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Junior Seminar

Building the Long

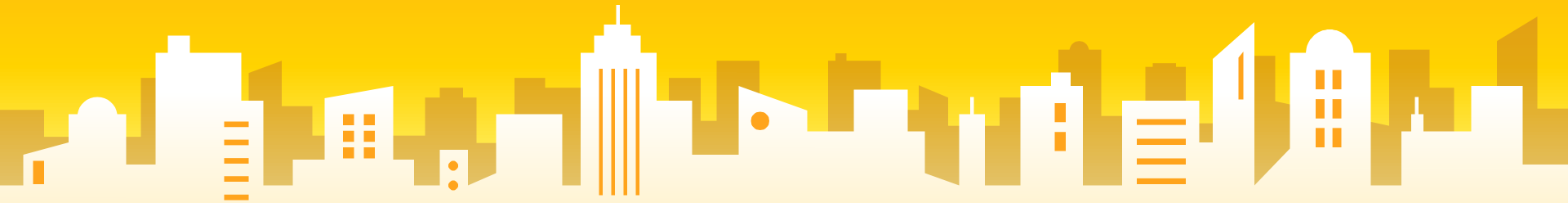
List

Where should I go?

What should I do?

Grade 11 Post-UniQuest Meeting

- January-February 2021
- 40 min. meeting with your counselor
- Review completed Uniquest
- Other Agenda items on the Google invite



The Long List of Universities

Your long- list should be 15-20 schools that you're considering. By August we want to see a preliminary short list - 10 schools. Final list due early September.

You will add schools to MAIA under “College Plan” - Colleges Considering AND in “Ducks in a Row”

**IMPORTANT -
DON'T FORGET TO
CLASSIFY AS
REACH, TARGET,
LIKELY**

University	Application Details	Status
McGill University	Select	Applying
Mount Allison University	Select	Applying
Ryerson University	Select	Applying
Weill Cornell Medical College	Select	Applying

Keeping track and presenting

- ***Ducks In a Row***

This is a template that you should modify to meet your specific interests. Check the exemplar on the grade 11 page of the counselor website

- ***Student-led College Conference*** (April/May - 1 hour)
Check the exemplars. Also state intention for EA/ED/REA, Oxbridge or UK medicine

S.L.C.C - Slide created from Ducks in a Row - EXEMPLAR #1

-EXEMPLAR #2

Reading Data from different countries

- Australia/UK will have a total IB score that you need to meet in order to be considered
- Canada will have total IB score that is their minimum
- US looks at grades and courses not total IB points
- Also consider program selectivity



Oxbridge and UK Medicine

- ❑ **Presentation to students and parents**
- ❑ **Monthly Student Focus Group meetings to get ready for application (during period 6)**

Period 6 Small group sessions on applying to Oxbridge/UK medicine

AGENDA

Feb. 2nd - Mayo room 121

March 4th - Gilmore room 124

April 14th - Chi room 122

May 7th - Holcomb room 123

August - TBD

Highly Competitive US Universities

- **Presentation to students- Feb. 17th 3.30-5.00 MPR**
- **Presentation to parents - Mar. 3rd 3.30-5.00 MPR**
- **Monthly Student Focus Group meetings with counselor
Period 6**

Period 6 Small group sessions on applying to Highly Selective US universities in your house counselor's office

AGENDA

Feb. 18th

March 24th

April 22nd

May 27th

Common Application Essay and The UK Personal Statement

Writing the Common App. Essay and the UC questions

- Delivered in seminar
- Feb 18th, 26th R/B
- March 8th, 10th G/G

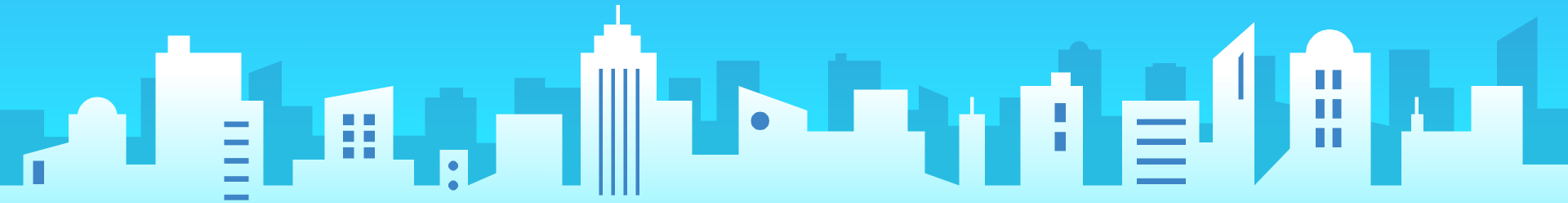
Writing the UK Personal Statement

- March 16th 3.15-4.45
Library classroom

Essay Writing Both US and UK

- May-June - 1/2 hour individual meeting with your counselor

You will hand-in rough work on your essay/statement before you leave for summer holiday



Teacher Recommendation Letters

- ❑ Students ask two teachers (for US -everyone else one)
- ❑ Fill out Teacher Recommendation Questionnaire to give to teachers, or fill out their own resumes
- ❑ Signed Agreement form/ Teacher Recommendation Questionnaire hand-in April 5th
- ❑ SFS teachers agree to write only “favorable letters” that help student gains admission to university
- ❑ All letters are confidential
- ❑ You can choose a teacher who is leaving

[Agreement form](#)

[Teacher Recommendation Questionnaire](#)

Other important deadlines

- **May 15th - Junior Survey** - this is what your counselor will rely heavily on to write your recommendation letter
- **May 15th - Parent Brag Sheet** - they know you best! This also helps counselors write your letter.

Overheard at SFS

- ❖ The more selective a college is, the better it must be
- ❖ If a university is “easy” to get into, it can’t be any good
- ❖ The “best” students are applying to the US/UK, therefore, so should I
- ❖ I need to skip class service/ sport/activity in order to do my university applications
- ❖ If I make the “wrong” choice now, my future/ career/life will be over
- ❖ Only students who attend the most famous universities have jobs/are financially secure/are happy /lead fulfilling lives
- ❖ My independent college counselor told me. . .

TESTING

SAT

March 13 - subject tests not available

May 8 - subject tests available

June 5 - only subject test available

ACT

16 & 17 April 2021

11 & 12 June 2021

16 & 17 July 2021

****These are dates given on the websites, but we'll have to wait and see****

WHAT WE KNOW

- **Applications for US universities were higher this cycle as many schools were test optional**
- **Students will need to look at other parts of their application to strengthen**

COVID ACTIVITIES



READ [THIS ARTICLE](#) FOR IDEAS ON HOW TO BUILD A STRONGER APPLICATION PROFILE

Today's Assignment

1. Find three schools that are strong in the major you are interested in and add them to MAIA by using one of the following:

US - www.niche.com - go to college, college search, then best programs

UK - www.ukcoursefinder.com - go to course search

Canada - www.electronicinfo.ca - go to find a program

Australia - www.studiesinaustralia.com

Not applying to these countries - ask your counselor for help



**Please take a few moments to give
us feedback on this seminar!**

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