

Housekeeping

- Please have your microphone muted during today's session.
- If you have a question, please ask using the Q&A option available under the "triangle/square/circle" icon (screenshot) and we will do our best address it during the Q&A period.
- Please keep questions to those that will benefit the entire grade. If you have personal questions, please contact your counsellor separately.

Meeting details



Q&A

Give everyone an easy way to ask questions



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Grade 11 (12) Post-Secondary Planning Info Session 2024

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The Post-Secondary Guidance Process

- Regular meetings with post-secondary team, both individually + group to discuss plans for the future
- Group sessions occur in Character Education classes, before school, lunch, and after school
- Provide holistic support (extracurricular planning, academic goal setting, applications, deferral, gap year, etc.)



The Post-Secondary Guidance Process con't

- Research and gather information on options for the future (continuing on from your University Research Project in Character Education 11):
 - Tour universities
 - Attend university fairs, presentations/visits
 - Speak to family members, friends, university alumnus, and teachers for their perspectives.
 - Do research, including exploring university websites.
 - Review your list of features for "best fit" university.



What to consider for “best fit”?

- Class size, campus size, student population
- Size and location of town - urban, suburban, rural?
- Undergrad vs. comp/large univ?
- Close to family? Far, far, far away?
- Climate? Geography?
- Are specific facilities important to me?
- Pursuit of athletics?
- Scholarship opportunities? Financial Aid? Net cost?
- Study Abroad programme?
- Co-op/work experience/internship?



Timeline (Remainder of G11)

- Spring - continue your research on areas of interests, and best fit universities
 - April - attend UCCD led Character Ed sessions (including essay writing workshops)
 - April - attend university visits/fairs, tours
 - May/June - finalise your university and programme list with your family and counsellor. Select teachers for references and request prior to summer (e.g. USA ED/EA prior to summer holidays you need to complete form)
- Determine what your application criteria
- Begin drafting required essays (for UK and USA) and request counsellor edits
- Meet with your counsellor (like voting - early and often!)
- Consider a gap year: renew, refresh, refocus - and universities look favorably on gap year students!!



Timeline (Fall Grade 12)

- Attend university presentations/fairs
- Begin university applications
 - Canada: most application sites open by early October
 - UK: all applications submitted through UCAS (*opens in May but cannot submit until Sept, Oxbridge deadline Oct.*)
 - USA: most applications submitted through Common Application
- Important Dates
 - UK Oxbridge/St.Andrews/Medicine, USA UNC EA Deadline: Oct 3
 - USA Early Deadline: Oct 15*
 - USA University of California Deadline: Nov 20
 - All university applications deadline: Dec 9

** Note that these are "general" in-house deadlines. Some universities may have earlier ED/EA deadlines that need to be considered.*



Timeline (Fall/Winter G12)

- Complete all components of university applications including any necessary supplements
 - Example: Engineering, Business, Nursing, portfolio + audition, UBC require supplemental essays and videos.
- Apply for scholarships
 - Automatic Entrance Scholarships
 - University-based Scholarships with applications
 - Nomination Scholarships - [In-School Application package](#)
 - External scholarships not affiliated to a university



Applying to University

Canada:

- Majority of universities have individual applications, most cost roughly \$100 per application, open in October
- Various application sites: OUAC, ApplyBC, ApplyAlberta, etc.
- Supplements may be required (e.g. UBC, professional faculties)

United Kingdom:

- [UCAS](#) application site (*buzzword to come from Mulgrave*)
- Required: Personal Statement related to field of study
- Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Law
 - Admissions Tests required. Can only apply to Oxford or Cambridge - not both!
- Reference - joint letter from teachers and counsellors - speak to your counsellor and teachers (discussion not letter request)
- Maximum number is five UK universities
- Offers of Admissions - Conditional



Applying con't...

United States:

- Very detailed and time consuming process (i.e.10 hours each)
- Maximum number is 7 US universities
- Essential to attend presentations and fairs, meet with visiting admissions representatives
- Application Site - [Common Application](#) (*most widely known and used*), [Coalition App](#), [U of California system](#) is separate
- Essays are very important!
 - [Common App essays for 2023-24 are available.](#)
 - Essays for 2024-25 are not yet available.
- SAT/ACT Exam Scores: remember to register for the tests EARLY and send your scores to your universities
- Applications reviewed holistically.



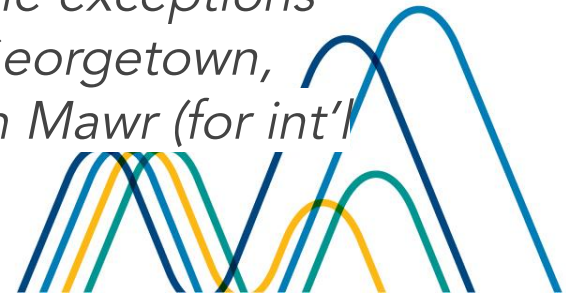
Applying con't...

United States (con't):

Essentials application components:

1. Academic performance + rigour of programme.
2. Personal essays and statements
3. Academic references (usually two)
4. Counsellor written evaluation
5. Extra-curricular / Leadership involvement
6. Standardised test scores (SAT/ACT) - keep in mind, scores are usually weighted less for international students. Not all universities require them. Test Optional Colleges Listing - www.fairtest.org
7. Optional portfolios (if available)

Most universities are currently test-optional. Notable exceptions (requiring testing) include: Dartmouth, Yale, MIT, Georgetown, public universities in Florida and Georgia; and Bryn Mawr (for int'l applicants)



Transcripts and Anticipated Grades

- Two official documents are sent to most universities:
 - IB Anticipated Grades Transcript
 - Mulgrave Transcript (G9-12 courses & % marks)
- Delivery Methods:
 - Electronic (*when available*)
 - UK - UCAS
 - USA Common App - as a school package
 - Posted by mail (*using Canada Post*)
 - Self-reporting *ie. UT, McGill, UAlberta, SFU, UVic, UToronto*
- Students must request transcripts through [Naviance Student](#) for all [Canadian universities](#).



Reference Letters

What is the process for requesting reference letters?

1. Student and Counsellor meet to discuss applications, goals and which referees would be the best choice.
2. Students need to personally ask teacher(s) for the reference letter. **You are required to provide teachers three weeks' notice (min)*.**
3. Complete [teacher reference form](#) to the best of your abilities with comprehensive responses.
4. Complete [counsellor reference form](#)
5. Reference letters and transcripts sent by Mulgrave

*Thanking your teachers is a necessity. A 'thank you' card would be greatly appreciated.

** We are recommending that students give their teachers/counsellors completed forms by the end of June 2024*



Acceptances and Deciding

General: all offers of admissions are conditional.

- Respond by May 1 (or university dependent**).
 - Some university admission + scholarship offers will have earlier deadlines ***Please check dates on university portal carefully .*

Canada:

- Most universities - "rolling" admissions
 - UBC - offers issued by end of April
- Majority of offers - January-March, but professional (supplement and portfolio based admissions take longer)

United Kingdom:

- Most are "Rolling" admissions/offers
- Can only accept 2 offers - "firm" and "insurance" (May)

United States:

- Early offers available mid-December.
- Early Decision II in January-mid-February.
- Regular offers released March onward.



University Planning

[Naviance Student](#) - scholarships, university visits. *Username & Password is required. Please contact Ms. Tang for access.*

[University & Careers Counselling Newsletter](#) - university visits & presentations, enrichment opportunities- online courses, volunteer opportunities, summer programmes, conferences, etc.

[Mulgrave Connect](#) - for connecting with Mulgrave alumni about university and career information



Finally... a word of calm

We're here to reassure you that **IT'S GOING TO BE OK!!** The university application process needn't be associated with stress- we will guide you through it.

So relax, focus on your health, your studies, and your peace of mind - **we're here to support you every step of the way!**

