Teachers and college counsellors: A TEAM

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College ADMISSIONS Counselling

Is BIG Business in the U.S.A.

NACAC has a total of 14000 individual members

Many companies

http://theivycoach.com/
What is a college counsellor?

• It is NOT a therapist
College Admissions Counsellor

Can also be the person in a *college or university* who deals with your students’ applications.
What is a College Counsellor?

A college *admissions* counsellor in an IB school *should* be someone with infinite knowledge about:

- Colleges all over the world and the application process required to get in to a university in Australia, Canada, India, South America, United States; the UCAS system; the English speaking courses in universities in Europe;
- Deadlines for all of the above
- IB requirements for any (every?) university in Europe; the best (or just good) med schools; the best engineering schools; college courses and specialities; entrance requirements (SATs, ACTs, GPA etc); application stats; percentage of applicants to acceptances; locations; dorms; food at the colleges; extracurricular programmes; careers; financial aid possibilities
  - IB students capabilities; their strength and weaknesses; their grades; their parents’ expectations; their family’s financial situation . . .

In other words
Three types of schools

• Big Schools

• Medium Schools

• Small schools
Big schools

• Usually have a CC office of at least two or three people
• One for the US
• One for UCAS
• One for rest of the world
• Know how to make good use of teachers
Medium Schools

Should be

• Building up their CC office
• Consider making it a full time job
• Inviting visits from universities
• Listening to teachers recommendations, advice etc.
Small schools

- No reason they can’t have a coherent CC office
- Still need to invite universities to visit
- The CC needs to make **full use** of the good teachers
You NEED help

Teachers are the people best placed to provide this
Why

• Teachers know the student
• Parents sometimes need a reality check
• Recommendations
• Can give the cc important insights
• Can (inadvertently) lighten your load
How

- Early conversations (10th grade)
- Updates
- Forms
- Parents
Help

• http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/cps-counseling “We connect the world’s brightest low income students to America’s best universities and opportunities.”

• https://www.osc-ib.com/ib-products/professional-development/introduction
Help

- http://www.nacacnet.org/Pages/default.aspx
- http://extension.berkeley.edu/cert/college.html
- http://education-portal.com/college_counseling_course.html
- http://www.admissionsaccomplished.com/
Supporting IB Students

Revision Guides & Smartbacc

Exam Revision

Summer Schools

Free Resources

Expert Articles
Written by Teachers
All areas of the IB

Revision Tools
Exam Planners
Full exam timetable

Facing IB exams with confidence
The IB exam climb
What to do if your IB results are below expectations
Choosing your IB Subjects: Don’t Panic!