

Guidance Bulletin 63, 1st April 2019

Year 13: Replying to US offers A deposit to secure an offer from a US university or college is typically due by 01-May-19. Placing a deposit at two US universities or colleges is not allowed. Unless a student commits an act of gross moral turpitude (ten applicants to Harvard in 2017 had their offers ended after they posted offensive comments on Facebook), an offer is generally unconditional. Some flexibility can usually be applied to students without SAT who have applied instead using their IB predicted scores.

Year 13: Brown University ‘Brown received 38,674 applications for the Class of 2023, which constitutes a 9 percent increase over last year. This is the largest application pool in the University's history. Brown will make 1,784 Regular Decision offers of admission to the incoming Class of 2023, in addition to the 769 Early Decision admission offers made in December. The overall admit rate for this year's pool is 6.6 percent. The Regular Decision admit rate is 4.8 percent.’ [Office of College Admission]

Years 12 and 13: Norwegian Universities Several universities in Norway teach degree courses through the medium of English. A useful source of general information is <https://www.studyinnorway.no>. University of Agder <https://www.uia.no> Development Studies ■ University of Tromsø <https://en.uit.no> Arctic Adventure Tourism ■ Nord University (Bodø and Steinkjer) <https://www.nord.no> Biology, Circumpolar Studies, English, Film and TV Production, Games Technology ■ Norwegian Business School (Oslo) <https://www.bi.edu> Business Administration ■ Norwegian University of Life Sciences (Ås and Ullevålsveien) <https://www.nmbu.no> International Environment and Development Studies ■ Østfold University College (Fredrikstad) <https://www.hiof.no> Acting, Scenography.

Years 12 and 13: Work Experience and Gap Years Rustic Pathways runs a wide range of activities, from Community Health in Thailand and Zoo Caretaking in Australia to Education in Cambodia and Service Adventure in Vietnam. For details of the programmes go to <https://rusticpathways.com>.

Years 12 and 13: Notes from a visit to New College of the Humanities (GB) on 08-Mar-19 New College of the Humanities (NCH) is based in an historic building close to the British Museum and the Senate House Library. It offers an unusually intimate and intense academic experience. The focus is on individual tutorials, reading extensively, writing regular essays and discussing the resulting ideas with lecturers. The subjects offered include Art History, Creative Writing, Economics, English, History, Law, Philosophy and Politics. All these can be combined: for example, PPH (Philosophy, Politics and History) or PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics). Set alongside the chosen subject(s) is the NCH diploma. This consists of critical reasoning, science literacy, applied ethics and LauNCH (a professional development programme comprising marketing, working in teams, financial literacy and working in digital). Of particular note are the Visiting Professors, among whom are Howard Jacobson, Christopher Ricks, Partha Dasgupta, Peter Singer and Adrian Zuckerman. Staying for up to week, they each contribute talks on their area of expertise to the whole student body. With under two hundred undergraduates, no one is left out, the supportive nature of the institution being immediately apparent. NCH has a partnership with Northeastern University in Boston (MA) for study abroad. For a personal visit undergraduate taster lectures are given on 24-Apr-19 in English and on 25-Apr-19 in Law; and the Open Days take place on 06-Jul-19 and 17-Aug-19. Applications to NCH can be made either through UCAS by 15-Jan or directly at any time. For more information go to www.nchlondon.ac.uk.

Years 12 and 13: Australian Webinar University of the Sunshine Coast (near Brisbane) has recorded a webinar featuring a question-and-answer session with a former student from an international school in Switzerland: <https://mediasite.usc.edu.au/Mediasite/Play/d778bbb0e47e476f89d0cddcf91fcdd81d>. The webinar also includes an overview of Australian higher education, thoughts about adjusting to life down under and details about University of the Sunshine Coast. See also Guidance Bulletin 36.

Year 12: SAT 05-Apr-19 is the deadline to register for the 04-May-19 sitting. The next SAT sitting after that will be 05-Oct-19. Go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/international> for registering. To take the test at La Grande Boissière, the School Code is 796086, the Centre Code 59817.

Year 12: UKCAT The UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) is needed as part of the entry requirements to read Medicine at the following UK universities: Aberdeen, Anglia Ruskin, Aston, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Dundee, East Anglia, Edge Hill, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Hull York, Keele, Kent and Medway, King's College London, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Plymouth, Queen Mary, Queen's Belfast, Sheffield, Southampton, St Andrews, St George's, Sunderland and Warwick. UKCAT is sat at a test centre (regulated by Pearson) in Lausanne at a time and date of choosing. Registration opens on 01-May-19, testing begins on 01-Jun-19 and online booking closes on 18-Sept-19. For more details about UKCAT go to <https://www.ucat.ac.uk>. To prepare for UKCAT the Medic Portal is offering a course on 26-Jun-19 at La Châtaigneraie. To express an interest in attending this course, please write as soon as possible to david.wynne-jones@ecolint.ch.

Year 12: EPFL Summer Camps 'From atoms to computers' featuring practical exercises, research projects and laboratory visits (01 to 05-Jul-19) <https://actu.epfl.ch/news/camp-d-ete-des-atomes-aux-ordinateurs/>; 'Mobile robotics' looking at how machines learn, make sense of their surroundings and process information (08 to 11-Jul-19) <https://actu.epfl.ch/news/summer-school-mobile-robotics/>; and 'Materials' outlining ways of storing energy, modelling materials and protecting the environment (01 to 05 Jul-19) <https://actu.epfl.ch/news/camp-d-ete-des-atomes-aux-ordinateurs/>.

Years 11 and 12: Archaeology Dig in Romania at the Roman site of Alba Iulia. The minimum age is 16. The minimum stay is one week. Accommodation and meals are provided. For further details go to <https://www.projects-abroad.org/projects/volunteer-archaeology-romania/>. Sherwood Forest Training Fieldschool at <https://www.archaeology.co.uk/digs/fieldwork/the-sherwood-forest-archaeological-training-fieldschool.htm> offers archaeological training at a mediaeval castle to anyone aged 16 or above.

Years 11, 12 and 13: UK Universities Parents and students are invited to complete a short online survey on what appeals (or, conversely, does not appeal) about higher education in the UK. The survey is at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6jp9JEGdw1f4aKyR9YksSWv4JsNhpaUXI9WxGhJMIAOvL8Q/viewform>. The results of the survey, which takes just a few minutes to complete and is anonymous, will be used at a forthcoming UCAS conference to ascertain university trends.

Years 10, 11 and 12: Summer Programmes (USA and EU) Summerfuel offers a range of courses and experiences for curious students. From Innovation at MIT and Art at Christie's Education New York to Business at ESADE Barcelona and French Language at Nice, the programmes are designed to broaden academic and personal horizons. For more details go to <https://www.summerfuel.com>.

Years 10, 11 and 12: Film New York Film Academy (NYFA) is holding an information session in Geneva at 17:00 on 07-Apr-19. This is free to attend and will last about two hours. To register your interest go to <https://www.nyfa.edu/eblast/nyfa-tour-2019-france-and-switzerland.html>. The online brochure with details of all the NYFA programmes can be found at <https://www.nyfa.edu/online-bro/>. These include summer courses, gap year courses and (at the Los Angeles campus) bachelor degrees.

Years 9, 10, 11 and 12: US Summer Camp For over forty years Julian Krinsky Camps have been offering programmes ranging from cooking and science to business and medicine. The campuses used include Haverford College, Villanova University, University of Pennsylvania and Yale University. Summer should be about doing something you love, meeting people from all over the world, preparing for college and experiencing something new. Over 39 per cent of the participants on Julian Krinsky Camps are international. For further details go to www.jkcp.com.

Years 9, 10, 11 and 12: Oxford Royale Academy (UK and USA) These summer courses are based at University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, Imperial College London, St Andrews University and Yale University. The subjects on offer include Computer Science, Enterprise, Engineering, Architecture, English Literature, Archaeology, Law, Web Coding, Journalism, SAT Preparation and Creative Writing. For more details go to <https://www.oxford-royale.co.uk>.

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