

Dear Boys and Girls,

In continuation of our Careers Bulletin series, we want to endure our interaction and would like to share the latest developments in the University Admissions Process.

This is a time when you meet your assigned college counselor, discuss various university options, plan and appear for the standardized tests. With the college admissions timelines astounded by the Coronavirus pandemic, we need to be connected via emails, phone calls, and Google classroom. There are various important notices declared by the respective organizations which you all must make a note of and take further steps after discussing with your counselors.

**TOEFL:** To meet the needs of students who are unable to take the TOEFL iBT® test at a test center due to public health concerns, ETS is temporarily offering the TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition test. The test is identical in content, format, and on-screen experience to the TOEFL iBT test taken at a test center. It is taken on your computer at home and is monitored by a human proctor online through ProctorU. They are constantly updating their COVID-19 resource page. Students can take the test on this microsite.

[https://www.ets.org/s/cv/toefl/at-home/?WT.ac=TOEFL\\_special\\_home\\_edition\\_200320&utm\\_source=vanity&utm\\_medium=vanity&utm\\_campaign=TOEFLatHome&utm\\_content=toefl-special-edition](https://www.ets.org/s/cv/toefl/at-home/?WT.ac=TOEFL_special_home_edition_200320&utm_source=vanity&utm_medium=vanity&utm_campaign=TOEFLatHome&utm_content=toefl-special-edition)

**ACT:** The ACT has pushed their test dates to 12th June 202. Although it looks unlikely to have a test in June looking at the scenario across the globe. The other dates which our students can anticipate are 11th Sept, 9th Oct, and 11th Dec 2020. They've got a host of resources on their website to help answer students' and parents' questions.

<https://global.act.org/content/global/en/products-and-services/the-act-non-us.html>

**SAT:** Collegeboard has put together a COVID-19 with updates on new SAT dates from August 2020.

<https://pages.collegeboard.org/sat-covid-19-updates>

### **Collegeboard Notice:**

If it's safe from a public health standpoint, we'll provide weekend SAT administrations every month through the end of the calendar year, beginning in August. This includes a new administration on September 26 and the previously scheduled tests on August 29, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

Students can register for these administrations starting in May. We'll contact students directly during the week of May 26 to provide an exact date. Eligible students can register with a fee waiver.

### **Colleges go test-optional for SAT/ACT or no longer require SAT II subject tests. -**

According to Forbes, past few weeks, Cornell University, Case Western, Swarthmore, Tufts, Northeastern, Boston University, etc announced that their university will be test-optional for the upcoming admissions cycle. Besides, MIT dropped its requirement for SAT II subject tests. Based on the testing disruptions caused by the pandemic, we expect other top-tier institutions to drop testing requirements or, at the least, to de-emphasize scores in the upcoming admissions cycle. A full list of test-optional colleges remains up to date on this site.

This list includes institutions that are "test-optional," "test flexible" or otherwise de-emphasize the use of standardized tests by ***making admissions decisions -- without using ACT or SAT scores -- for all or many applicants who international students.***

-compiled by Sarah Loring de Garcia

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dq8b5d1-5l2DOYiF4Ez2UrFVzhYLB95zQiCpCvzzx9Q/edit#gid=0>

There is also a list of universities going test options for US high school students. We may see a lot of these listed universities coming forward and become test-optional for international students as well. But students are advised to wait for the official news announcement by the respective college.

Here is the list

<https://fairtest.org/university/optional>

### **Virtual College Fairs**

Universities understand that they will not be able to travel in the next few months. In order to share information with eager students, they have conducted many virtual college fairs. Students can watch the recently conducted fairs and also register for future events on the following link

<https://explore.cialfo.co/webinars>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/2/d/1sO7pVos0EvK0BvXoMbnyg00K6r7hXbOQE0HNXF4N4eM/htmlview?usp=sharing&fbclid=IwAR1Vr3WcypwflVMsaXnzIMq9ibN3oMMAG8x02F0w6o4nsWr2PSITkenQoqM#>

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### **IELTS:**

IELTS has launched IELTS Indicator, an online English language test for students not able to attend an IELTS test center due to the Covid-19 related restrictions.

IELTS Indicator will assess a student's English language skills in Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking in a timed, online test from the comfort of their home.

To ensure that the test focuses on real-life conversation skills, students will conduct their speaking test face to face with a trained IELTS Examiner via video call. The Indicator test will be available in selected locations where it is not currently possible to deliver in-person IELTS testing.

In these selected locations, the IELTS Indicator test will be delivered online once a week at scheduled times.

Bookings open from 22 April. To learn more about the same please click

<https://www.ieltsindicator.com/>

The IELTS has a country-by-country review of IELTS test dates in 2020, allowing our students to quickly get the information they need.

<https://www.ielts.org/en-us/news/2020/covid19-information-for-our-global-test-taker-community>

We hope that these links and resources will help you responsibly work towards your applications.

Stay home, stay safe.

Thank you.