

CAREERS & UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE CALENDAR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

**SHARJAH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
(ABU DHABI BRANCH)**



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EVENTS	START DATE	END DATE	DESCRIPTION
Course selection & Admission	May 2026	september 2026	Grade 9-12 Course Selection (New Admissions)
SAT TEST DATES (College Board)	Oct 23,2026 Nov 20,2026 Feb 19,2027 Apr 16, 2027 May 21,2027	Oct 27 2026 Nov 24,2026 Feb 23, 2027 Apr 20,2027 May 25,2027	CHECK THE COLLEGE BOARD WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION AND TEST PRACTICE
University application	October 2026	Ongoing	Follow up with students on university application requirements/deadlines,and support them in completing online applications.
Personal statements & CV /IELTS	Otober 2026	Ongoing	internal deadline to submit Persenola statemnet and registration for IELTS (Grade 12)

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CAREER FAIRS/University visits	28 oct 2026	28 oct 2026	educational institution /universities exhibit on campus Najah Career Fair -date?
Career Week / Day	March 2026	March 2026	inviting Guest Speakers / career Activities
Admissions and Scholarship Application	October 2026	ongoing	Edu Hub Application portal
volunteering Hours	September	Ongoing	To be printed along with High School Diploma

Semester 1

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
September	Self Exploration • Students will complete • Interest test • Students will reflect on their • interest test and understand • the different groups of skills	Self Exploration • Students will complete • Interest test • Students will reflect on their • interest test and understand • the different groups of skills	• Welcoming student and • introduction to Career Guidance during induction week • Introduce ISMOJO tudent’s demo	• Students submitting final university options list • Working on the Personal Statement (feedback to students) • UCAS application starts • Common app application starts • Students visiting NYU • SAT & IELTS test registration • Transcript review for early applicants
October	Career Exploration: • Students will search careers that are related to their Interest test results and create their own career library on Unifrog	• Career Exploration	• Students will complete Interest test (Unifrog) • Students will reflect on their interest test and understand the different groups of skills	• Reviewing UCAS early applications Personal Statements feedback Facilizing Personal statement for US and UCAS application SAT & IELTS test registration Deadline for SCO scholarship (UAE Nationals) Review predicted grades Upload students school reports to Common app Review teachers refences
November	• profile Building activity	• coffee morning with parents / Students • Career Exploration , importance of profilr building	• Students will search careers that are related to their Interest test results - Students will search and explore careers that are related to their personality	• All personal statements should be finalized and submitted by students ,Uploading UCAS references Uploading students predicted grades to UCAS SAT & IELTS test registration NAPO application for UAE Nationals
December	• Coordinate with HODs when to conduct Career& Guidance activities and Promote Winter Volunteering	• Coordinate with HODs when to conduct Career& Guidance activities and Promote Winter Volunteering • Workshops by external guests	• Short list the universities • Explore the career options , start with the personal statemnet , request LOR from the teachers ,counselor	• Reviewing students UCAS application Submitting UCAS application Submitting Common app application . SAT & IELTS test registration NAPO application (UAE Nationals)

Semester 2

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
January	Promote involvement in leadership, clubs, and volunteering inside and outside the school	Promote involvement in leadership, clubs, and volunteering inside and outside the school	Students complete their ISMOJO profile Add activities records to their profiles Students decide on the subject area and career path Students Explore their university options	SAT & IELTS test registration Review any late application for US universities NAPO application for UAE Nationals English Department: Development of Personal Statement (Practical writing)
February	Things I believe in (Values): What's important to you? Put it all together Interests, skills, and Values: help students understand the relationship between interests, skills, values, and abilities and how that informs their career options	WHO AM I? Things I like students will find out about their interests and talents and how to use that information in Careers exploration o Student will complete interest test on Unifrog Things I am Good at: help students identify their interests and talents and how to use that information to guide	University application process Introduce students to different type of university application US application UK application Introduce Standardized testing options	UCAS extras opens Review students’ university application to Netherlands, Asian, GCC Countries NAPO application (UAE Nationals) Introduce interview skills Prepare students for College / University interviews SAT & IELTS test registration
March	** Students will complete Personality test on Unifrog and identify their personality type (teachers can do the test too and share their results with students) NOTE: Coordinate with HOD when to conduct Career& Guidance activities	Things I have Done: students will reflect on their Extracurricular activities, Hobbies Things I believe in (Values): What's important to you? students will become aware of how their values are an important part of determine what Career pathway would satisfy them and meet their needs	ISMOJO Students Profile Adding activities Competences	Deadline for NAPO application Understand Clearing (UCAS) and results day SAT & IELTS test registration
April	Choosing what to study after grade 9 understanding the subject choices using ISMOJO	Exploring University system around the world	Personality & interest test on ISMOJO xplore University option within the chosen subject’s area Personal Statement writing Common App personal Statement Universities short list of UK and US Personal Statement writing Common App personal Statement	- SAT& IELTS test registration. Communication to Parents & students about results Day Preparation for Graduation Application for Equivalency - Announcement of Admissions

Semester 2

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May	Introduction to labour Market Critical thinking Learning / Knowledge Inquisitiveness	Introduction to labour Market Critical thinking Learning / Knowledge Inquisitiveness	Personality & interest test on ISMOJO Explore University option within the chosen subject’s area Personal Statement writing Common App personal Statement Universities short list of UK and US Personal Statement writing Common App personal Statement	- SAT & IELTS test registration - Communication to Parents & students about results Day - Preparation for Graduation - Application for Equivalency - Announcement of Admissions
June	start building up tthe profile understand the own interest and exploring different oprions	setting the career goals right pathway to choose understanding the interest and the personality that matches the career	Deadline to Submit University shortlist (added to ISMOJO) Deadline to submit Personal Statement for review (Added to ISMOJO)	Preparation for Graduation
July	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
August	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK

Events & Initiatives

Grade	Events	Semester	Date
Grade 12	Alumni talk about transition into Uni	sem 1 & 2	TBD
Grade 9-12	ISMOJO Onboarding	Sem 1	TBD
Greade 9- 12	Speaker Series	Sem 1 & 2	Ongoing
Grade 12	Linked in -profile creation	Sem 1	TBD