

### November 2017 Newsletter

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## **Upcoming Events**

# Interview Skills Workshop & Presentation

### November 4th (Sat) 1400-1600

Interviews are optional for most colleges, but are an opportunity worth taking advantage of! Find out how they can help your application as well as how to prepare for them!

The workshop section has limited seats, 16 students max. so register ASAP!

Email or call to reserve a seat ASAP! tprhk@sarabeattie.com | 2507-9380

# November 2017 Course Schedule

#### **SAT Weekend Course**

Course Code: RSAT 7B11 **Duration: Nov 18 - Dec 10** 

Day & Time: Sat & Sun 0900 - 1230

Test Timing: 1330 - 1730

### **ACT Weekend Course**

Course Code: ACT 7B16

Duration: Nov 11 - Dec 03

Day & Time: Sat & Sun 1430 - 1730 Test Timing: 1400 - 1730 & 0930 - 1300

#### **SSAT Weekend Course**

Course Code: SSAT 7B18

Duration: Nov 05 - Dec 02

Day & Time: Sat & Sun 0930 - 1200

Test Timing: 1330 - 1630

### **News in Education**

# Harvard revoked 10 admissions offers based on offensive social media activity

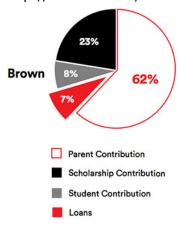
In June 2017, Harvard withdrew its offers from 10 accepted students as it was discovered the students were posting offensive comments and jokes about the Holocaust, miniority groups child abuse and sexual assault on a Facebook group. 60% of respondents on the 2017 Admissions Directors Survey strongly agreed with Harvard's actions.

The offensive content students in this case were posting on Facebook can be seen as an extreme, nonetheless, students should be cautious about what they post on social medias.

## Brown planning to elimiate student loans for all undergraute students.

Brown started a campaign to collect US\$120 million in an attempt to phase out student loans from financial aid packages offered to undergraduate students, domestic and international. The money would be used to offer grants and scholarships, which do not need to be repaid back to the university, unlike student loans which need to be paid back and often have interest tagged onto them.

The initiative is called 'The Brown Promise' and Brown is currently reaching out to alumni for donations to be put towards their campaign. More information can be found here: http://brown.edu/brown-promise.





Graph showing how current Brown students pay for their tuition in 2016-2017. Currently, most students are supported by their parents and scholarship. 7% are supported by loans and Brown seeks to reduce that to 0%.

### **TPRHK Advice**

# Application Season: What should I be doing?

November to January will be continous application deadlines for universities. Regardless of if you are applying this year or in the future, stop and ask yourself the question:

What should I be doing to prepare for my university and college applications?

## High school seniors [F6, Y13, G12]

Upcoming deadlines:

Regular Decision Dec 1 to Jan 15 Early Decision II Dec 1 to Jan 15

The Early Decision November 1 deadline has come and passed for most of us, but it's not good to gamble solely on your ED. Now is the time to prepare for RD deadlines which are usually between December 1 and January 15, depending on the school. It is important to note some schools have even earlier deadlines, such as University of California schools with their deadline on November 30th. Some schools also have Early Decision II, which is similar to EDI, but with a later deadline.

Make sure your applications are complete and ready to send off by the correct deadlines!

### A To-Do List for Seniors:

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Proofread your essays.

Fill out the application.

■ Make sure your high school knows which schools you are applying to.

■ Know your school deadlines.

☐ Send your SAT/ACT scores to schools.

☐ Submit your applications.

## For more information:

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### High school juniors [F5, Y12, G11]

Deadlines to note:

Early Decision Nov 1 2018 Regular Decision Dec - Jan 2019

High school juniors are applying to college next year, and while that may seem like a while away, its never to early to begin planning! The SAT/ACT test dates in March to June are the perfect time to take your first standardized test. You can take a test preparation course with us at The Princeton Review, to ensure that you do your best on whichever test you take! Junior year is also a good time to begin choosing which schools you would like to attend, so you can set test score targets.

### A To-Do List for Juniors:

- ☐ Take a test prep course with TPRHK.
- Register for the SAT/ACT test.
- Think about what you want to study at college/university.
- Choose colleges/universities you want to apply to.
- ☐ Pursue a new extracurricular.
- ☐ Plan to visit colleges/universities.

If you are high school sophomore or younger (F4, Y11, G10 or younger) you can start on some of the things in the high school junior todo list! Begin thinking about test prep, what you might want to study and what colleges you would like to attend. No matter what stage of the application process you are at, there is always potential to plan for a strong application!

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