



# Junior Parent College Orientation

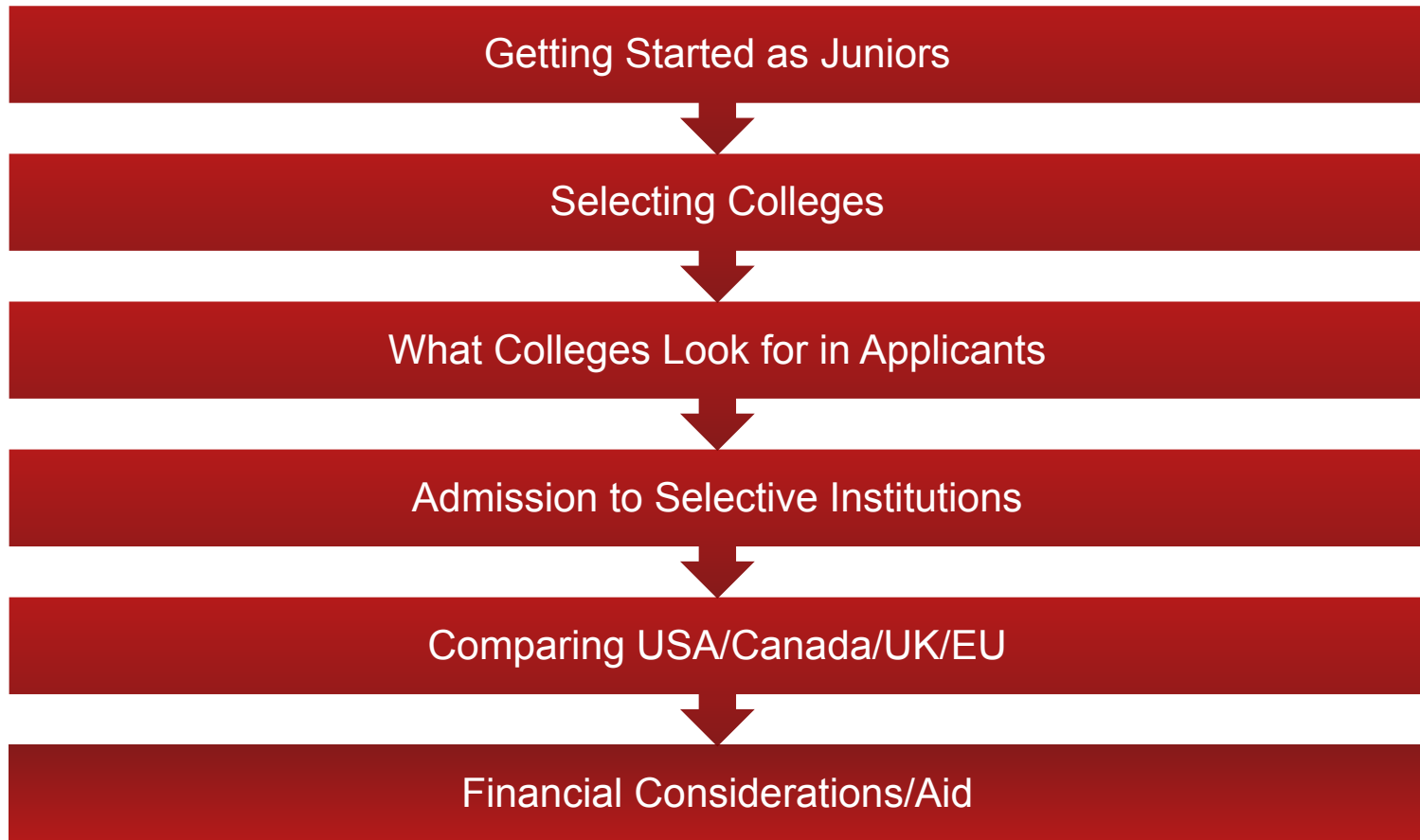
## CLASS OF 2021 – USA/Canada



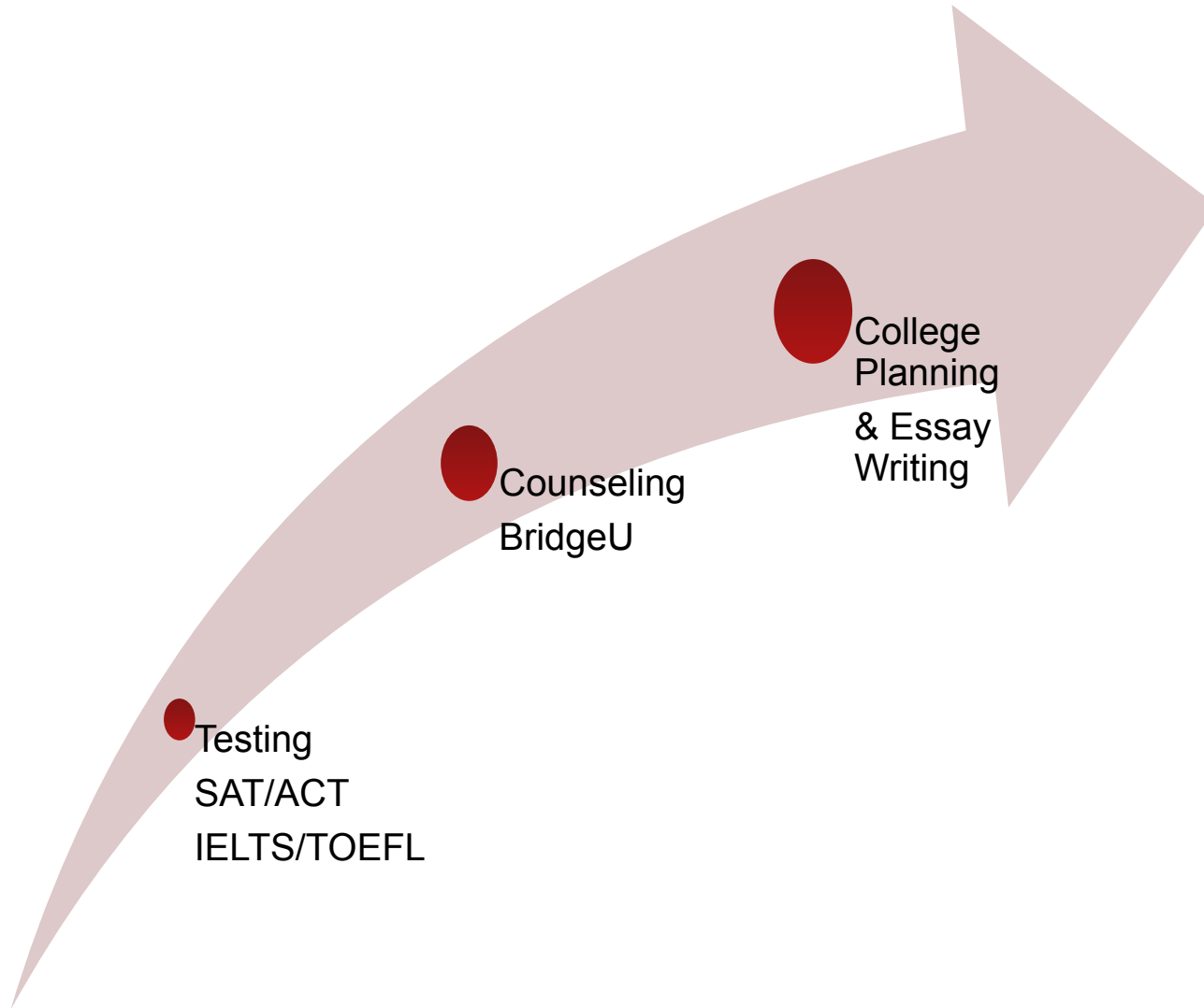
AMERICAN SCHOOL  
OF PARIS

*founded 1946*

# Agenda



# Spring Semester



# Testing

By the end of Junior Year, students should have taken the appropriate standardized tests:

PSAT

SAT or ACT

SAT Subject Tests

TOEFL/IELTS

# Test Preparation

Strongly  
recommended



Many options  
available:  
Self-study  
Online  
Shmoop  
Khan Academy  
Group courses  
Mock Testing



BESPOKE Paris  
Private providers

# ASP Mean SAT Results

- SAT Math: 620
- SAT Critical Reading (ERW): 630
- Lit – 650
- Math 2 – 700
- Physics – 650
- French - 780

# SAT & ACT Test Dates

- SAT & SAT Subject Test – Spring 2020
  - March 7 (SAT only)
  - May 2 (SAT & Subject Tests),
  - June 6 (Subject Tests only)
  - August 29 (SAT & Subject Tests)
  - Beware of FALL Testing Dates - November not currently scheduled
- ACT – Spring 2020 (ASP is not a testing center)
  - Feb 8, April 18, June 13, July 18 (with Writing)

# Getting Started: Counseling

## REQUIRED ORIENTATION MEETINGS (FEBRUARY)

- Student Data Questionnaire assigned

## FIRST INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY MEETING WITH COUNSELOR

- Assigned once group meeting is completed
- Schedule using Calendly!
- Review graduation requirements and academic record
- Initial list of colleges
- Parents encouraged to attend
- BridgeU

## SECOND INDIVIDUAL MEETING WITH COUNSELOR

- Last date to submit Student Data Questionnaire
- Explore personal qualities, goals and interests
- Revise initial list of colleges



# Getting Started: Parent Contribution

- Parent Data Questionnaire: How I see ....
- Download from the ASP website under College Guidance.
- Please submit as soon as possible/June 2020.
- Extremely useful for letters of recommendation

# College Planning and Prep

- Visit University Website
- ASP Website/College Counseling/Multiple Resources
- Participate in meetings with visiting university representatives
- Utilize college guidebooks
- Plan college visits
- Consider summer programs
- Talk with alumni, friends, relatives, contacts

# Selecting a College

- Genuine interest
- College type (size, private, public, liberal arts, co-ed)
- Location
- Academic Environment (competitiveness, majors, core curriculum)
- Campus Life (housing, social life, athletics)
- Expenses/Costs
- Entrance requirements: Safe/Target/Reach (8-10 schools)

# Evaluating the Applicant



# Academic

- Quality of courses
- Grades
- Grade Distribution and Weighted GPA – Note ASP does not rank/semester GPA reported. Profile provides context.
- Standardized Test Scores
- Recommendations
- Awards

# Extra-curricular Engagement

- Seek evidence of meaningful, ongoing, exceptional involvement
- Emphasis on depth, not breadth

# Uniqueness

- Personal essay
- Interview
- Recommendations
- Special Talents

# Alumni Connections

- Legacy - In most cases, parents or grandparents
- Loyalty to institution



# Contribution to Diversity

- Minority and underrepresented students
- International students
- Geographic distribution
- Special talents
- Gender

# University Priorities

- Enrollment plans
- Development
- Demonstrated interest

# Early Admissions

- Early Decision - Oct 15, Nov 1 & 15
- Early Action - same as ED
- Rolling Admissions
- Just Early: UCalifornia, UFLA, UTexas, UWashington

# Selective College Admissions

- These colleges deny between 70 and 96% of applicants, many more than admitted
- Academic success is required but not sufficient for admission
  - Your chances are greater if you are able to differentiate yourself
  - In USA admissions: minority status, alumni affiliation, athletic recruitment, award-winning achievements, outstanding leadership, exceptional talent and, to some extent, international exposure

# Admission to Canada

- Appeal of Canadian universities (Quebec/France, environment, cost:quality).  
<https://www.studyincanada.com/Index.aspx>
- Each school has specific admission requirements (essays, personal statements, reference letters, video submissions specific to programs)
- Application deadlines vary from January (McGill, UoT, UBC) to March.
- IB Diploma candidates are not required to submit SAT scores.
- AP and USA high school diploma applicants, most cases, must submit SAT, including SAT Subject tests, or ACT scores.
- Applications made to specific faculties.

# Admissions to the UK

- Applications submitted via UCAS to study a specific or related courses within university (5 Total)  
[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- Deadlines: October 15 & January 15
- Beware of additional entry exams: Oxbridge, Medicine, Law
- In most cases, IB Diploma or 2 - 4 AP exams required. More selective unis will ask for 4/5 APs plus SAT/ACT.
- Scottish and some British unis will now admit with a high school diploma, GPA condition and/or SAT scores
- Foundation courses/programs
- Conditional offers will be based on predicted exam results
- Be aware of English Language Proficiency Requirements (IELTS)
- Ultimately choose Firm and Insurance choice

# Financial Aid

- USA
  - Need-based
  - Loans
  - Scholarships & Grants
  - Work-study programs
- Non-Need Based
- US Citizens
  - FAFSA
  - Profile
  - College application
- International Students
  - International Student Certification of Finance - increasingly required early in process