

# University Information Evening

BIS presentation for Year 12 students and parents

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**BRITISH  
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## Structure of the evening

- Overview of university admissions around the world
- UK University Applications



# BIS University Guidance Team

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# Purpose of this session

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- Help you start thinking about life beyond BIS
- Start the matching process between you and universities/courses
- Outline key considerations for applications to the UK and USA
- Highlight new opportunities in Higher Education worldwide
- Challenge some preconceptions about the university admission process
- Familiarise you with the BIS University Guidance resources

# How will students get to University / College?

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Students

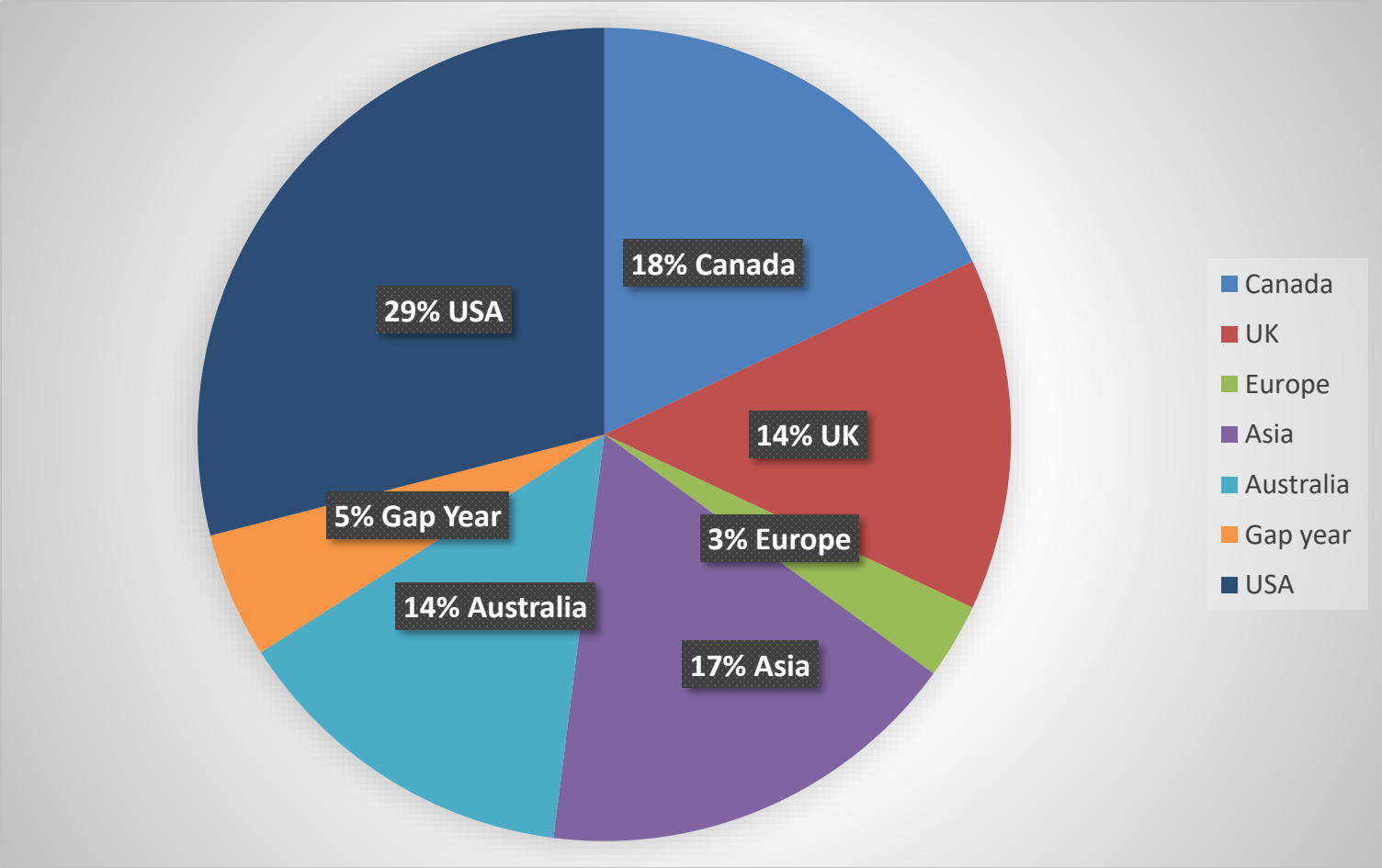


Teachers

Parents

**Working closely together**

# Class Of 2017 Matriculation destinations



# Choosing the right course

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## Taking Career Plans into Account

- Remember that a degree course isn't necessarily training for a job
- There are different routes into careers
- A degree will get you an interview but other factors will get you the job

# Models of education

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## Single-Subject

Immediate specialisation

Professional/pre-professional

Most focussed

**Least flexible**

## Combined Courses

Wide variety

Can enhance employability

**Greater flexibility**

## Liberal Arts & Sciences

Exploration

Breadth + depth

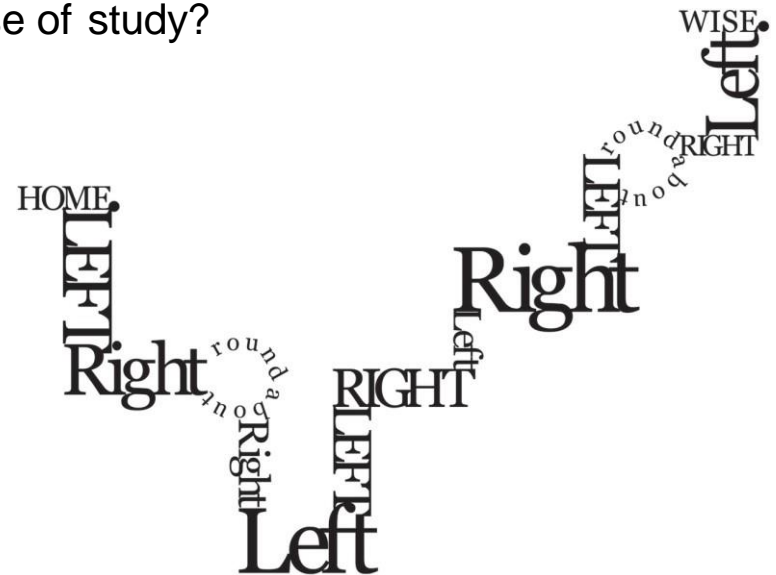
**Most flexible**



# This is YOUR journey

## University is all about personal fit

- Why go to university?
- Choosing the right university.
- Choosing the right degree.
- How do I learn best?
- How ready am I to commit to a specialised course of study?
- How independently do I want to learn/live?
- How important is global education to me?
- Looking beyond the UK and USA.



# Looking beyond the US and UK

- High calibre options from world class institutions
- Many English-language offerings yet cultural immersion
- Possibility of studying in US or UK for one year
- New global opportunities



# Canada

- US style flexibility at lower cost
- More international than US campuses
- Automatic IB scholarships
- Friendly work climate
- Safe cities
- Work visa upon graduation
- Subsidised tuition for citizens



# Australia

- IB diploma highly valued
- Admission solely based on IB results
- Mini gap year before February start
- Subsidised tuition for Australian and NZ citizens
- Work visa upon graduation
- Pathways to Medicine



# Europe

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- Explosion of offerings in English
- Easy exchanges between universities
- Dutch Liberal Arts Colleges offer liberal arts model of education at low cost
- Strong programmes in fields of business, media, communication
- International student populations



# Hong Kong / Korea / Japan

- More degree choices in English
- International Business / liberal studies offerings
- Joint ventures with western universities
- Excellent opportunities in STEM fields
- International students are favoured in admission



# Global Programmes and joint ventures

**LIU Global**



**SciencesPo**

Sciences Po and UC Berkeley  
Dual Degree Program

جامعة كارنيغي ميلون في قطر  
**Carnegie Mellon Qatar**



**MINERVA**



The University  
of Nottingham  
Malaysia Campus

**Yale  
NUS  
College**



**JOINT INSTITUTE**  
交大密西根学院

# Benefits of universities beyond UK/US



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MELBOURNE



香港科技大學  
THE HONG KONG  
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY



RUPRECHT-KARLS-  
UNIVERSITÄT  
HEIDELBERG

**KAIST**

한국과학기술원  
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology



**McGill**



**KU LEUVEN**



연세대학교  
YONSEI UNIVERSITY



**A** Amsterdam University College  
*Excellence and Diversity in a Global City*  
**UC**

- Cost / value for money
- Continuation of global education
- Short investment of time / energy in application process



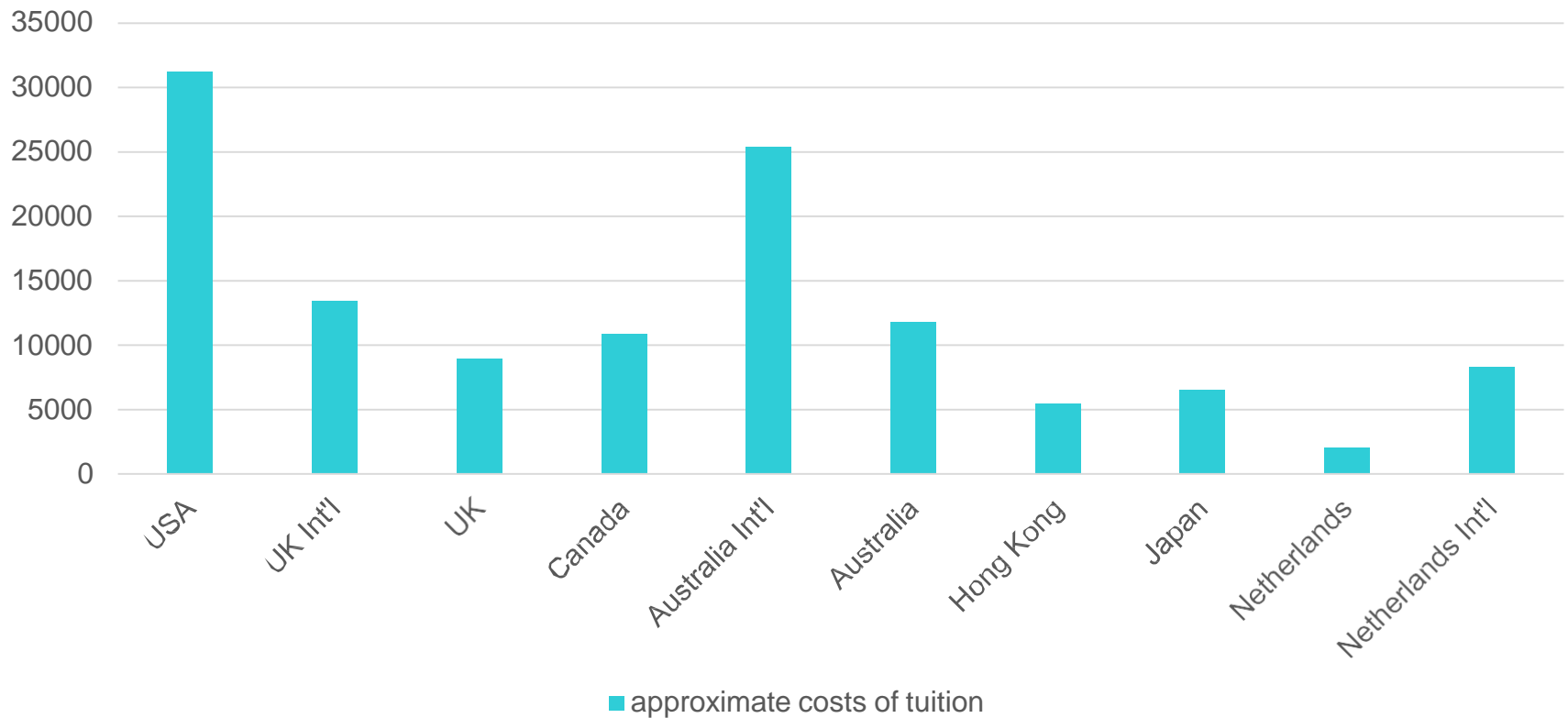
香港大學  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG



# Comparative costs of a degree

Approximate total costs USD

approximate costs of tuition



# Transparency / greater predictability

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Credential driven application processes lead to more predictable outcomes

**Offers based on:**

- Grades/ results
- Citizenship / residency
  - Interview



# Timeline for global possibilities

	decide	apply	outcome
Australia	Term 1 Year 13	March: International Oct after grad: Australians	1-3 months
Canada	Term 1 Year 13	Nov – Jan	2-8 weeks
Europe	Term 1 Year 13	Dec – April	8-10 weeks
Hong Kong	Term 1 Year 13	Nov – Dec	1-4 months
Japan	Term 1 Year 13	Nov – March	2-4 months
Korea	Term 1 Year 13	June – July	1-3 months
Singapore	Term 1 Year 13	Nov - Feb	On IB results

# Worldwide strategy

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- Offers are a match to be made, not a prize to be won
- Look for intersections of strengths, interests and what the world needs
- Consider some global opportunities

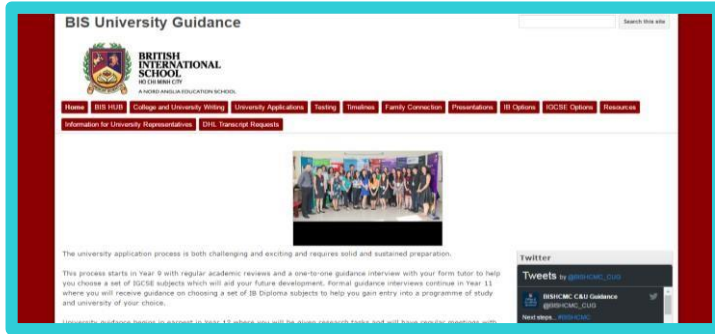


# Rumours around campus...

- The more selective a college is, the better it must be
- If a university is “easy” to get into, it can’t be any good
- The “best” students are applying to the UK and US, therefore, so should I
- I need to skip class/PE/ECAs in order to do my university applications
- If I make the wrong choice now, my future/career/life will be over
- Only students who attend the more famous universities have jobs/are financially secure/lead fulfilling lives
- Universities only make offers to one student from a school
- My independent college counsellor told me...



# BIS University Guidance Resources



Google Site



BIS College & University Guidance Blog



BIS College & University Guidance twitter



CUG Team

# University visits

- Meet with the university representatives who may read your application
- Listen to “taster” academic sessions
- Learn from other’s career paths
- Compare universities at fairs
- Travel to universities if at all possible



# Class of 2019 University timeline

February/March	1 <sup>st</sup> individual meeting	Student/ counsellor
February - June	Information classes	Student
March – June August – April [Yr13]	Subsequent individual meetings	Student / counsellor
Term 3	Guidance conference	Student/counsellor/parents



# Gap Year

- Can apply in Year 13 and defer or apply during gap year
- Service, travel, language immersion, internships
- Support from guidance team does not end when you graduate



# Advice for parents

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- ❑ Be supportive
  - ❑ Student's future plans
  - ❑ Personal goals and ambitions
  
- ❑ Be open and honest
  - ❑ About financial considerations
  - ❑ About what you as parents are willing to support
  
- ❑ Be understanding
  - ❑ The nature of future career is incredibly fluid
  - ❑ The IB Diploma is the equivalent of undertaking 7 first year degree programmes + an independent research paper + 150 hours of prescribed activity just to pass
  
- ❑ Be Realistic
  - ❑ If you don't get the university you hope for now then you can get it at graduate level
  - ❑ The most selective universities with the most competitive programmes are not short of applications

# Next steps

- Think about what you enjoy, how you learn best, where you are headed
- Talk as a family and devise a worldwide strategy
- Do some thinking and research before your meeting with your university counsellor
- Follow your own path – resist pressure to follow the crowd





**Questions?**

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