

Career Counselling Session - Report

Our school organized a counseling session on Options for abroad studies by IDP to help us explore opportunities for studying in different countries. The session aimed to provide information and guidance regarding the benefits, requirements, and processes involved in studying abroad.

Ms. Maryam Javid, Destination manager for US and Canada at IDP, UAE was the key speaker of the day. She introduced us to various study abroad programs, including exchange programs, language courses, and full-degree programs offered by universities around the world. She shared insights into the cultural experiences, academic opportunities, and personal growth that studying abroad can offer.

The counsellor detailed the various aspects of studying in countries such as the US, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Ireland. She elaborated on the cost of living, college fees and the intake times of various universities. She also discussed the application procedures, visa requirements, and financial considerations involved in studying abroad.

She further explained that the US has quite flexible Intake times and that Canada has great co-op programs which can provide good work experiences. She pointed out that New Zealand offers professional courses and that Dubai has international campuses that offer transfer options and fast track degrees. The counsellor then moved on to the application process and the document requirements. All the colleges require Passport, Emirates ID, Scores of grade 10 and 11 and the predicted scores of grade 12. They further require IELTS and SAT Scores in addition to personal statements and college essays that detail the student's extracurriculars. Ms. Maryam then explained that some countries have apps through which college applications are done. In the UK there is the UCAS as there the Common App in the US. Most colleges require the student to apply by December of the previous year or January of the intake year.

The counsellor elucidated the pivotal role of IDP in facilitating students' aspirations for international education. Their services include tailored course and university counseling through an extensive database, assistance in offer acceptance, as well as guidance in securing health insurance and accommodation arrangements.

Ms. Maryam then opened the floor for the Q&A session. we were able to that scholarships are offered with a wholistic approach, that is, both academics and extracurriculars have equal weightage. She also mentioned that the scholarships and their criteria may vary depending on the course.

The counseling session provided valuable information and inspiration for students interested in pursuing international education opportunities. It broadened our horizons and motivated us to consider the exciting possibility of studying in a different country.

