

ST. MARY'S Catholic High School, Dubai

CAREER GUIDANCE

"If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would astound ourselves."

-Thomas A.

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There has never been a time when career guidance was as needed for young people as it is today. With a plethora of options available to the average student passing out of a school in Dubai; it can be a daunting task to choose between seemingly endless options.

The school counseling centre offers the students with comprehensive and up to date information on the range of options available in further educations. The counseling office as well as the library is well stocked with university guides, reference manuals and information booklets.

Recognizing that the choices made at school is not always based on a clear view of the current labour market and opportunities available in the future, the students are encouraged to make individual appointments with the counselor to clarify potential careers. The school, in partnership with Varsity Connections, provides students with the opportunity to undergo aptitude testing. This is offered to students in grades that require choosing of subjects. The counselor further provides individual support to students seeking to understand their specific skills and aptitude.

Additionally a range of activities are spread out throughout the year in the form of university fairs, college visits and workshops on helpful topics related to college application. Regular information talks from universities are provided to help students with first hand information. Information regarding work experience placements and voluntary experiences are provided to the students through information boards and orientation sessions.

Preparing the students for college application and admission is a continuous process. In partnership with Princeton Review, the school offers the SAT preparation course in the school to aid the students with the training for the college admission test. The school is a registered UCAS centre (UCAS ID 40597) and provides students with the necessary support for application to the UK universities. The school is also registered with the College Board (CEEB code 697079), which allows it to receive reports from the College Board and other testing centers. Each year our students get admitted into some of the top ranking universities around the world.

The school offers community based learning experience in the form of voluntary service in various areas of the school such as the school clinic, the special education centre, the physical education department and the administration office. This helps the students experience work place situations in the safety of a known environment.

The students are thus equipped to explore their options and make informed choices that are best for them. All of these practices underline and reflect the school ethos and meets the needs of all pupils.

