Other popular destinations

- Italy – IBD & AP (4-5)
  - Bocconi (+SAT/ACT or Bocconi test)
- Spain – IBD & AP (4-5) accepted
  - IE Madrid and Segovia –range of Bachelor programs in English (Architecture, Business Admin, dual degrees in Law and International Relations, etc); SAT/ACT or IE test plus personal interview
  - ESADE Barcelona – Business Administration + SAT/ACT or ESADE test
  - USA/USA-type Universities – St. Louis University, Madrid; Suffolk University, Madrid, AUP, John Cabot Rome, Richmond in London, Franklin, Switzerland

# More

- France – Private business programs (ESCP, ESSEC, IESEG, Kedge, Neoma, ISG); Sciences Po (satellites); Ecole Polytechnique. IBD or AP case by case.
  - Art, Design & Fashion: ESMOD, Istituto Marangoni, Parsons Paris, Paris College of Art, MJM, Creapole
- Switzerland – IBD and AP (usually 5 plus possible SAT credentials) accepted
  - Ecole Hoteliere Lausanne (special credential list)
  - Glion/Les Roches (private hospitality programs)
  - Universities (+admissions tests) and Universities of Applied Science