### **University Admission Events**

#### **College Fair**

Fall is the season of harvest. It is the time that high school seniors send out their applications to universities, and the time that universities travel to high schools all over the world to meet students in person. These meetings are great opportunities for students and parents to learn the most up to date information about the university and its admission policy and requirements. On October 14, 33 of our grades 10 and 11 students, chaperoned by our counselors, went to the college fair at Dulwich College Suzhou to meet with over 100 universities from America, Europe and Asia. Some parents attended the fair to collect information as well. On October 24, we welcomed a group of six universities to OCAC Suzhou. They are Full Sail University, Hofstra University, Northern Vermont University, St. George's University, Mercyhurst University, University of Colorado- Colorado Springs. Our grades 10 and 11 students and some teachers had great chats with the representatives.





#### Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne, Switzerland

On 17<sup>th</sup> October, Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL) visited OCAC and gave a presentation to parents and students. EHL is 125 years old and located in Lausanne, Switzerland. EHL has been ranked at the top position in the 2019 QS World University ranking for Hospitality & Leisure Management Universities. Additionally, QS rankings confirm Switzerland's central role in shaping the hospitality industry.

At EHL, The Bachelor of Science in International Hospitality Management offers a balanced curriculum that combines industry immersion with management theory and applied business projects, for well-rounded professionals and leaders. The degree offers two pathways, academic and professional, offering you a choice of two different learning experiences and more or less internships. Both pathways include real-world business consultancy projects in the final semester on the Lausanne campus and deliver the same recognized hospitality business degree.

#### Carl Benz School, German

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, Carl Benz School had a mini information session for students and parents. Carl Benz School is an independent institution within the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) with a college like structure. It offers students from all over the world the opportunity to study a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering entirely in English or just get an insight into studying engineering via one of the Summer Schools. Upon successful completion of the 3-year program, students are awarded a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree by KIT.

Each year, Carl Benz School only recruit 50 students to ensure the elite education and a good student & faculty ratio. In the general field of Mechanical Engineering, including a specialization in Automotive Engineering, Global Production Management and/or Energy Engineering. Students have internship opportunities to work at world well-known companies, BOSCH.

### **Parent Coffee Morning**

On 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. the counselling department hosted a Parent Coffee Morning to G10 and G11 parents. Counsellors introduced different universities' admission requirements towards IB students. For example, New York University does not require SAT or ACT but IB predication; University of California campuses require IB students to submit SAT or ACT however IB predication is not a required document. Depends on majors, universities in UK, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia have different IB score requirements. For example, the IB entrance requirement for the program of Quantitative Finance, Assessment and Private Banking, Business Administration are 39, 38, 39 at University of Hong Kong. UK universities not only will look at students final IB grades, but also have the requirement for IB subject selection. Using Architecture program at Bath University as an example that students recommended to choose mathematics, visual art and



physics at HL. Generally, most of universities in Canada require students to get an IB diploma with a competitive result.

## **Counselling Workshop**

On Oct. 15 and Oct. 24, the college counseling office did two workshops for grades 10&11 students. One was to introduce University of Oxford and University of Cambridge, and their entry requirements. It is very important to keep in mind that all courses at both universities require an academic interview, and many courses at Oxford and all courses at Cambridge require an admission test prior to the interview. At the end of the workshop, each participant was given a hard copy of the reading list related to their subject interests and recommended by both universities. It is strongly recommended that students who are interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge or any top universities in the world read English (such as books, news, journals, magazines, research papers, etc.) every day.

The other one was to introduce the higher education systems and college entry requirements in Singapore and China Hong Kong. As the number of the higher education institutions is very small and the number of the applicants is enormous, the competition of getting into a top university in Singapore and Hong Kong is fierce. Students must work the best of their effort on both academic studies and extra-curricular engagement at OCAC to improve their competitiveness and increase their chance of getting into a top university.

### **Test and Assessment**

Grade 11 students took the PSAT 10/NMSQT test on October 19 at our school, and most grades 10 and 11 students have done their "career interests and skills" assessments via the Kuder system. Counselors will use the assessment results to help students better understand their interests and skills and make college plans. As one of the standardized tests administered by College Board, PSAT is designed for high school freshman and sophomore students to assess their English skills and Mathematics knowledge. The test result and detailed report will be released to students in early December.

### **Study in UK Conference**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October, OCAC counsellors were invited by British Council to attend "Study in UK" conference in Shanghai. The conference was given by representatives from British Council, IELTS and UCAS.

British Council was giving speech about post-secondary education trend in UK. The survey (2013/2014-2017/2018) shows an increasing number of students who study the major of creative arts and design, and the increasing number of Chinese students get Tire 4 UK visa from 62,010 to 99,000. The satisfaction of agents' service was 6.9 out of 10 which was lower than the world average point 7.8. The good news for international students is that international students who will complete their course in or after the summer of 2021 will be eligible to apply for the new to year Graduate route. Therefore, after students got a bachelor or above degree, students can stay in UK for two years to be able to work, or look for work in any sector, at any level. If you are interested to receive more information about "Study in UK", please scan the QR code.



University and Common Admissions Service (UCAS) analyzed that until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 there are 15,880 applicants to apply UK universities in academic year of 2018/2019. Compared to 2018, this number has been increased 33%. Some students may apply independently with agents help which only had 58% chances to successfully got acceptances, some however apply through the high school or authorized UCAS center which had 73% chances to get admitted by universities. UCAS suggests that students and parents should trust their school-based counsellors rather than agents. If you are interested in searching UK universities' information, please go to: <u>https://www.ucas.com/</u>

IETLS has started online exams in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chongqing and Beijing. Compared to the traditional paper exam, the online exam will be arranged in a day, and students will get the result after 5-7 working days. The representative emphasized that UKVI IELTS is only the test for students who are doing foundations, languages programs etc. however not for a bachelor's degree application. Additionally, remembering templates rather than improving English ability will not help students to get a higher grade due to IELTS examiners will meet regularly to discuss about what kind of "standard answers" they recently encountered. Last but not least, IELTS suggests that Chinese students do not need to go to another country in order to get a higher grade. The standard of IELTS is the same all over the world. If you want to know more about IELTS in China please go to IELTS official website: www.chinaielts.org. If you are interested to know the rubric of IELTS, past papers and any A&Q, please scan the QR code.











IELTS Rubric

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### **University Admission Events**

#### 大学展

秋天是收获的季节,是高三学生开始申请大学的时间,也是海外大学到世界各地拜访高中、与学生面对 面交流的时节。大学的招生活动对我们的学生来说, 是一个很好的机会,能够帮助他们以及家长更直接地 了解大学以及招生政策相关的一手信息。本月14日, 我校升学指导老师带领33位高一和高二的学生参加了 苏州德威英国国际学校举办的大学展会。此次参展的 大学有100多所,来自北美、欧洲和亚洲各国和地 区。我们部分家长也参加了此次展会。本月24日,我 校接待了六所海外大学来访,他们是美国的福赛大 学、霍夫斯塔大学、北佛蒙特大学、梅西赫斯特大 学、和罗拉多大学斯普林斯分校以及来自格林纳达的 圣乔治大学。我校高一和高二的师生跟大学招生官们 进行了亲切而友好的面谈。





#### 瑞士洛桑酒店管理大学

本月17日瑞士洛桑酒店管理大学为我校家长和学生进行 了讲座。该校已经有125年的历史。洛桑酒店管理大学的 酒店管理专业在2019QS世界排名名列前茅,并且被此排 名认为是瑞士酒店管理的鼻祖。

洛桑酒店管理大学的本科学位为学生传授管理的基础知 识以及商科实战经验,意在培养全面发展的行业精英。 酒店管理专业为学生提供两种途径,学术以及实践,为 学生提供两种不同的学习路径以及实习经验。两种途径 都包含了最终的商业实践活动,并且学位证被世界所认 可。

#### 德国卡尔奔驰工程学院

本月29日,卡尔奔驰学院访问我校并举办了针对我校家长和学生的小型信息交流会。该校是德国享誉盛 名的卡尔斯鲁厄理工学院的国际学院。本学院为国际学生提供以英语授课的机械工程专业并且为高中学生 提供工程相关的夏校课程。学生成功完成3年本科教育后,会被卡尔斯鲁厄理工学院授予理科学士学位。

每年,为保证精英教育与小班教学,卡尔奔驰学院只招收50名大一新生。此学院开设的机械工程专业包括了三个研究方向,汽车工程学,全球化管理以及引擎工程学。学生将有机会到世界著名企业去实习,如 博世,戴姆勒和蔡司。

### 家长晨会

本月25日升学指导部门邀请所有10年级以及11年级家 长参加晨会。升学指导首先为家长介绍了各国大学对 IB的录取要求。如,在申请阶段美国纽约大学不要求 IB学生递交SAT/ACT的分数但是要求学生递交IB预估 分,然而加州系统的大学要求IB学生递交SAT/ACT分 数对IB预估分的递交并不做强制性要求。根据专业不 同,英国,新加坡,中国香港和澳洲对于IB的分数要 求不同。如,香港大学商学院与经济学院的定量金融 专业,资产管理及私人银行专业,国际管理专业的IB 分数要求分别是39,38,39。英国大学除了要求学生 最终的IB分数,还对学生的IB选课有要求。以英国巴 斯大学的建筑学专业为例,大学建议学生IB高阶选择 数学,艺术和物理。一般来说,大部分加拿大大学都 要求学生拿到IB文凭并获得较高的分数。



升学指导工作坊



本月15日和24日,我们为10、11年级的学生举办了两 场工作坊,一场主题为"牛津大学和剑桥大学简介和 申请指南",需要特别注意的是,申请牛津或剑桥大 学的任何专业都需要进行学术面试,不仅如此,剑桥 大学的所有专业和牛津大学的大部分专业在面试前还 另有为面试选拔设立的入学考试。所有参加此次工作 坊的同学都拿到一份跟自己的专业相关的阅读书单, 书单来自牛津和剑桥大学的推荐。我们强烈建议所有 想申请牛津或者剑桥或者世界顶尖大学的学生,养成 每日阅读英文的习惯,可以读原版书籍,新闻,杂 志,研究论文等。

另一场工作坊的主题为"浅谈新加坡和中国香港的高等教育"。由于新加坡和香港的大学数量比较少且申请 人数比较多,申请者之间的竞争十分激烈。海归的高中生需要全力以赴地学习以及参加课外活动,以提 升自己日后申请名校的竞争力。

考试和测试

本月19日,我校十一年级学生参加了由升学指导部组织的PSAT 10/NMSQT考试。大部分十年级和十一年级 的学生完成了Kuder系统上的"职业兴趣与能力"测试。升学老师会用这些测试结果帮助学生更好地了解自己 的兴趣和能力,从而更有针对性地做自己的升学计划。PSAT考试是美国大学考试委员会开发的标化考试, 主要针对高一和高二学生,测试他们的英语综合能力和数学知识水平。学生可在十二月初获知考试结果以 及详细报告。

### **Study in UK Conference**

10月23日,海归升学指导老师授英国大使馆文化教育处邀请,参加在上海举 办的"学在英国"座谈会。会上,英国大使馆文化教育处,雅思官方考试中心以 及英国大学官方申请系统UCAS做了分享与交流。

英国大使馆文化教育处在会上分享了2013/2014学年到2017/2018学年留学英国 的趋势。统计数据显示、学生选择在英国学习创意性相关的专业、如艺术设 计,呈快速增长的趋势;英国移民局发放给中国留学生的签证数量由 2013/2014学年的62,010增长到2017/2018学年的99,000。调查表明,学生对 非学校升学指导的留学服务满意度为6.9(10满分),此数据低于世界平均值 7.8。今年, 重磅利好消息为: 顺利毕业的本科以及研究生学历的国际学生, 在成功拿到毕业证后可以在英留2年,用于找工作或者工作。如果您想获取更 多的"学在英国"的信息,请扫面以下官方微信二维码。



英国大学申请系统官方机构UCAS统计了2018/2019学年的数据。数据显示,截止到2019年1月15日全球一共 有15,880学生通过UCAS 系统申请英国大学,此数据比去年同期数据增长了33%。此外,UCAS 调查表明 学生通过UCAS认可的学校升学指导部门申请大学成功率为73%,然而通过非认可的留学中介成功率为 58%。UCAS建议学生尽量从本校升学指导办公室进行大学申请。如果你想了解更多的英国大学信息,请查 看UCAS 官网: <u>https://www.ucas.com/</u>

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