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University and Careers Guidance at DIA An Information Leaflet for Parents

The School has a dedicated Universities and Careers Counselor, Ms. Rachana Sippy rachanas@didubai.com and her assistant Ms. Meena Nambiar, Meenan@diadubai.com. Whilst the priority is always to advise and guide our Year 13 students, the counselors are involved with students in Year 9 onwards to advise on choice of subjects and programmes of study.

The school subscribes to an online platform, BridgeU. BridgeU was founded to help young people around the world realise their potential, through providing smart, modern university and careers guidance to students. With BridgeU, students build a robust personal profile, including data on subject interests, grades, social, professional and learning preferences. Cross-referencing a vast database of historical data points, BridgeU generates university and course choices that are personalised to the unique preferences and academic strengths of each individual student. As the higher education and early career landscape evolves at a rapid pace, BridgeU continually improves and develops the platform to stay ahead of current trends, and to adapt to the evolving needs of students. From Year 10 onwards, students will start to use the platform to explore university options. Find out more about BridgeU at <https://bridge-u.com/>.

Students drive the process and must fully explore university options and requirements. Since we have students who want to study in a very wide range of countries, it is essential that families fully understand requirements of universities in their own countries. The IB publishes up-to-date details of how individual countries recognise the IB Diploma Programme and requirements of their universities: <https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/recognition-of-the-ib-diploma-by-countries-and-universities/country-recognition-statements/>. Make sure you are familiar with these as you select your subjects and levels within the Diploma Programme.

For the Career-related programme, the school counselors will work with students to ensure that university places are secured through individual support and guidance as necessary.

The 'Who to go to' section on the school website should help you to direct any enquiries to the correct person: <https://www.diadubai.com/parents/key-contacts>. Alternatively, call the Secondary School Office on 04 3684111, extension 3526 or 3527 to speak to one of our administrative coordinators.

For further information contact:

The homeroom teacher for your son or daughter or

The Diploma Programme Coordinator, Ms. Pam Parasram, pamp@diadubai.com

Careers & College Counselor, Ms. Rachana Sippy rachanas@didubai.com

Higher Education Adviser, Ms. Meena Nambiar, Meenan@diadubai.com