



ROADMAP TO UNIVERSITY



Year 7

- Settle into Senior School.
- Develop good study habits and communication with teachers.
- Explore your interests through participating in Co Curricular Activities (CCA).

Year 8

- Continue to explore your interests through participating in ECAs.
- Reflect on your strengths and personality.
- Explore careers and see what's out there.
- Engage with UCC lessons to inform your IGCSE option choices.
- Choose your IGCSE subjects.

Year 9

- Consider your "work values" and ideal work environment.
- Reflect on your academic interests.

Year 10

- Grades will now be listed on your academic transcript that is sent to universities.
- Participate in different types of activities including: Global Citizenship, Sport, Art, Academic.
- As you move into Year 11, consider which activities you will start to specialise in and if possible, take on leadership roles.
- Schedule a meeting with any of our university counsellors if you have questions or need support.

Summer before Year 12

- Use the summer wisely. Read about a topic that interests you.
- Participate in summer courses, research opportunities, or internships. You can even create your own passion project such as starting a small business, composing music, or using coding to develop a video game.
- One summer activity is not better than another. The most important thing is to pursue something that interests you and dedicate time and effort to it.

Year 11

- Be more selective when choosing activities. Depth over breadth.
- Take on leadership roles.
- Develop your intellectual curiosity – explore subjects on your own.
- Explore careers more in detail.
- Take your IGCSE Exams.
- Choose IB Subjects.

Year 12

- Welcome to IB!
- Apply for leadership roles.
- Take the SAT/ACT if required.
- Research if you will need to take a language proficiency exam, eg. IELTS
- Meet regularly with your university counsellor.
- Develop a balanced list of universities.
- Write drafts of your university essays.
- Finalise your CV or activities list.

Summer before Year 13

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- Participate in summer courses, research opportunities, or internships. You can even create your own passion project such as starting a small business, composing music, or using coding to develop a video game.
- One summer activity is not better than another. The most important thing is to pursue something that interests you and dedicate time and effort to it.
- Prepare for any admission tests or tasks required by your universities.
- Work on your applications and essays / personal statements.

Year 13

- Meet regularly with your university counsellor.
- Finalise your shortlist of universities.
- Finalise your application essays.
- Apply to universities or plan your gap year.
- Keep up with your grades! They will still matter after you receive an offer!
- Take your IB exams.
- Enrol in your university.
- Join the Worldwide Alumni Network (and come back and visit!).