



LEARNING THE ISA WAY
LEARNING TO BE ME IN A GLOBAL COMMUNITY



UNIVERSITY & CAREERS

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

There are so many decisions students and their families make when planning for university. Our aim is to provide students with the resources, skills and competencies they need to take ownership of their future. We offer comprehensive services to students in academic, and college and career planning. Students are supported through the decision making process with personalized guidance, individual meetings, resources and special events.

DIPLOMA READINESS

To help students and their parents make informed choices about the IB Diploma and Diploma subject choices, the Upper School team is in regular communication with families. Early in grade 10 there is a general information evening about entry requirements for the Diploma, the structure of the IB Diploma and the courses offered at ISA. In addition to trimester reports, parents receive mock exam results and the diploma readiness reports. In the early spring, students receive teacher recommendations for subjects and levels. This is followed by individual family interviews in which students discuss their subject preferences and future goals.

PRE-DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Grade 10 students are introduced to the 'ISA College Counselling' google classroom during the pre-DP course. This resource provides a comprehensive set of web-links and information on careers and university guidance. The workshop format allows students to explore online aptitude tests to identify career options that might meet their interests. Information is provided on the centralised university application systems, like UCAS (UK), or Common Application (USA). Students are encouraged to explore additional web links for German university courses using DAAD and other country specific search engines.

ACADEMIC TESTING (PSAT and SAT)

PSAT (Pre Scholastic Aptitude Test) is taken by students in grades 10 and 11. This provides standardized assessment data, but also helps prepare students for the SAT test which is administered through the College Board in the USA and required for any USA application and for some private colleges outside of the USA.

ISA is a registered SAT Test Centre and offers the test in October, December and May each year. All SAT registration and payment is completed online through www.collegeboard.org

WORK PLACEMENTS/INTERNSHIPS

Grade 9 students participate in a week long work placement/internship. The emphasis is on finding real life work experiences that link to their interests and can provide insight into possible future careers and the world of work. Each student completes a curriculum vitae and cover letter as part of the application process. Placement supervisors provide final appraisals and feedback to each student to highlight strengths and areas of improvement.

Grade 10 students participate in a two week long work placement/internship. The curriculum vitae and cover letter is updated and students are encouraged to look for work experiences that build on their experiences from Grade 9.

VOCATIUM

Each year a speaker from Vocatium presents to our Grade 10 and 11 students at ISA, about career choices and further education. Vocatium organise education fairs and exhibitions around Germany to introduce students to a wide range of industries and educational institutions. They offer an interview service, which ISA students can choose to participate in, where students are connected with specific areas of work or further education based on their interests and they have the opportunity to take part in formal interviews with professionals in these areas. The link offers further information: <https://www.messeninfo.de/vocatium-M12271/Augsburg.html>



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ISA CAREERS DAY

The ISA Careers Day is a major event which takes place every two years, for all students in Grade 10 - 12. A number of forums take place which include:

Alumni Question and Answer session: This has become a major part of the day with many ISA Alumni returning to speak with current students and answer a wide range of questions on gap years, university application process, types of study options and personal challenges they have faced.

Parent Question and Answer session: An opportunity to ask questions on college application process and next steps after ISA. Input from ISA parents with Alumni who have experienced the college application process offers first hand information.

Professional Fair: Based on student input ISA parents invite professionals from a wide range of industries and careers to offer first hand information to students in the form of a trade fair in the main gym. The participants are ISA parents and other contacts with the school and cover careers in engineering, medicine, film/media, architecture, hospitality and many other career paths.

COLLEGE FAIRS

College Fairs are held in Munich every year in Trimester 1. ISA students may choose to attend one or both of the Fairs.

The Munich International School (MIS) Fair takes place in September and Grade 11 students are encouraged to attend. This has approximately 70 universities mainly from Germany, UK, USA, Canada, and the rest of Europe. They also provide a forum for guest speakers on the university application process and careers advice.

The British Council hosts the UK Higher Education Fair in Munich around November. This Fair is primarily focused on UK institutions only.

ISA COLLEGE COUNSELLING GOOGLE CLASSROOM

This google classroom is a storage of web links and information to provide a comprehensive database for careers and college choices post secondary school. This database is constantly updated. Below are some of the main links provided. If parents have a google account they can access the google classroom using the class code.

All students from grades 8 -12 will have access and will be able to help you sign in.

INTERVIEWS

During Grade 11 students complete a college counselling questionnaire in trimester 3. This information is used to support individual college counselling interviews. The aim is to identify key actions students need to complete leading up to and during Grade 12. These sessions help finalise university choices and begin the application process where necessary. This process is very much based on students specific requirements with deadlines depending on the type of course and country location of the application. Students have the opportunity to consult with the college counsellor and make further appointments to receive individual support when needed.



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UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS: EXTERNAL LINKS

Germany

<https://studienwahl.de/>

The site has essential information on admissions and the application process in Germany. It also provides information on types of German universities and degrees available.

<http://www.uni-assist.de/applying.html>

Can support applications to German universities, but not always required by some German institutions. It does offer comprehensive information on the German application process

<https://www.hochschulkompass.de/hochschulen.html>

Higher Education Compass can be access in English and offers a search facility for courses available in Germany. It also has good background information on the types and application requirements for study in Germany.

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/de/>

DAAD is a search facility for all courses available in German. You can select by subject, location or language of instruction:

UK

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

UCAS is a centralized university application service for the United Kingdom. Lots of useful information videos on application process and a search function to explore all courses on offer in the UK.

<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/>

Provides key statistics on universities and courses offered such as ranking, research quality, student satisfaction and costs.

<http://www.universityfinder.org.uk/>

Provides a search function based on key factors to find universities and courses.

NETHERLANDS

<https://student.sl-cloud.nl/>

Provides information on courses in Netherlands and is a central online application system for Dutch universities.

<https://www.studyinholland.nl/>

A search platform for all courses in the Netherlands and lists courses only taught in English.

EUROPE

<http://www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/region/europe/guide>

Provides a search function for universities and courses in Europe. Has a number of additional links for rankings and support information on funding.

<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/international/europe/>

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GAP YEAR OPTIONS

<https://www.gapyear.com/>

A general information site providing information on gap year opportunities.

<https://yearoutgroup.org/>

More travel site which has a good selection of gap year choices like training as a ski instructor, Peru summer programmes etc.

<https://gapforce.org/de>

Focus on volunteer opportunities around the world as a part of a gap year experience.