



Haileybury Almaty

Parent Partnership Programme Building a Careers and University Profile

11/11/25

Mr Henry Wilkinson, Head of Sixth Form

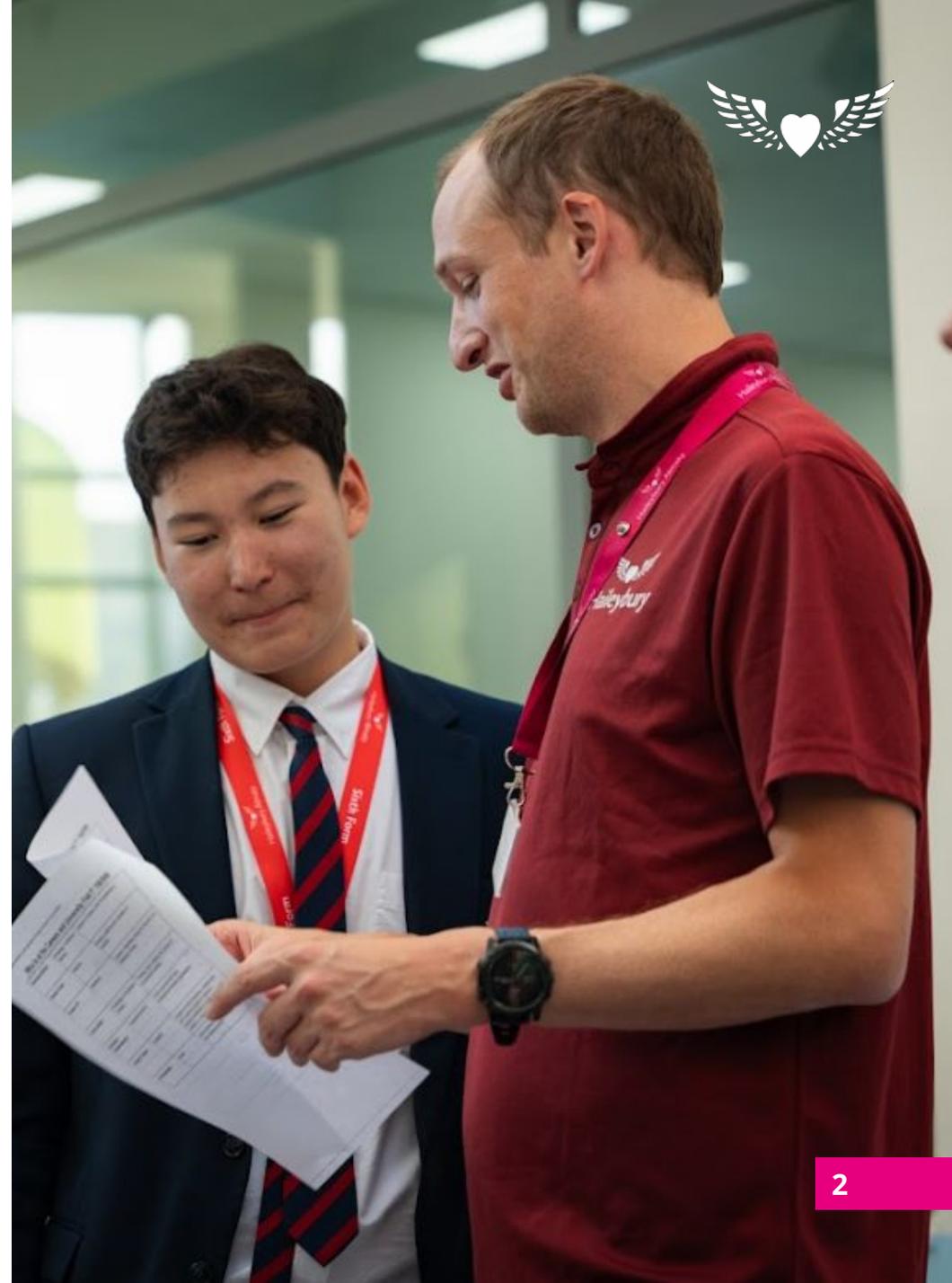
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**All the support you
need right here**

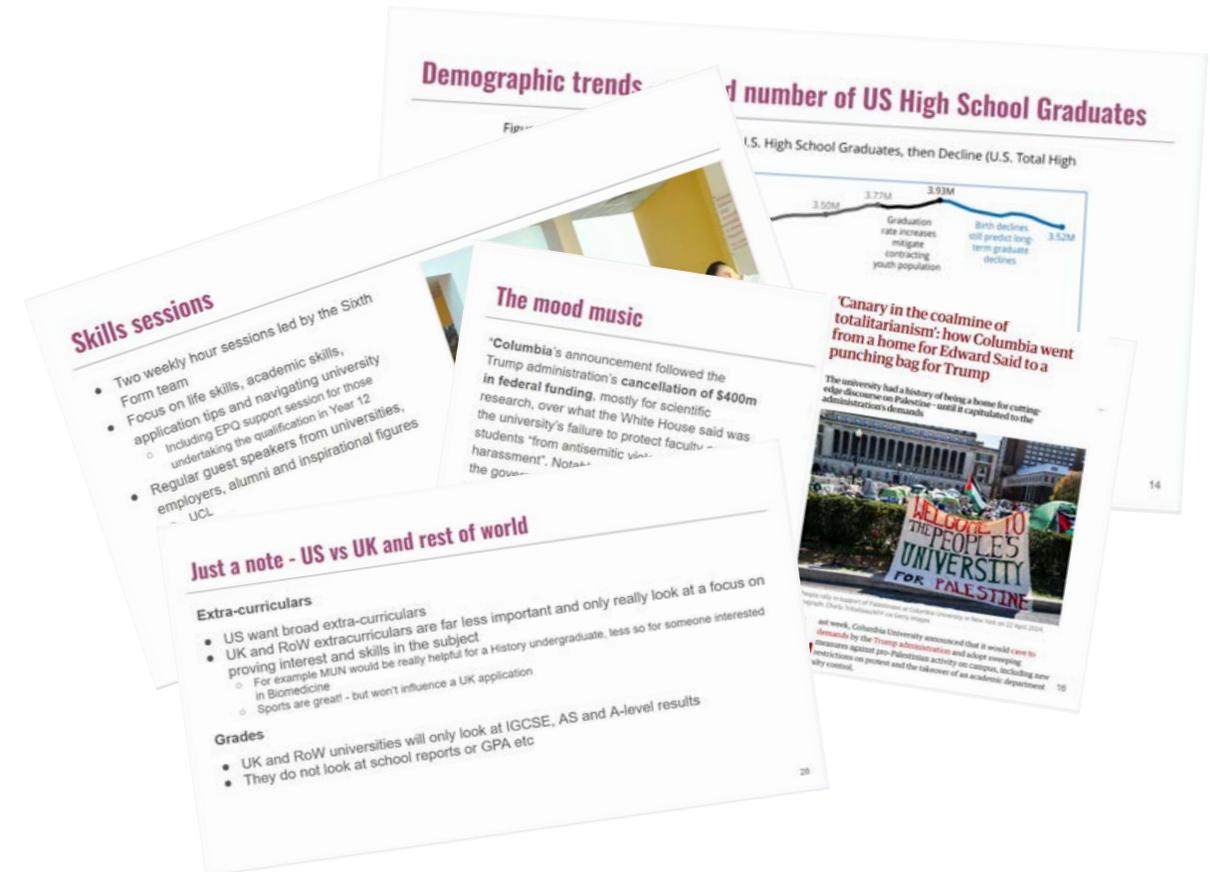
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Our last PPP in April 2025

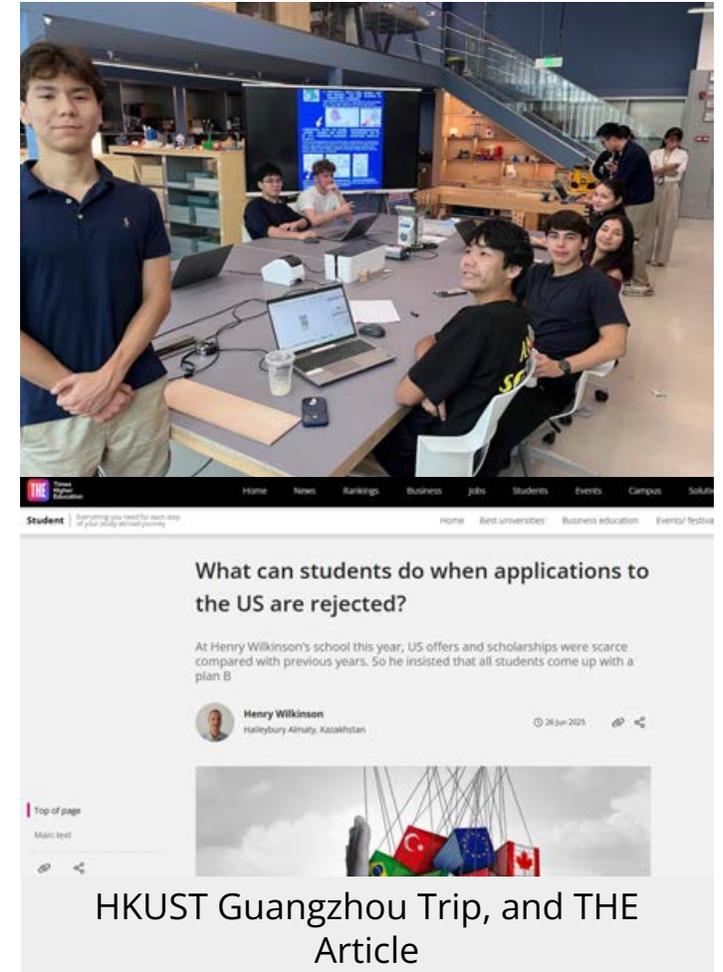


- The level of support that your child receives
 - No need for external providers!
- Changes in the University landscape
 - The more challenging US environment
 - Financial constraints to UK universities
 - Rise of Asian Universities





- We continue to react to university trends as written about in the Times Higher Education website
 - See print out of article
- Increased relationship with Asian universities
 - October 2025 trip to HKUST (Guangzhou)
 - Several university visits and fairs
- New nominations available for scholarships
 - Taiwan scholarship
 - Nomination for Principal's Scholarship at HKUST and CUHK
 - Belk Scholarship (Davidson College)
 - Handler Scholarship (Rochester University)
 - Claremont McKenna College Scholarship



HKUST Guangzhou Trip, and THE Article

Experienced support



Mr Wilkinson

- 8 years at Haileybury
- 6 years in pastoral support including safeguarding
- MA in Educational Leadership (Manchester)
- Head of 6th Form, focusing on UK admissions
- Responsible for programme of support for students through A-Level, applications and beyond.



Ana Munoz Lopera

- 6 years at Haileybury
- 25 years in Education in Europe, Japan, Canada, Middle East.
- Erasmus Plus programs across Europe connecting universities.
- MA in Education (UCL), College Counselor, focus of choosing international Universities and scholarships.
- Ensuring that all applications are completed correctly.



Mr Stockermans

- 6 years at Haileybury
- Worked University of Toronto, International Admissions
- 15 years as high school admissions in Europe, Japan, and Canada
- MA in Education (UCL), and Political Science (Spain)
- Head of Futures and College Counselor, focus of building a great overall profiles
- Follow up – working with alumni for years after graduation.

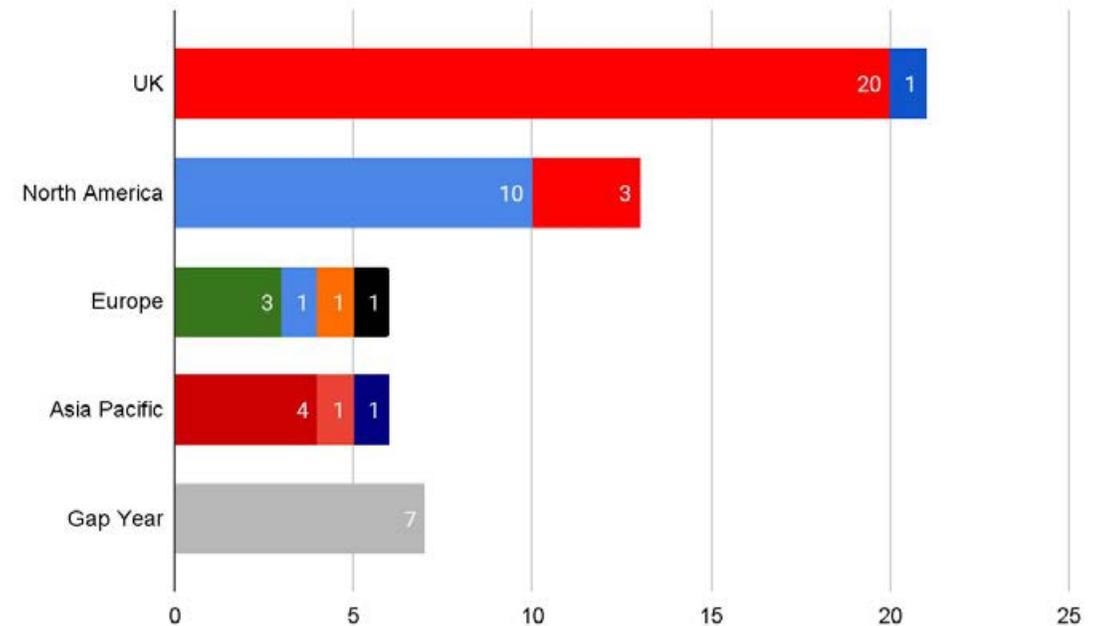
We support applications right across the world



Proportional Bubbles: Destinations of class of 2025



Bar chart: Destinations of class of 2025



- Students often apply across multiple countries
- US numbers were lower due to political situation and large numbers of US graduates
- We expect Asia to be increasingly important

Offers for the class of 2025



Your child's future; a world of possibilities



Timelines for students and parents

Ms Munoz



Year 7. Setting a Foundation



Who am I?

- Explore interests through clubs, competitions, and extracurricular activities
- Personality tests
- Explore different careers and dream jobs
- Start reflecting on personal strengths and goals



Drama Performance at Haileybury in 2025



Skills quiz

How capable do you think you are regarding the situations below?

It doesn't matter if you enjoy them or not, just think about how easy you find them.
Take your time going through the quiz, as once you've done a question you can't go back to change your answer.



I look at a range of sources to form a complete picture of a topic I am researching



Personality Quiz on Unifrog, available to all students

What is a CV?

- Academic excellence across subjects, especially in core areas
- Take roles in clubs or community activities where possible.
 - Keeping a record of what I do
- Sports/ Academic competitions
 - Explore potential career interests



What are my skills and interests?

- Choose IGCSE subjects that match interests and aspirations
- Deepen involvement in extracurricular activities, aiming for meaningful achievements
- Develop soft skills, including public speaking and writing



Winners of COASH debating 2025



Boston Trip, 2024



How could I spend the summer?

- Seek opportunities for summer programs or academic enrichment
 - Explore universities – Trip to Boston
- Concentrate on getting good IGCSE results!
- Build a portfolio of extracurricular accomplishments and leadership experiences.
 - Interests/Personality Profile
- Begin preparing for pre IELTS

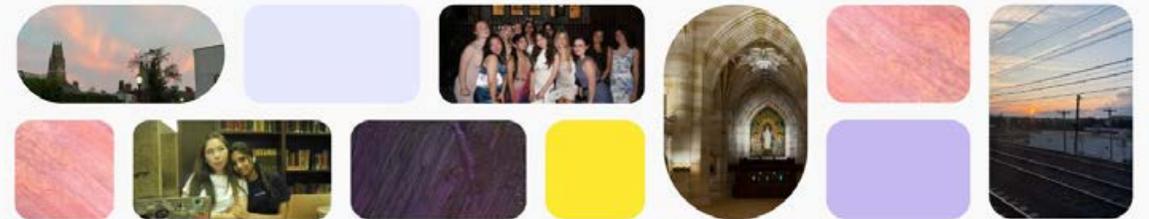


What is my impact?

- IGCSE/GCSE exams
- Start formal preparation for SAT
- Identify potential career paths
- Make an impact in your community (EC, Volunteer)
- Research/ Academic summer programs
- Job shadowing

Why should I do summer courses?

A little presentation about my time in Yale
(and why it's been helpful for applications season)



Marua Y13

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Recent presentation on Yale Young Scholars by Marua



Careers and University Day, October 2025

What is my passion?

- Academic excellence
 - AS levels
 - EPQ/SAT/IELTS
- Explore universities and start preparing a list
- Begin drafting personal statements or college essays relevant to chosen universities.
- Research scholarship opportunities and university application requirements globally



Apply, apply, apply!

- October 15th. November 1st. January 1st. Mid January (UCAS)
- Prepare for interviews and additional assessments or auditions if required
- Keep up academic performance to ensure excellent final results
- Get ready
 - Skills for real life
 - Visa applications
 - Living arrangements



Cooking Classes Delivered as part of Skills in 2025

My journey from Haileybury to my undergraduate

Alekseniia Martysheva



Application Components



USA (CommonApp)	UK (UCAS)	Europe, Asia (own web)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Personal Essay (<i>who you are as a person?</i>)● SAT● Extra- and co-curricular activities● Honors and Awards● 2-3 Letters of Recommendation● Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Personal Statement (<i>who are you as a young professional?</i>)● Course-specific entrance exams● Co-curricular activities, honors within the Personal Statement● 1 Letter of Recommendation● Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Letter of Motivation (<i>who are you as a professional and why our programme interests you?</i>)● Course-specific entrance exams● CV/ Resume which may include extra- and co-curricular activities● 0-2 Letters of Recommendation● Interviews

What Admissions is looking for?



<u>USA</u> (CommonApp)	<u>UK</u> (UCAS)	<u>Europe, Asia</u> (own web)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Good Academics● Diversity of interests, well-roundedness, creativity, social impact● Ability to express one's identity through the Personal Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Good Academics● Professionalism, high interest in chosen major● Academic consistency post-admission (predicted grades matter and must match final ones)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Good Academics● High interest in chosen major (sometimes slight diversity of interests)

In the class of 2023: Where did I go?



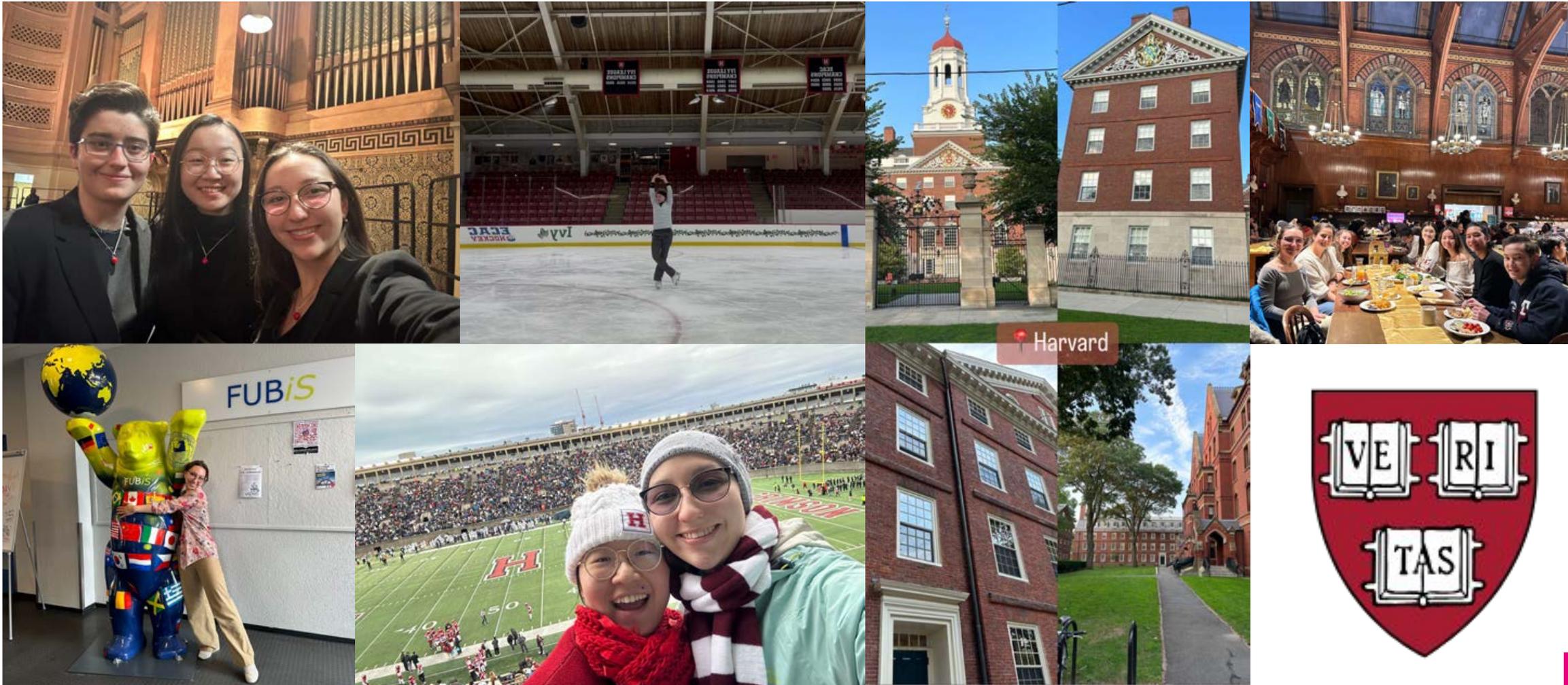
- An array of offers:



SciencesPo

- Opted for Harvard University
 - Major: Economics, Germanic Languages and Literatures
- Study abroad semester at Freie Universität Berlin
- Internships/ work experience
 - Teaching Assistant at Harvard University Department of Statistics
 - Analyst at Harvard Consulting on Business & the Environment
 - Intern at Ernst & Young Parthenon

My experiences



How did I get there?



- Strong Academic background
 - 4A*s Econ, Maths, Further Maths, History; 12A*s in IGCSE
- Co-curricular activities
 - Debate, MUN, internship at a legal department, legal manager of an app, PLT, publications
- Extra-curricular activities
 - CEO of an online school, volunteering, figure skating, piano
- Lots of documents!
 - Personal Statement to US universities
 - Motivational Letters to UK and Europe
 - Resume/CV
 - Recommendation Letters from Haileybury teachers

Haileybury made it happen!

(just trust the team and encourage your children to reach out)

What support did my family give me?



- **Y7-9:** gave me as much opportunities to explore interests, travel as possible; oversaw good academic standing; pushed me to engage with peers and teachers
- **Y10-11:** navigated me through the process of narrowing down my interests; supported me during academic difficulties and exam periods; encouraged me to reach out to older peers, alumni
- **Y12-13:** (*honestly, by this point I learned discipline, time management and communication, so their job academically was done*) helped me finalise my field; fully disclosed their abilities of future support; made sure I stayed healthy (mentally and physically)

Defining 'Leading' universities

Mr Stockermans



Which Universities Are Really the Best?

Rankings – what do they actually mean?



- They compare institutions based on certain criteria like academic reputation, graduate employability, and research output
- Yes, university rankings can be useful as a starting point for research
 - But they should not be the sole factor in a decision
 - They may not fully represent a university's quality or suitability for an individual's needs



[Academic Ranking of World Universities \(ARWU\)/
Shanghai Rankings](#)



[Times Higher Education \(THE\) World University
Rankings](#)



[QS World University Rankings \(Top Universities\)](#)

Ranking Systems and What they Measure



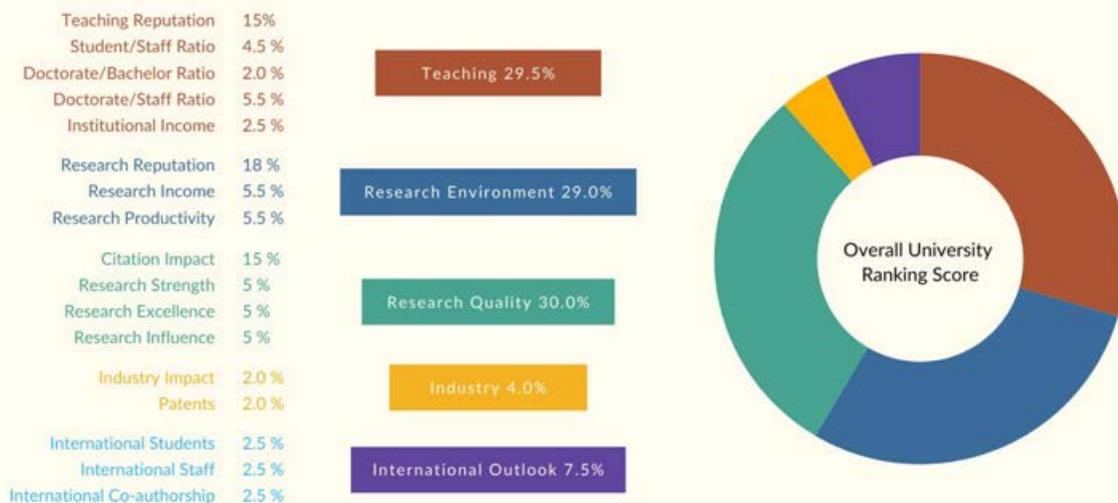
Criteria:	QS World University Rankings	THE World University Rankings	Shanghai (ARWU) Rankings
Academic Reputation	40% <i>Via a survey</i>	46.5% <i>Part of teaching and research environment</i>	
Employer Reputation	10% <i>Via a survey</i>		
Citation/ Research Impact	20% <i>Citations per faculty</i>	30% <i>Across research environment, quality and citations</i>	60% <i>Highly cited researchers and articles in Nature & Sciences</i>
Faculty Student Ratio	20%	12%	
International Faculty/ students	5% + 5%	7.5%	
Alumni/ Staff Awards			30% Nobel Prizes and Field Medals
Other indicators	Employment outcomes, International research network and sustainability	4% Industry patents and impact	10% Per Capita Performance

Categories are not directly transferable, or relevant



2025 Methodology of THE World University Rankings

Overall performance metrics and score distribution



2025 THE methodology: note some can be in different sections

ARWU methodology 2022

ShanghaiRanking's Academic Ranking of World Universities 2022

Indicators and Weights



Alumni

Alumni of an institution winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals



Award

Staff of an institution winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals



HiCi

Highly Cited Researchers



N&S

Papers published in Nature and Science*



PUB

Papers indexed in Science Citation Index-Expanded and Social Science Citation Index.



PCP

Per capita academic performance of an institution

*For institutions specialized in humanities and social sciences such as London School of Economics, N&S is not considered, and the weight of N&S is relocated to other indicators.

Limitations of University Rankings



- Varying methodologies
 - Different ranking systems use different criteria and weightings
 - University's position can change depending on which ranking you consult
- May not reflect individual needs
 - Rankings may not account for factors like campus culture, teaching style, or specific program strengths that are crucial for a good experience
 - Often overly focused on Post Graduate studies
- Can be manipulated
 - Rankings can encourage universities to focus on improving their scores through means that may not benefit students
 - Such as focusing on research activities that are highly cited.



Not all campuses are the same!



How to Use Rankings

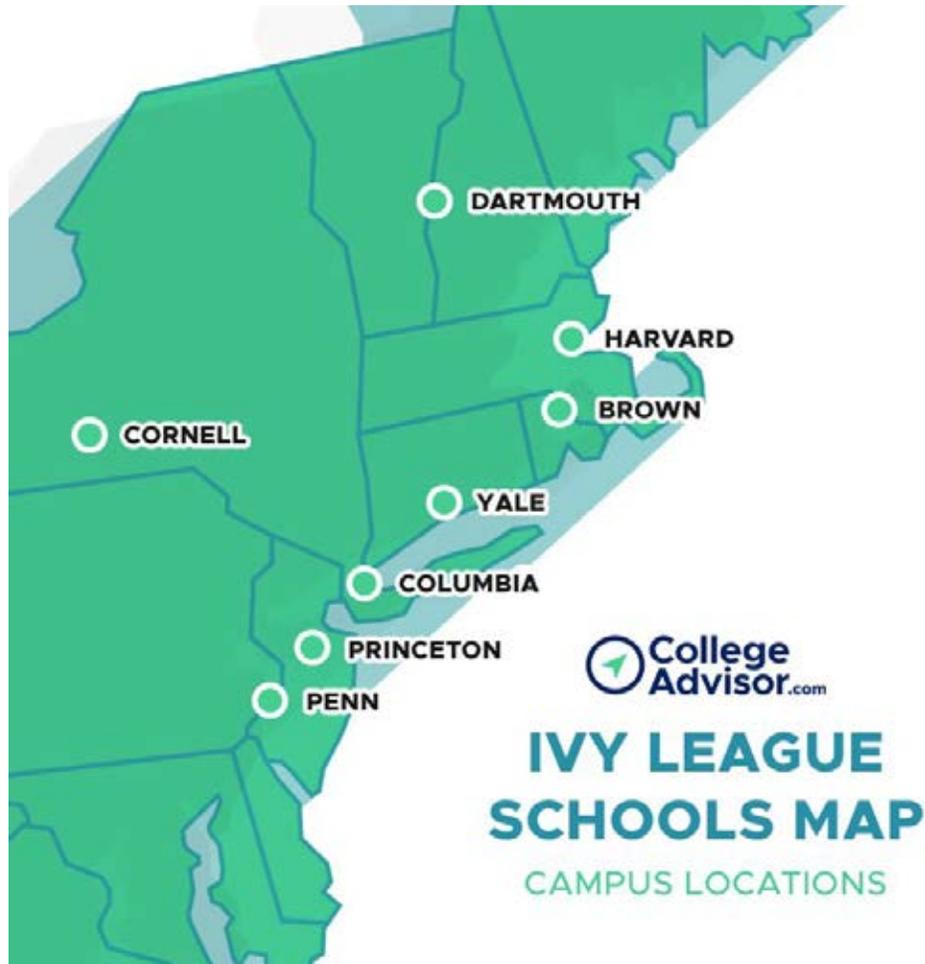


- Use them as a tool, not the answer
 - Use rankings to narrow down your options, but don't make a final decision based solely on one.
- Compare different rankings
 - Look at several different rankings to get a more complete picture, as each will have a different focus
- As a starting point
 - Rankings can help shortlist universities based on criteria that matter to you, such as subject-specific rankings, graduate salaries, or research impact.



Who is judging and what actually are they judging?

Don't Obsess with Ivy League – it is just a brand!



- There are eight Ivy League universities
 - Only three of them in the top 20 of the QS ranking
 - Harvard, UPenn, Cornell
- 13 of the top 20 are from the US and the UK, but consider these alternatives
 - 8: National University of Singapore
 - 11: University of Hong Kong
 - 12: Nanyang Technological University
 - 14: Peking University
 - 17: Tsinghua University
 - 19: Melbourne University
 - 20: University of New South Wales
- All higher ranked than Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Dartmouth, and Brown!

Europe: Closer to Home, Safe, cheaper and in English



- Spain: ESADE, IE and EU Universities
 - Highly international and reputable business and Economics universities in Madrid, Barcelona and other campuses.
- Austria: WU, Vienna Economic University
 - A great step into finance, data, and economics in central Europe.
- Stockholm Business School, Copenhagen Business Schools
- KU Leuven, Belgium: Engineering Technology bachelor degree

IE at the recent Careers and University Fair



Europe: Closer to Home, Safe, and More in English



- École Polytechnique offers a Bachelor of Science in science and technology
 - Top university in maths and physics.
- ESSEC Business School, Albert School, Grenoble Ecole de Management, and IÉSEG School of Management offer business programs
 - and the Global BBA is a common option.
- Humanities and Social Sciences
 - Sciences Po offers a three-year Bachelor of Arts with a multidisciplinary focus on topics like politics, economics, and history

Campus at Sciences Po



Europe: Closer to Home, Safe, cheaper and in English



10 Best German Universities for Graduate Employability in 2025



Source: Times Higher Education / Global Employability University Ranking 2025
Visuals by Studying-in-Germany.org



Graduate outcomes in Germany

- University College Freiburg; Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), a wide electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and materials science.
- Technical University of Munich (TUM), ranked 25 in the world.
 - Degrees in Aerospace, Management and Technology, Information Engineering
 - Campus in Singapore too

Rise of Asia: Hong Kong, Singapore, China



Excellent Quality with great Scholarships

- We have students attending Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in their Hong Kong campus and their new Guangzhou campus
- Also, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, offers accessible scholarships and very good quality studies, research and internships.
- KAIST in Korea is a top ranked technical university with full financial aid for admitted international students
- Japanese universities are inexpensive and offer some scholarships
 - KUAS in Kyoto



HKUST Campus

Final comments

Mr Wilkinson



LIFE IS A
JOURNEY, NOT A
DESTINATION.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Just a Thought – Enjoy your kids and let them enjoy school



“Let’s take education. What a hoax. You get a little child, you see, and you suck it into a trap and you send it to nursery school. And in nursery school you tell the child ‘You are getting ready to go on to kindergarten. And then wow-wee, first grade is coming up, and second grade, and third grade.’ You are gradually climbing the ladder towards, towards, going on towards progress. And then when it gets to end of grade school, you say ‘high school, now you’re really getting going.’ Wrong.”

Alan Watts, Philosopher





- We have the best knowledge of your children
 - And have direct contact with their teachers and pastoral support
- We have extensive knowledge of the university system and continue to keep engaged with trends
- There is extensive and tailored support for all students regardless of their destination
 - Be open to different pathways for your students

**Any questions for Aikseniia,
Mr Stockermans,
Ms Munoz or myself?**