

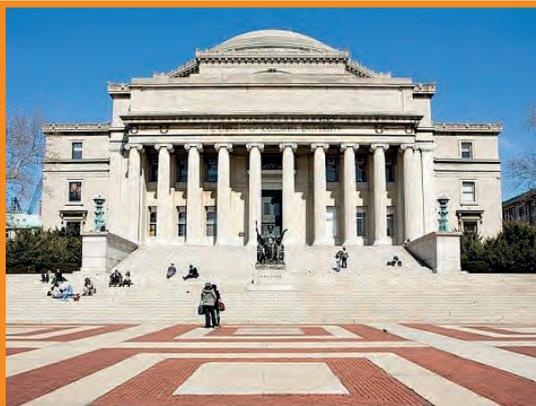


Orientation post-bac | University Advising



Sections Internationales

Sèvres · Boulogne · Chaville



Faire du monde son terrain de jeu.



SIS University Advising

Helping students make informed choices for their future

Researching and applying to universities is an exciting time for our internationally-minded students at SIS. There is a vast range of opportunities for bilingual *baccalauréat* holders in the UK and further abroad.

The SIS advisory team organises a calendar of higher education events and offers individualised guidance to help students map out the best plan for their post-secondary education.

SIS Advisers* guide and support students and their parents throughout the university admission process for universities in the UK, Canada and the USA. We recognise that each student is unique and that a successful post-bac project is the result of both a personal journey of self-awareness and a commitment to the many steps in the process.

The **Forum des anciens** is held every year in December. Over 100 alumni return to the SIS to share their post-secondary experiences. A wide spectrum of programmes are represented: *prépa*, medical, engineering and business studies, as well as degree courses in Great Britain, Canada and the US.

Informational meetings are organised for each year group to keep students on track in their research and preparation, before applications are finalised in the fall of their Terminale year. We invite top-ranking schools and higher education specialists to inspire students in their exploration of the international landscape of post-secondary education. Students are also regularly informed of Taster Courses, University Open Days and College Fairs.

COA Preview*: A careers guidance programme designed to kickstart the process of thinking about their futures. Students in 2nde complete an interest-based questionnaire in English and the *Cambridge Profile*, an aptitude test, administered by COA. The results are translated into a student workbook covering 40 broad career areas, explained during a one-to-one handover interview with a COA-trained counsellor. 'Preview' sets the groundwork for exploring careers and higher education, as well as choosing which *filière* to pursue at the end of 2nde.

COA Centigrade*: Centigrade is a course selection programme for students who are not entirely decided about what they want to study after the *baccalauréat* and need more help in finding the right course. Students in 1ère take an interest-based questionnaire in English which matches a student's interests and academic profile with courses and universities in the UK, Europe and Canada. The results are compiled into a personalised workbook and course areas and compatibility are discussed in a one-to-one handover interview with a COA counsellor.

* A supplement for this service will be added to the annual tuition fees.

United Kingdom

The UK is an international leader in higher education and boasts some of the most prestigious universities in the world. Undergraduate degrees can be completed in 3 or 4 years and UK qualifications are eagerly sought by employers and educational and governmental institutions around the globe. Tuition fees are approximately 9,000£ per year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, whilst tuition in Scotland is funded by the SAAS for eligible EU nationals.

SIS students enjoy the advantage of having already met the English language requirements for entry to UK universities with their IGCSE or OIB results. We pride ourselves on the fact that, year on year, our students are made offers by top-ranked universities such as Bath, Cambridge, Glasgow, Imperial College, King's College, UCL and Warwick.

UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) is the centralised system for applications to courses in the UK. Students apply through the Sections Internationales de Sèvres, which is registered on the UCAS system. Candidates have up to 5 choices on their application.

The UCAS application requires:

- a personal statement,
- predicted individual and overall Bac grades,
- a personalised reference written by your SIS adviser,
- pre-admissions tests, sample work and interviews may also be requested.

There are two deadlines in the Terminale year for applying through UCAS:

- **15th October** for applications to Oxford and Cambridge, and courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary sciences.
- **15th January** for all other courses.

Our UCAS Advisers:

- Offer **essential workshops** to help students through the different stages of the research and application process.
- Offer **individualised counselling** to help students explore options and finalise choices of courses and universities.
- Support and mentor students in drafting their **personal statement**.
- Collect teacher comments and predictions to create a **personalised letter of recommendation**.
- Assist students with the centralised **UCAS** application process.
- Provide help with **negotiating offers and other extenuating circumstances**.



Alumni have attended the following UK schools:

Cardiff University
 Essex University
 Imperial College
 King's College London
 Leeds University
 London School of Economics
 Royal-Holloway London
 St. Andrews (Scotland)
 Trinity College (Ireland)
 UCL - London
 University of Bath
 University of Cambridge
 University of Durham
 University of East Anglia
 University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
 University of Exeter
 University of Glasgow (Scotland)
 University of Kent
 University of Lancaster
 University of Manchester
 University of Oxford
 University of Southampton
 University of Strathclyde
 University of Sussex
 University of Warwick
 University of York

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Canada

Canada is an increasingly popular destination for our students. Internationally renowned universities such as McGill, University of Toronto and UBC offer a high quality educational experience and a wide choice of undergraduate degrees. Whilst fees run upwards of 45,000 CAD in some universities, students with French citizenship enjoy Canadian tuition fee status in Québec universities.

Canada is founded on the principles of multiculturalism and diversity and is widely viewed as a progressive and welcoming country for international students. Our bilingual students will feel right at home in Canada: in Québec, students have the choice of studying in either English or French; and across the English-speaking provinces, French is the official second language. SIS students have the advantage of having already met the English language requirements for entry to Canadian universities with their IGCSE or OIB results.

Application procedures vary from province to province. In Québec, applications are made directly to the individual institutions. In Ontario, there is a centralised application process for all its universities (OUAC). Many universities do not require personal statements or references from teachers, as admission is based almost entirely on a student's academic achievement. Applications must be submitted by the mid-January deadline.

Our in-house Adviser

- guides students in their **choice of degree programmes and universities**,
- takes applicants step-by-step through the **online application process**,
- gives information about **acquiring study permits** and how to send required documentation to admissions.



Alumni have attended the following Canadian schools:

Concordia
McGill
HEC Montreal
John Molson School of Business
University of Toronto
University of British Columbia

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Alumni have attended the following US schools:

Bard College
Brandeis University
Columbia University and Sciences Po
Harvard University
Lehigh University
MIT
New York University
Northeastern University
Parsons School of Design
Penn State
Rice University
Santa Monica Community College
Stern School of Business (NYU)
University of California
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania

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United States

The SIS takes pride in knowing that our students who have pursued higher education in the US are consistently offered places at excellent colleges such as Columbia, NYU and the University of Pennsylvania. One of the specificities of US colleges is that they allow students to get a taste for different fields of study before choosing a specific major.

The financial implications of undergraduate studies in the US must be considered before committing to the lengthy application process, as most universities cost between \$30K to \$60K per year.

The US college application process is challenging and requires significant preparation, which should begin in 2nde. Many colleges require pre-requisite examinations such as the SAT or ACT, and may also request the TOEFL or IELTS qualification. Concurrently, students should begin researching and compiling a list of colleges.

SIS supports students by organising informational meetings with educational consultants and by putting them in contact with a local test preparation centre.

Our in-house US College Coordinator:

- assists students with the **Common Application formalities** and applications to colleges outside of the Common App.
- collects, certifies and **uploads school transcripts** (students are responsible for transcribing their bulletins).
- prepares **a school profile and a report of predicted grades**.
- **writes letters of recommendation**.



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Seconde

Fall Term

Matinée Post-bac:

- How SIS Advisers help and support students in initiating a post-bac project in the UK, Canada and the USA.
- An introduction to the COA Preview careers guidance programme, which includes the 'Cambridge Profile' aptitude test.
- Option: register for PREVIEW programme.

Spring Term

Option: take SAT/ACT diagnostic test

- Decide whether you will take the SAT or ACT and begin studying and/or taking SAT prep classes,
- Attend meeting: "On Track for the USA".

Première

Fall Term

Matinée Post-bac UK:

- How to research and choose the right courses and universities,
- Presentation of the 'Centigrade' course selection programme.

Matinée Post-bac US & Canada:

- Researching undergraduate courses in the US,
- Researching universities in Canada.

Option: Centigrade

Option: take PSAT

Winter/Spring Term

- Visit universities: Taster Course programmes & Open Days,
- Oxbridge candidates selected in February or March.

Our Cambridge group and some OIB pupils may need to take the TOEFL.

- Take the SAT or ACT,
- Take the TOEFL if required,
- Compile preliminary list of colleges.

May

- Register for UCAS Advising,
- Workshop for registered students: Writing the Personal Statement.

Register for Canadian Applications Support.

- Register for US Application Support,
- Meeting with our US College Coordinator,
- Workshop: writing essays for applications,
- Begin essays, write brag sheet, transcribe transcripts from 3ème to 1ère,
- Check for financial aid deadlines.

Terminale

September
October

- Students assigned adviser to help with Personal Statement, choice of courses and universities,
- Register on UCAS APPLY centralised system,
- Collect teachers' comments for reference.

- Individual meeting with College Coordinator,
- Collect teacher recommendations,
- Continue completing Common App or other applications to colleges and apply for scholarships,
- Early Action or Early Decision application deadlines.

October
November

Early October deadline for all Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Sciences Applications.

Workshop for registered students: the application process for Canadian universities.

- Retake the SAT or ACT,
- Take SAT2 / Subject Tests.

December

Internal deadline for all applications.

March - April
May

Offers made by universities.

Replies from universities.

Replies from universities.

July

Possible negotiations on offers following final Bac results.

Submit certified transcripts to university.

Submit final report and/or Bac results for advanced credit.

