

An early roadmap for students who don't want to figure everything out at the last minute.

THE STARTING MAP

Where to focus before university applications begin.

Everything below is a menu, not a checklist. These are examples of the kinds of things students explore at each stage — pick what actually connects to your goals, not everything on the list.

01

EARLY HIGH SCHOOL

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- Build strong academic foundations
- Explore fields instead of locking in an identity too early
- Notice what subjects and problems pull your attention
- Try competitions, societies, MUN, Olympiads, sports
- Start small projects of your own
- Begin discovering opportunities instead of waiting for them

02

MID HIGH SCHOOL

AS / MID HIGH SCHOOL

- Go deeper into the areas you actually care about
- Build substantial projects, not random activities
- Develop leadership through real responsibility
- Look for research, competitions, internships, summer programs
- Start identifying what makes your profile coherent
- Begin researching universities and scholarships seriously

03

FINAL YEARS

A2 / FINAL YEARS

- Finalize your university list
- Understand each university's requirements
- Prepare applications and essays early
- Prepare for required tests
- Research financial aid and scholarships
- Prepare for interviews where applicable
- Organize your achievements, projects and experiences

04

THE GATE

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

- APPLICATIONS
- ESSAYS
- REFERENCES
- TESTING
- SCHOLARSHIPS / FINANCIAL AID
- INTERVIEWS
- DEADLINES
- FINAL DECISIONS

YOU DON'T NEED TO DO EVERYTHING.
YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT MATTERS NEXT.