

Dear Boys and Girls,

Greetings from the Careers Department

We trust you are all doing well.

Further to our email dated 2nd April 2020 we plan to start with the SOP/Essay writing sessions which will be lead by Mr. Anthony Skillicorn whom most of you would remember meeting last year. Mr. Skillicorn grew up in apartheid South Africa and was educated there and at Balliol College, Oxford University. He has lived and taught in Africa, England, and from 1987 - 2013 in Asia where he successfully transformed the United World College of South East Asia's Global Concerns programme into a much-admired model of genuine student empowerment. As Head of the IB boarding and an IB teacher and tutor at UWCSEA Anthony Skillicorn was closely involved with the university application process. In 2018 he advised candidates from international schools applying to Oxbridge. Anthony Skillicorn has also been closely involved with all aspects of the UWCSEA Service Programmes and was instrumental in starting the Initiative for Peace programme which has trained IB Diploma students to bring young people from areas of conflict

together to promote reconciliation and youth leadership. Anthony Skillicorn has spoken at various IB, Round Square, and ECIS conferences on service. He has contributed articles to several periodicals and books and is featured in a number of articles. In 2010 he published Service is a Journey which discusses the importance of service to educational institutions. Since retiring from UWCSEA Anthony Skillicorn has acted as a consultant to many international schools.

After the sessions, we will be sharing the notes and videos with you all to help you get started. We will also be sharing some more resources to help you understand the technicalities of writing your sop/essays better.

Please find below the session details for your reference along with the dates and timings of the sessions and make yourselves available for the same. For all these sessions we will be using the Google platform and we will be sharing the Google meet link with you at least one day before the session.

Friday 17th April	4 to 5 pm IST	How to write a Statement of Purpose
Tuesday 21st April	4 to 5 pm IST	Q and A session on How to write a Statement of Purpose
Wednesday 22nd April	4 to 5 pm IST	US Common Application/Coalition Essays
Thursday 23rd April	4 to 5 pm IST	Q and A session on US Common Application/Coalition Essays
Friday 24th April	4 to 5 pm IST	U.S., Canada, Singapore, Ashoka identified essays for specified universities and how to break down the questions so that all required aspects are being covered

There will also be Oxbridge sessions in the last week of April for those planning to apply to Oxford/Cambridge. The details will be communicated soon.

In our 3rd Careers Bulletin, we will discuss various aptitude tests required by the universities and how the universities will use that in the application process with the most updated information.

Looking forward to connecting with you all.

Best,

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