

NEWSLETTER

Careers and Higher Education

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Dear parents,

Welcome to our very first newsletter! As a result of feedback from parents, I will be putting regular newsletters on the Parents' Zone so that you know what is going on to prepare your child for the future. If you would like to get in touch, or have any feedback (good or not so good!) then please email me.

With my very best wishes,
Liz Reece



What's happening?

Pre IB students have been introduced to the structure of the IB Diploma Programme, and are seeing Liz individually to discuss the implications of their choices for their career and higher education plans. They will soon discuss their IB choices with Cormack if they are applying to stay at St. Clare's.

IB1 students are discussing their career plans individually with both Liz Reece and, when considering U.S. universities, with Paul Sinclair. IB1 students are developing understanding of what makes a good CV and beginning their own through workshops.

IB2 students are now receiving offers (and sadly, some rejections) from UK universities (this goes on until the end of March). They will need to choose on their 'Track' site after all offers have been made (usually by 9 May). Students can choose up to 2 UK universities from their offers – a 'firm' and an 'insurance' choice. These should be realistic (particularly following the mock exams) and the insurance choice should be lower than the firm choice. It's fine to put in just one choice too. More information can be found at www.ucas.com – there is a very good 'question' box in the top right of the page.

IB2 students are applying for universities around the world: Canada, Switzerland, Holland, Italy, Japan, Germany... These are just some of the countries our students are considering for their future education.

Students applying to German universities must check their IB diploma information with uni assist which translates 'equivalence' of qualifications for many German universities. See <http://languages.uni-assist.de/english.html>

Bocconi University has just visited us to inform us about its undergraduate programme in economics and management in English and explain the entry requirements.

A recent visit from John Cabot University in Rome revealed the interesting & varied options available.

IB1 students will learn more about UK university finance on 28th February, and IB2 students will have a detailed talk on the subject from a university finance officer on 7th March.



23 February
New College of Humanities

2 March
Education Business Day
Business leaders worked with pre IB students and another local school at the Education Business Day on 2nd March.

2 March
Savannah College of Art and Design

6 March
SP Jain International University

7 March
Bath University

12 March
EHL Swiss hotel school student

12 March
Bentley University

29 March
Imperial College ex St Clare's student

Find out more

-Real life stories <http://icould.com/watch-career-stories/by-job-type/> has videos of many people's career stories which can be searched by job type.

-The IBDP was highly praised in the British newspaper The Telegraph, showing how well the IB prepares students for medicine and science <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/9030938/Alice-Roberts-hits-out-at-science-geeks.html>

-Business leaders see broadening young people's horizons and teaching them about our globalized world as vital if the UK is to compete in the global economy, according to a report by the British Council and Think Global.

Summer Opportunities

NABA (New Academy of the Fine Arts in Milan)

2 week introductions to Interior & Product Design, Visual Design, Fashion Design, Fashion Management, Drawing and Italian Art, Music and Theatre, and Video games Design – all taught in English.

Date: 25th June - 6th July or 10th July - 20th July

Activities: a mixture of academic study, cultural experiences, a visit to the famous fashion district in Milan, and how to develop a portfolio.

Minimum Age: 17.

Tuition fees: €1,480 for 2 weeks.

More information:

www.naba.it

www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCl_KdXDFhc&noredirect=1

Architecture in San Diego, USA

(Newschool of Architecture & Design in San Diego)

4 week introduction to basic concepts of Architecture through presentations by top instructors along with studio projects and excursions to a variety of local architectural highlights

Date: 16th July to 9th August

Tuition fees: \$1,496 (£950).

Minimum age: 16

More information: www.newschoolarch.edu



Summer schools in the US

<http://www.usummer.com/>