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Year 13: École Polytechnique École Polytechnique (Paris) has arranged webinars on its bachelor of science degree taught wholly in English. Taking place on 19-Feb-20 (at 13:00) and 20-Feb-20 (at 12:30), registration is at <https://programmes.polytechnique.edu/en/about/upcoming-events>. Application is by 26-Feb-20, more details are at <https://programmes.polytechnique.edu/en/bachelor/bachelor-of-science>.

Year 13: Medicine Each year several Nations students apply to UK medical schools. What causes some of these applications to stall is UCAT or BMAT. In addition, UK medical schools are trying to recruit students who will stay in the country. An international background may suggest to the admissions staff otherwise. The strong recommendation is therefore to consider as well medical schools elsewhere in Europe. For those fluent in French – a score of 6 or 7 in Standard Level is sufficient – University of Geneva (initial application deadline through <https://www.swissuniversities.ch/fr/service/inscription-aux-etudes-de-medecine> 15-Feb-20, university application deadline 30-Apr-20, annual tuition fees CHF1,000) and University of Namur (application deadline 20-Jun-20, entrance exam, annual tuition fees €835) have proved popular with past Nations students. While the courses may be taught in French, most medical textbooks are published in English. There are many European medical schools which teach wholly in English, although the language of the host country must be learnt in order to communicate with patients during clinical practice. Some examples of these include: Humanitas University in Milan (application deadline 07-Feb-20, entrance exam, annual tuition fees up to €20,000), University of Pavia (application deadline 25-Jul-20, entrance exam, annual tuition fees up to €5,000), Szeged University (application deadline 31-May-20, entrance exam, annual tuition fees €15,000), Semmelweis University (application deadline 31-May-20, entrance exam, annual tuition fees US\$18,000), Carol Davila University (application deadline 30-Jul-20, entrance exam, annual tuition fees €5,000), University of Malta (application deadline 15-Mar-20, no tuition fees for EU/EEA students) and University of Navarra (application deadline 20-Apr-20 with points in past reports of 37 or above, annual tuition fees €16,000). A visit to the respective websites of these universities will provide details about the application process. For further information about UCAT see <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/practice-tests/> and for further information about BMAT see <https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/>.

Year 13: IB Revision OISC is running an IB revision programme in Oxford over the spring break from 04 to 17-Apr-20. This comprises twenty lessons per week in small groups in one or two subjects, study skills seminars and supervised study. Tuition costs £535 per week, accommodation with a host family £250 per week. For more details go to <http://www.oxinstudycentre.com/>.

Years 12 and 13: CAD Open Days The College of Art and Design (CAD) in Brussels offers three degrees: Interior Architecture, Communication Design and 3D Image Design. There are Open Days throughout the week of 17 to 21-Feb-20. For more information go to www.cad.be.

Years 12 and 13: UK University Live Chat Anyone interested in studying at Oxford Brookes University may find it helpful to ask questions of a current undergraduate. To register for a live chat, go to <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/studying-at-brookes/contact-and-meet-us/chat-to-a-student-ambassador/>.

Years 12 and 13: Notes from the visit by Ramon Llull University (E) on 23-Jan-20 Ramon Llull University was founded in 1991. The Blanquerna School of Communication and International Relations comprises some two thousand students. Seventy-five students are admitted each year to International Relations. Both this degree and the degree in Global Communication Management are taught wholly in English. Their goal is to train competent professionals who are able to think effectively. Integrated into the first two years of the course is a core of social sciences. Languages, too, are required. On offer are Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and French. In the third year an exchange programme is effected with universities in Belgium, France, Italy and elsewhere. There is an internship in the fourth year with either an international company or an institution in Catalonia. The classes typically run from 08:00 to 14:00, although in the final year, in order to accommodate a local internship, the classes run from 14:00. All seventy-five students attend master classes (lectures), but the learning units (case studies) are arranged with half that number. Here outside experts are invited to share their practical experience, for example,

a member of the European Parliament or the former adviser to Gorbachev. The seminars (interactive working) may be organised by the lecturer, but the students are the ones who participate. Seminars have a maximum of twelve students. In summary, Blanquerna is rooted in multilingualism, initial interdisciplinary working, later academic specialisation, mobility (through exchanges and internships) and teaching excellence. The fees are €10,000 a year. Help is provided to find accommodation, but there are no halls of residence. Admission is based on a pass in the International Baccalaureate diploma, a personal interview via Skype and a general knowledge test around international current events. For more details go to <https://www.blanquerna.edu/en/degree-international-relations>.

Year 12: College Tours Founded in 2009, TS College Tours offers college tours for international students led by highly experienced guidance counsellors. Among the tours are Northeast (including Harvard, Northeastern and Brown) from 05 to 11-Jul-20, Midwest (including Chicago, Northwestern and Michigan) from 12 to 17-Jul-20 and Canada (including McGill, Ottawa and Toronto) from 12 to 17-Jul-20. To complement the campus visits, there are evening sessions on essay writing, interview practice and application strategies. For more details go to <https://www.tscollegetours.com/>.

Year 12: US Summer School Wheaton College (MA) is offering the Global Leaders Programme from 06 to 18-Jul-20 and the Business and Technology Immersion Experience from 06 to 31-Jul-20. The deadline for applications is 01-Apr-20. For more details go to <https://wheatoncollege.edu/admission/pre-college-programs>.

Years 11 and 12: Canadian Summer School From 05 to 18-Jul-20 and from 19-Jul to 01-Aug-20, students in Years 11 and 12/Grades 10 and 11 from across the world will have the opportunity to participate in classes, workshops, and social activities that introduce them to university life, McGill, and Montréal, all while being hosted in a McGill Residence. The deadline for applications is 06-Feb-20. For more details and to register go to <https://www.mcgill.ca/summeracademy/>.

Years 11 and 12: Supercurricular activities Dr A. Studer and Dr L. Nusbaumer ‘Sauvetage d’une forêt tropicale au Brésil: l’importance des programmes de recherche’ at 18:30 on 06-Feb-20 in Uni Dufour / Prof T. Bourgeron ‘Que nous apprend la recherche génétique sur l’autisme’ at 18:30 on 27-Feb-20 in Uni Dufour (auditoire U600), 24 rue du Général-Dufour, 1211 Genève 4. For more details go to www.unige.ch/public and www.unige.ch/medecine/Bourgeron.

Years 11 and 12: Bocconi University Open Day Situated in the centre of Milan, Bocconi University offers degrees in Economics, Management, Business and Computer Science taught in English. An Open Day is being held on 21-Feb-20. This includes presentations on the BSc programme, discussions with faculty and current students, information sessions about the admissions process and tours of the campus. To register go to <https://www.unibocconi.eu/>.

Years 11 and 12: US Summer School The University of Miami is running a summer school. There are two versions: Academies (non-credit) from 04 to 17-Jul-20 and Scholars (for credit) from 04 to 24-Jul-20. The subjects on offer include Architecture, Business, Healthcare, Marketing and Tropical Marine Biology. The regular deadline for applications is 30-Apr-20. For more information and to submit an application go to <https://ssp.dcie.miami.edu/program-information/academic-landing/index.html>.

Years 11, 12 and 13: Guidance Information In addition to the Guidance Bulletin, there is further information about guidance/college counselling on the school website, which can be accessed at <https://my.ecolint.ch/en/guidance-university-career/115>. This information includes: the current School Profile, past copies of the Guidance Bulletin, Guidance Counselling at Nations (with a timeline running from Year 10 to Year 13), Interviews and Open Days (thoughts about attending and ways of booking), Preparing for Entry to US Universities, Choosing Universities in the USA and Choosing Universities Worldwide. Past copies of the Guidance Bulletin, along with a video of a talk about preparing for SAT and ACT, can also be accessed at <https://www.nationsvoice.co/university>.

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