

While the road to college speeds up significantly during junior year, the formal process does not occur until the spring semester. However, there are things that students can do in preparation for the spring.



The single most important thing to keep in mind is that this year is important and deserves respect. Plan to study hard! Since most applications are submitted in the fall of senior year, this will be the last full year of grades that most colleges and universities will use when evaluating your applications

### **Practice SAT (PSAT)**

Registration for the PSAT will be happening throughout September for the test date on Saturday, October 18. All students are encouraged to take the test as it will be valuable practice for the SAT and will also be used for college planning in the spring.

### **FALL COLLEGE VISITS**

**College admissions representatives** are scheduled to visit GAA from September through mid-December. Students in grades 11 and 12 are encouraged to attend these meetings.

September

22<sup>nd</sup> – Global Study UK mini fair, 9am -10am

22<sup>nd</sup> - University of St. Andrew's, 12:40pm-1:30pm

25<sup>th</sup> – University of California schools mini fair, 11:15am-12pm

\*\*\*It is appropriate to leave class to meet with a few representatives. However, students are encouraged to choose carefully which representatives to meet, making sure their absence from class does not negatively affect classroom performance.

### **COLLEGE ADMISSION STANDARDIZED TESTING**

We recommend students to sit for their first SAT in January, May or June or the ACT in December or February of their junior year. These test results can be used as diagnostics and will help students focus their preparation for a second test(s) in the spring of the junior year.

Although GAA registers students for the PSAT, it is the student's responsibility to register for all other standardized testing.

Registration deadlines are typically 6 weeks prior to the test date, so students should plan ahead.

For more information and to register for standardized tests, go to the following websites: ACT: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) SAT Reasoning & SAT Subject Tests: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)