



**Salem**  
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## Choice of Study and Career Counselling at Schule Schloss Salem



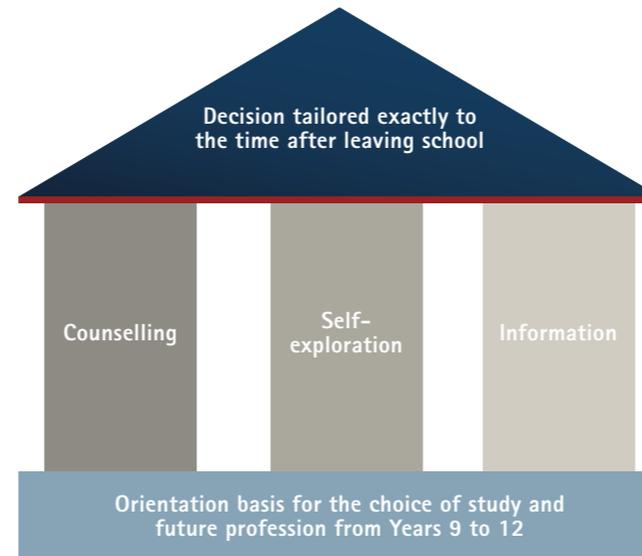
*"I am interested in medicine, but am I suitable for it?"*  
(Marion, Abitur student, Year 12)

*"I love Germany and want to stay here. Is there any possibility to study business administration in English?"*  
(Shu, IB-Diploma student)

There are two Career Counsellors at Schule Schloss Salem who are responsible for solving problems such as these: Dr. Günter Klause und Dr. David Mathieson.

Career counselling is introduced in Year 9 and aims at enabling each individual student - on the basis of his/her interests, skills and aims - to make a carefully considered decision. Our students are prepared on a continuous basis for the path they wish to follow on finishing school, i.e. at three levels: **counselling, self-exploration** and **information**.

The students are also given advice and practical support by the Salem network of teachers, parents, former students and specialists.



	Counselling Individual talks and support during the application procedure	Self-exploration Stimulus for personal reflection as regards strengths, weaknesses, interests, values and aims	Information Workshops, seminar talks, preparing for and taking PSAT and SAT tests
<b>Year 9</b>	Thinking about prospects for the future on the basis of an Interest and Skills Analysis	Teaching modules for the subject group geography, economics and social science (GWG)  Business Orientation Days at local businesses	Career counsellors' workshop  Talk held in the international classes: the application for entrance at British and American universities
<b>Year 10</b>	Assistance in the personal evaluation of the in-company practical training	Teaching modules for the subject group geography, economics and social science (GWG)  Three-week, in-company Practical Training  Taking PSAT	Reports on the practical training and final presentation of the practical in-company training  Information on the standardised tests PSAT and SAT
<b>Course level (Years 11/12)</b>	Support given on a regular basis during the school year  Assistance in focusing on a course of study or training course and the respectively appropriate type of university/higher education  Support during the application procedure for entrance at universities in Germany and abroad	Two-day seminar for study and profession-related orientation (BEST) offered by the German Federal „Land“ of Baden-Württemberg  Career Development Workshop	Introductory event for explaining the concept of university/higher education and application guidelines for entrance in Germany, Britain and the USA  Presentation of private and state universities  Study Day in Baden-Württemberg  Arrangements for preparing for and taking the SAT



- Year 9: Evaluating one's own interests, abilities and aims**  
 In the German and International Classes in Year 9, the two respective career guidance counsellors hold a workshop at school, during which the students gain an awareness of their own abilities, interests and aims. This self-exploration is an important prerequisite for selecting exactly the right offices and functions at the boarding school to fit one's personal profile. During the so-called GWG lessons (geography, economics and social studies) the students are familiarised with the various different occupational fields. A business tour of a regional company then prepares them for their main in-company, practical training in Year 10.
- Year 10: In-Company Practical Training**  
 The three-week period of in-company practical training for all the students in Year 10 has already been an obligatory part of the curriculum since 1984. It is an integral part of a project consisting of the actual practical training, an in-depth preparation and subsequent follow-up in the German and social science subjects, and a presentation.
- Years 11 and 12:**  
**BEST** - a study and profession-related orientation training which is to enable students to make their choice of profession independently, according to their own specific skills and interests.  
**Career Development Workshop:** At this workshop the students have the opportunity to acquire detailed information on specific professions. Assisted by their parents and a large number of Salem's alumni, our students find out whether their expectations of a specific profession are in keeping with reality and the requirements that are demanded of them in a certain professional field.  
**Information:** By means of the information provided at school on the activities of the European university world in general, and presentations given by national and international universities, the students are supported when deciding on their choice of specific courses of study.
- Years 9 - 12:**  
**PSAT-Test:** An American, standardised test that measures the extent of the academic skills in the fields of critical reading, mathematics and writing skills. The test serves the students of the International Classes as a realistic assessment of their results and as preparation for the real SAT.  
**SAT-Test:** Participation in the SAT Reasoning Test is a prerequisite for applying for entrance to an American university.
- Application and admission to universities:** We support our students when they apply for a place at a university, which sometimes involves very complex and sophisticated procedures - especially for abroad.



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