# POST-BAC Orientation 2023: Choices for University Studies in English

# Start THINKING about your future choices (including speciality courses)

- ➤ What are your natural aptitudes?
- ➤ What are your personal strengths and "warning notes"?
- ➤ What academic skills have you developed?
- ➤ What are your preferences or passions?
- ➤UNIFROG: A platform which gives access to higher education and career orientation resources. Includes a database of every anglophone course taught anywhere in the world. (The school can sign up at a rate of 10 euros per student to be determined if there is interest).
- https://www.educations.com/career-test
- https://tme.uconn.edu/tools/major/assessments/#
- https://www.princetonreview.com/quiz/career-quiz

# Making Contacts, Selecting Courses and Sitting Exams

### Première: A Critical Year for Establishing Post-Bac Objectives

- >Speak to professionals, university tutors, and alumni
- ➤ Attend Open Days and visit campuses
- ➤ Prepare and sit SAT/ACT/TOEFL/IELTS/UKCAT/TSA
- >A, B and C lists: Calculating Your Options
- ➤ Greene's Tutorial College

(online courses specifically for BFI students which are designed to enhance their chances to get into selective courses including Oxbridge – fee based. Information available on the Asiba site.)

## **Building A Solid Application**

- ➤ Have I seen or experienced 'first-hand' what the course is about? For the personal statement and motivation letters: 80% should be about concrete experience related to the course (or the 'path' which led to your choice):
  - ➤ Observation week, internship in 2nde, summer internships or volunteer experiences
  - > Extra-curricular classes or activities
  - Exhibits, Conferences or other forums
  - ➤ Books on the subject
  - ➤ Clubs (at the LFA or outside)
  - > Connaissance du Monde research subject and international partner contact

# **Explaining the BFI**

#### Resources to help you "sell" your SIA experience

- http://www.asiba.fr/university-admissions\_2/
- https://eduscol.education.fr/3043/le-baccalaureat-francais-international-bfi (brochure in English to download)
- ➤ SIA LFA School Profile (available upon request)
- ➤ Guide for University Tutors (letter available on the Asiba site under parents/students tab))
- > Transcript template for translating official transcripts

# Where Have They All Gone?

## Studying in France

#### Prépa':

• PCSI, BCPST, CPGE, MPSI, ECS, ECE, PTSI, BCP, hypokâgne

#### **Studies at Ecoles:**

Management, Engineering, Business, Science-Po, INSA.

#### Studies at universities in France:

 Medicine, LLCER Sorbonne, Fashion Management, Business, Eco-Gestion, Frontière du Vivant, DUT Génie mécanique et productique, INSA Lilles, Acoustical Engineering UTC, Science-Po Columbia, British Columbia, University College London, Law degree Essex-Nanterre

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#### Studying at Universities in Europe:

- European Law-Aberdeen, Economics-Stirling, Applied Computing –Dundee
- English Literature/Film, Television Studies/Economics, History of Art-Glasgow
- Political & International Relations-Bath/York
- Physics/Philosophy/computer science/Law-Bristol
- International Business Management-Birmingham, Durham, London, Lancaster and Bath
- International Development and Economics-Manchester
- Societies & Health and Environment-University College London
- Music Performance-London, Civil Engineering, Computer Science-London
- Nature Physics-Cambridge, Law & Japanese-Oxford
- Politics & Economics/Law, International Relations and German-Exeter
- Psychology, Politics & International Relations-Kent
- Sociology, computer science-Essex/Sussex
- Economics, Politics and International Relations-Warwick
- Social Sciences, Liberal Arts & Science- Amsterdam
- Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Freiburg, Germany
- Economy-Rotterdam, Sustainable Innovations-Eindhoven
- Micro-engineering/ Physics, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- Veterinary studies, Cardena Herrera University, Valencia

# Where Have They All Gone?

#### Studying at Universities in the US and Canada:

- Arts & Science-Tufts University USA
- International Business & Chinese- Dickenson College-USA
- Engineering-University of Illinois-USA
- Fine Arts in drama/Film & Television, New York University-USA
- Bio-resource engineering, McGill, Montreal -Canada
- Business Bishop University Canada
- Arts& Science-Concordia University-Canada
- Political Science Cornell University- USA
- Engineering University of Rochester USA
- Philosophy/Chemistry Temple University USA
- Science Po University of British Columbia, Canada
- Sherbourne University, Montreal, Canada
- Science Po Columbia University, USA