



Navigating Grade 12: Essential Tips for a Successful Final Year

The final year at LAS is a critical time for students as they prepare for their post-LAS journey. As parents, it is essential to understand the importance of this year and provide support to help your child make informed decisions. In this article, we will provide valuable tips to guide you and your student through the senior year of high school, focusing on the university application process.

University Application Deadlines

Depending on the country and desired program of study, university deadlines can vary significantly. It is crucial to be aware of these deadlines, which can range from as early as October 15 to as late as the July after graduation. Stay informed about the specific deadlines applicable to your student's desired universities and courses to ensure they have enough time to complete their applications.

Student Success Course and LAS University Advisor

At LAS, we offer a weekly Student Success course dedicated to guiding students through the university application process. Encourage your child to actively participate in this class and schedule regular meetings with their university advisor. These sessions will cover important topics such as creating and fine-tuning an application list, crafting compelling essays and personal statements, and addressing any application-related questions or concerns.

University Visits and Presentations

Encourage your student's attendance at both in-person and virtual university visits. These opportunities allow them to explore different institutions, interact with admission representatives, and gain valuable insights into the university's offerings. They may even find out information about courses and universities they would never otherwise be aware of by attending these sessions. Encourage your child to take notes, ask relevant questions, and consider factors such as location, programs, and campus culture when finalizing their application choices.



Standardized Tests

If applicable, ensure your child takes the SAT and/or IELTS exams during their senior year. These scores play a crucial role in the university admission process. Encourage your child to dedicate time for test preparation, seek guidance from their LAS university advisor, and aim for their best possible performance.

Staying Engaged in Student Success Class

The weekly Student Success class hosted by the LAS university advisors is a valuable resource for your child's university application journey. Encourage them to actively participate, ask questions, and stay engaged. Emphasize the importance of following the guidance provided during these sessions to maximize their chances of a successful application.

Meeting Application Deadlines

Ensure your student is aware of both the internal LAS and external university application deadlines. Missing deadlines can have serious consequences, as offers of admission are typically conditional and can be rescinded if requirements are not met. Regularly check emails together to stay informed about important updates and information from our university advisors.

Finishing Strong Academically

Remind your child to finish their academic year on a strong note. University offers are conditional, and maintaining their academic performance is crucial in securing their admission. Encourage them to prioritize their studies, seek help if needed, and stay motivated until the end of the school year.

Responding to University Admission Decisions

Admission decisions can begin arriving as early as mid-December and continue until May or June, with the majority of them arriving in late March or early April. Once they start rolling in, guide your child in responding to offers within the given deadlines. Stress the importance of careful consideration and timely responses to secure their place at their preferred university. Regularly checking emails is crucial during this time to ensure no important communication is missed.

By following these tips and providing your support, you can help your student navigate the challenges of grade 12 successfully. Remember to be a source of encouragement, offer guidance when needed, and celebrate their achievements along the way. The senior year is an exciting milestone, and together, you can make it a fulfilling and transformative experience for your child's future. Please do not hesitate to contact the university advisors if you have any questions at universityadvising@las.ch.