## 升学指导老师给同学们的建议

各位同学,疫情当前,很多考试都受到影响,受影响的学生人数非常多,所以不是你一个人的难处,请不要过 度焦虑。升学指导老师这两天也在参加各国大学的网上研讨会,和各国大学以及升学指导讨论一下目前的情况 以及应对措施。作为学生,你们现在应该做的,就是把自己的学习管理好,要管理得比以前更好,让大学看到 你们不屈不挠的精神;还要更好地规划自己的时间,空余时间做更多课外学习,学习新知识和新技能;在自己 力所能及的范围内,为社区和社会做点事情;虽然在家里学习,希望你们能更多地使用英语,确保英语水平有 所提升。做最坏的打算,如果5月SAT也考不了,那么全中国的学生都考不了。中国一年出国留学的学生有三四 十万,大部分都是去美国的。在没有SAT成绩(或者没有很好的SAT的情况下),就是拼软实力的时候了。谁能 把这段时间利用好,做出成绩,谁就有可能在竞争中胜出。所以,如果你现在很焦虑,去做事,既能提升自 我,又能转移注意力,帮助消除焦虑。

## 英国文化教育协会及英国签证与移民局有关中国留学生的最新政

#### 雅思考试最新动态

受疫情影响,英国文化教育协会取消了3月在中国境内的所有雅思考试,并已退还学生的报名费用。虽 然新的考试开放日期还没有公布,但是英国文化教育委员会承诺疫情过后,会增加新的考试日期、场次 和考位。此外,2020年下半年,还将在全国14个大中型城市开设机考网点,并确保每天至少提供一场机 考考试,以确保能够满足广大考生的考试需求。

除此以外,英国文化教育委员会在疫情期间还为所有雅思考试用户提供了免费的在线课程及学习资源, 学生在家也能备战未来的雅思考试。所有的免费资源都可以在雅思考试中国官网找到, 官网链接: https://www.chinaielts.org/。同时我们建议学生关注雅思考试官方微信,以便及时获知考试最新动态。

#### 赴英留学/旅游签证最新动态

英国签证与移民局关闭了在中国的所有签证中心,但是英国驻华大使表示英国不会限制中国公民赴英旅 行,待疫情过去,签证中心重新开放,也欢迎中国公民赴英。目前已经在英国的中国公民,如有需要, 英国政府也会提供帮助。此外,英国的大学也没有发布任何限制中国学生申请的政策,请学生和家长不 要担心。

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### 国际大学升学指导协会(International ACAC)线上会议 应对新冠肺炎对大学申请的影响

各国大学已经注意到了此次新冠肺炎对学生的申请以及入读国外大学的影响是巨大的。针对此次疫情,国际大学生学指导协会邀请世界各地的大学招生官和升学指导老师举行线上会议。以下为几个重点问题的总结:

#### • 国外大学对此次疫情有何应对策略?

绝大多数大学已经意识到此次新冠严重影响了同学们的留学计划,比如,无法参加英语能力测试,无法回到学校正常上课等。因此,很多大学也出台了相应的政策来减少同学们和家长们对于大学申请的担心与忧虑,如延迟大学申请的截止日期,延迟语言成绩递交日期等。不同大学有不同的应对政策,学生也应及时查看邮件或者去大学官网获取最新信息。

#### • 学生无法按时递交大学要求的材料怎么办?

大学明白中国学生无法按时递交语言成绩,成绩单或者其他的申请材料。因此,很多大学都延长了材料递交的时间。如加拿大英属哥伦比亚大学,把材料截止日从3月15日延长到了31日,澳洲悉尼大学本来是2月24日开学现在延长到3月中旬开学,美国的爱荷华大学申请日期则延长到了5月1号。

#### • 大学如何看待网课的质量?学生的网课会让学生的成绩单看起来没有含金量么?

大学认为现阶段中国网课教学也只是暂时性的,并且大学相信学生和老师们会全力以赴把网课的质量维持在 一个较高的标准。所以,近期的网课不会让学生的成绩单看起来含金量不高。

#### • 大学对学生递交语言成绩的要求会更灵活么?

会的。因为现在雅思,托福2,3月份都将停考,很多大学开始接受其他的英语能力测试如Duolingo英语能力测试。Duolingo英语能力测试是学生在家就可以完成的在线英语能力测试,在学生在线测试期间Duolingo会安排老师网上对学生整个测试进行监考。

#### • SAT/ACT 考试近期被取消的情况下,很多学生没有办法按时递交SAT/ACT成绩,该怎么办?

现在更多的美国大学不要求国际学生递交SAT/ACT成绩,所以对于这些大学而言,国际学生没有SAT/ACT成绩也是没有问题的。对于要求SAT/ACT成绩的学生而言,这些大学也注意到了此次疫情对考试的影响。大学想强调的是,美国大学在筛选学生的时候看采用的是"整体评价",而不是单单看学生的某一方面。如果因为新冠肺炎,学生无法按时递交SAT/ACT成绩,大学会对学生进行"整体评价"而不是单一的只看SAT/ACT成绩。

#### 升学指导课

十年级第二学期的升学指导第一堂课的课程目的在于通过不同国家的搜索引擎,网上平台以及网站传授学生如何做大学搜索与调查。确保能和学生在上课期间有更多的互动,上课形式为网上在线式课堂模式。课上,我们为学生展现了如何通过UCAS, U.S.News等网站针对英,美,加,澳,香港,新加坡以及日本大学做搜索与调查。此外,课上也为同学们介绍和解释了和与大学申请以及搜索有关的新英文单词,如freshmen, prospective students的含义等。为了确保学生实时在线听课,升学指导课采用点名回答问题的方式,让学生更多的参与到课堂上来;为了确保学生学有所用,此次课后作业内容是让学生对某一所国外大学进行调查收集资料。在线课程期间,升学指导会尽量为学生设计更加互动,信息更丰富并且更有趣的课程,保证课程的质量以及学生的参与度。

本周四我们如期给十一年级的同学提供线上升学指导课,课程内容是介绍各国大学申请的文书要求及写作指南。想要写好申请文书,学生需要对文书题目有清晰的理解,搜集文书素材、今早动笔开写。我们的计划是在本学期结束前,每一位同学都能把自己的申请文书定稿,以便把下学期的时间留出来做申请相关的其他工作及学术学习。



How British Council and UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) Office Supports Chinese Students

#### • IELTS Testing Policy Updates

For the purpose of combating the Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia, British Council has canceled the tests in March, and registration fee was refunded. Although it is not confirmed when the test centers will re-open, the British Council has promised that more test dates and seats will be made available to students in China once they can accept testers. In addition, in later 2020, the British Council will launch online testing centers in 14 cities across the country and ensure that at least one UKVI IELTS test will be provided to students every day.

Besides opening more test dates and seats, the British Council has also provided free online courses to help students better prepare for the test at home. These courses and resources can be found on the official website: <a href="https://www.chinaielts.org/">https://www.chinaielts.org/</a>. Students are also encouraged to follow their official WeChat for future updates.

#### • Study/Tourist Visa Updates

Although the UK visa centers in China are closed, the UKVI office has clarified that the British government will not restrict Chinese citizens from entering the UK and welcome visitors from China once the visa centers are re-open. Chinese citizens who are currently in the UK will be supported by the government if needed. So far, no universities in the UK has set any restrictions on admitting Chinese students. There is no need to worry about your university applications for next year.

International ACAC webinar - The Impact of The Novel Coronavirus Outbreak on Students

The Novel Coronavirus has already impact students who are going to study overseas for sure. Universities are aware of the inconvenience that Coronavirus has cause, therefore International ACAC hosted a webinar and invited school counsellors and universities to discuss the nowadays' situation. There are several questions have been raised and the answers are very positive!

#### • How university react to this situation?

Most of universities are aware of how big the coronavirus had an impact on students' life, such as, not being able to take English language tests, not being able to go to schools etc. Universities are doing the best they can to ease students and parents' panic by making new polices, such as, extend the application deadlines etc. Different universities have different approaches and make sure students check emails or universities' official websites more in order to get up-today information.

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#### What if students couldn't submit documents on time?

Universities understand that students may not be able to submit English scores, transcripts, and other required documents before universities' original deadlines. Therefore, most of universities had already extend their application or document submission deadlines. For example, UBC has extend material submission deadline from 15<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March, university of Sydney has extended the enrollment date from 24<sup>th</sup> February to mid-March, The University of Iowa has extended the application deadline to 1<sup>st</sup> May.

#### • How universities review the quality of online class? Will online learning de-value a student's transcript/GPA?

Universities think online class is only a short of period for schools, and they believe teachers and students are doing the best to keep the high quality of learning. Online learning will not be underestimated by universities when they are looking at student's academic grades.

#### Will universities be flexible on English proficiency requirement?

Yes. Right now, due to TOEL/IELTS had cancelled February and March's exams, therefore universities are seeking for other English test as a replacement. More and more universities now accept Duolingo English test, and this test is an online test which means students are able to take a test at home under Duolingo's supervision during the online test.

# • SAT/ACT has cancelled March's exams, some students may be not able to submit the score in time. How universities review this situation?

There are more and more U.S. universities are test optional or test flexible universities, which means international students don't need to submit SAT/ACT when they are applying to these universities. However for some universities which do require SAC/ACT, they are aware of the difficulty and they want to emphasize that the U.S application is a "holistic review" which means universities will not only look at one aspect of your application. If students are not able to submit SAT/ACT score due to the Coronavirus situation, they will look at students' application materials as a whole rather than only look at SAT/ACT score.

### **G10/11 Counselling Class**

The very first Grade 10 counselling class of semester two aimed at building up students' university research skills by introducing various search engines, platforms and websites from different countries. Counsellors used Teams to have an online live class with students in order to let students engage more in the class. By demonstrating how to research the U.S., the U.K., Canadian, Australia, HK, Singapore and Japanese universities through UCAS, U.S News and universities' official websites, students gained the idea of how to conduct a good university research. Additionally, along with the class, some terms have been introduced to students, such as, freshmen, prospective students etc. In order to ensure students' participation, counsellors also called students to answer the questions; in order to check how much students learnt, homework also has been assigned through ManageBac. During this particular time, counsellor long to deliver the most interactive, informative and fun class to our students.

As planned, we will introduce different application essay topics to grade 11 students in the first lesson and teach them how to write essays required by their university(ies). To write a good essay, students must understand the topic clearly, brainstorm on essay ideas and start to write as early as possible. Our plan is that by the end of this semester, every student will finish their personal statement, so that they will have more time to commit to other parts of the university applications and academic studies next semester.



