

## Getting Your Child Ready for Further Education

### **1. Start your child thinking about careers.**

Encourage your child to develop a tentative career goal. Of course it will change – often! – but it’s the thought process that counts. Help your child to identify interests – likes and dislikes – not just in academics but in all areas. This will help your child focus on goals. Encourage your child to discuss career options with others, such as the FE advisor, teachers, recent college graduates who are working, professionals in the community, etc.

**2. Suggest CAS activities.** Encourage your child to actively take part in a sport, school club, music or drama group, or community volunteer activity.

Remember that universities would rather see real involvement in one activity than a loose connection to several activities.

**3. Meet with the school’s FE advisor.** The FE advisor knows how to help your child get the most out of high school. Make sure your child has an opportunity during the school year to discuss post-high school plans with her.

**4. Save for university.** It’s still not too late to start a university savings plan, if you haven’t already. Every little bit helps!

**5. Encourage your child to take tests such as the PSAT, SAT & TOEFL/IELTS.** It provides invaluable feedback and students can then work on any disclosed academic weaknesses while there is still ample time to improve them.

**6. Attend university and career fairs.** These often take place in the fall, at various locations around Hong Kong. Try to make attending one with your child a priority.

**7. Support your child’s participation in a school activity or volunteer effort.**

CAS activities help students develop time-management skills and enrich the school experience, so encourage participation.

**8. Tour university campuses.** If possible, take advantage of vacation or other family travel opportunities to visit universities and see what they’re like. Even if there is no interest in attending the university you are visiting, it will help your child learn what to look for in a university.