

Upper School University and College Counseling Office

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce the College Counseling Office to new parents and reintroduce three of us to our returning parents. No matter what year your child is entering in the Upper School, we here to act as your guides and help you as you plan for your child's future. We hope to interact and spend time with all of you, whether you are a local parent that wants to drop by our office or if you are boarding parent that lives thousands of miles away. Our door is always open and we are no further away than a phone call or a Skype chat if you have any questions or concerns.

We were delighted to have the opportunity to meet and talk to all the Upper School students during these first days of Orientation. This meeting time allowed us to talk to every student from 9-12 grade about the importance of:

- Building a strong academic record
- Standardised testing and its role in the application process
- Creating great relationships with teachers
- Getting involved in the community
- And following your passions

Throughout the year, we'll be meeting with all of Upper School students along the way to talk about their plans and to provide them with tools to make the most of their university search.

In the coming weeks, we have a busy and exciting schedule of university visits, college fairs, open days at universities in the United Kingdom, presentations with admissions experts, and talks with our department.

Please check out our page on the LMS. Through your settings, you can make sure you get an alert every time we post something new. We'll be using our LMS space to list all of our upcoming events, write blogs from our office and our students, and post links to the latest articles and trends in higher education admissions. We'll also be using this Weekly Bulletin and the Daily Bulletin to let students and parents know about events coming up in the near future. Please keep an out for events such as:

- Daily visits from universities from around the world
- Upper School Activity Fair
- College Essay Workshop with Sarah McGinty, the author of *The College Application Essay* published by the College Board.
- Admissions Case Studies with New York University
- Finding the Right Fit with Claremont McKenna College
- College Fairs and Open Day opportunities

We're looking forward to a great year ahead.

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