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The State of Admissions

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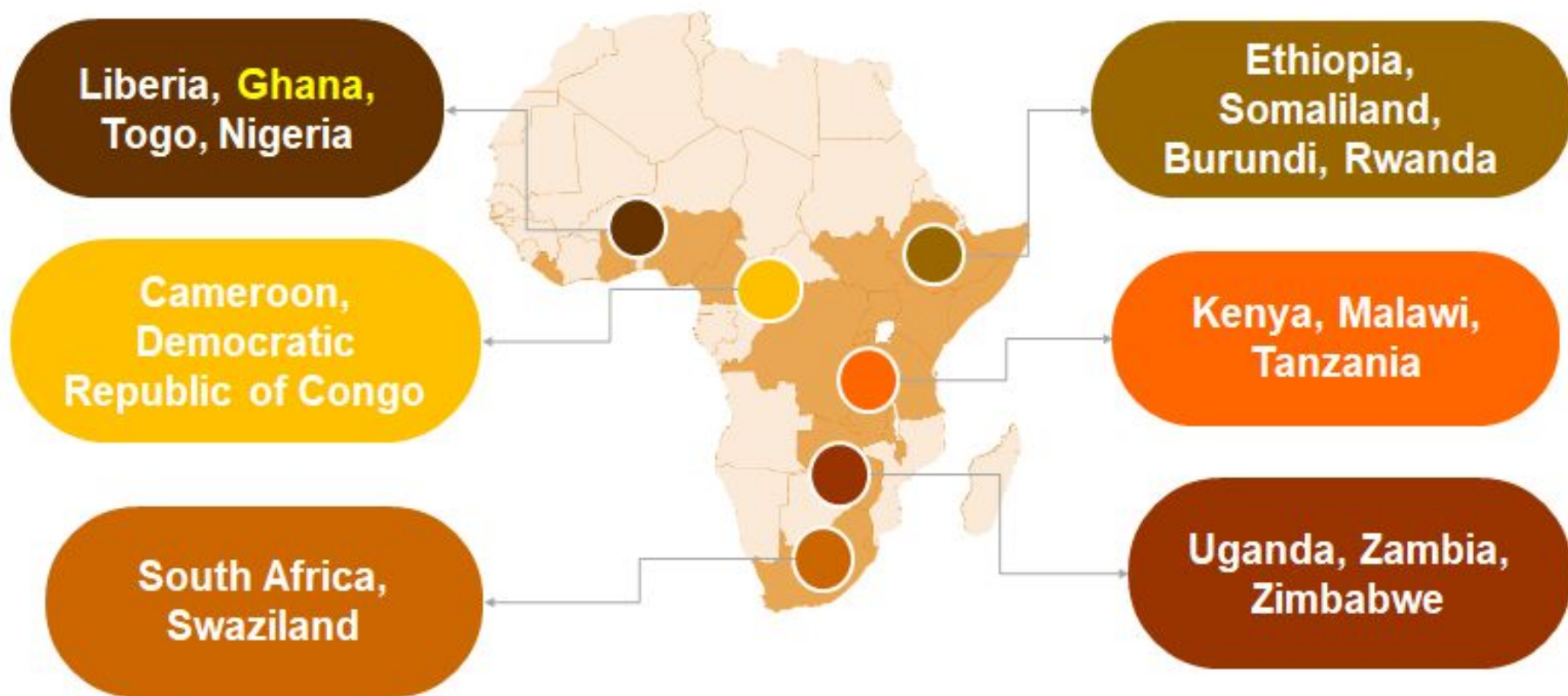


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schools or organisations
2000 per year
Working with **High Achieving** students,
supporting them to obtain university places.

An association of schools and non-profit organizations in **Africa** working with High-Achieving, Low-Income (**HALI**) students to help them access international **higher education** opportunities.



Africa Map of HALI Organisations





AFRICAN SCIENCE ACADEMY (ASA) Pre COVID

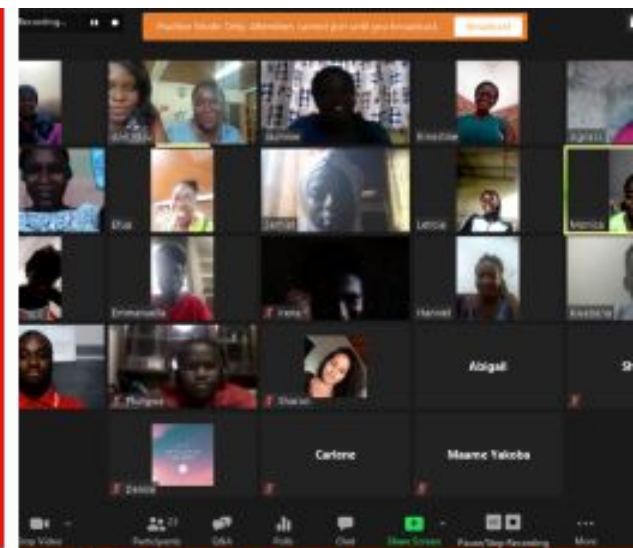
- Financially challenged, Gifted, African girls interested in STEM
- Recruited from national schools
- Complete CAIE International A-levels in one year
- Support to apply to universities





How ASA has been affected

- Unable to complete student recruitment as closed borders and incomplete academic year
- Funding issues
- Currently supporting students from a distance



Current situation in Ghana

- International borders are now open (1st Sept 2020)
- Partial opening of schools, however most closed till January 2021
- Strict restrictions in place for face to face gatherings



Differences in the impact of Covid-19 on schools in Ghana

- Access to the internet varies
- Many International schools still operating with online college counselling
- Many parents now have more opportunities to get involved in the process.



High School Trend— Impact of COVID-19



- Multiple Countries application— Canada, UK, Asia, Europe, Australia
- Decrease the matriculation in U.S
- Defer enrollment/ Gap year of Class 2020
- On-line education vs. Campus engagement
- Test Cancellation/ inconvenience of AP test in Asia.
- Test Optional, Duolingo
- Cost sensitive— look for financial aid.
- Pandemic Protection Plan
- In accessibility of activities
- Stay in Home countries



High School Trend– Other decision factors

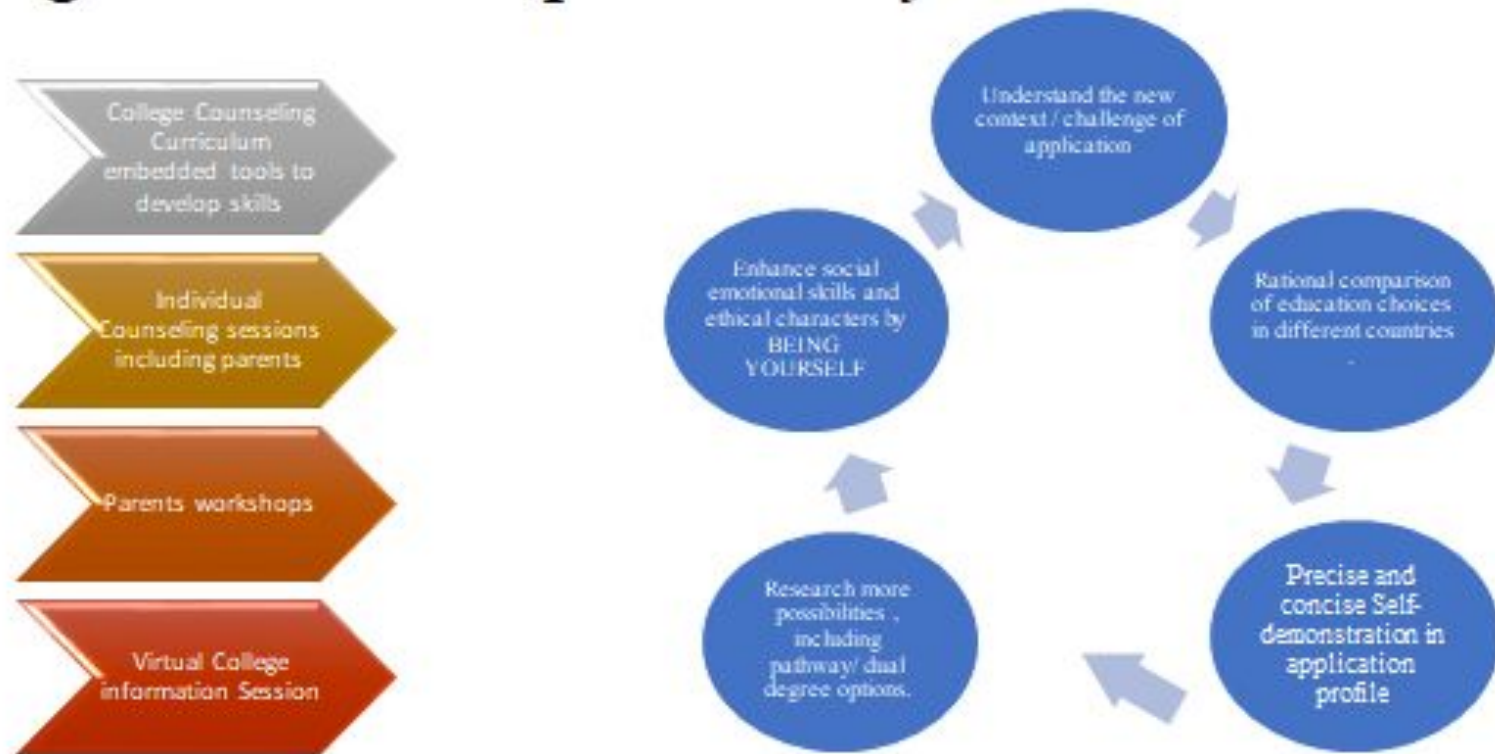
- Student Visa Application
- Job opportunity and Working Visa Possibility
- Immigration accessibility
- Student Well- being on campus
 - Safety and security (gun, missing ,theft)
 - Friendliness vs. Racism
 - Mental health
- Unpredictability of admissions expectation.

High School Trend– “Microscope on”

- Increase interest of major in Medical disciplines.
- Abidance by ED agreement
- Ethical Practice
 - Authenticity of essay,
 - transparency of information
 - transcript credibility



High School Response in hybrid model



The UK Perspective - Context

- Admissions process with a heavy focus on final grades. Minimal grading available between GCSE and A-level
- Predicted grades used to make initial 'conditional offers' but these are often 'aspirational'
- Means large numbers are made unsuccessful following receipt of results
- Many of these 'unsuccessful students will go to their 'insurance' choice or find a place through 'Clearing'
- Due to tuition fee caps many universities are heavily reliant on overseas student income
- UK government cancelled final assessment for A-level in Spring with students issued calculated grades formed using an algorithm that noted GCSE performance, 'centre-assessed grades' and historic A-level attainment data
- Due to concerns from less-selective institutions student number controls were implemented for domestic students
- Government also stepped in to prevent making of unconditional offers

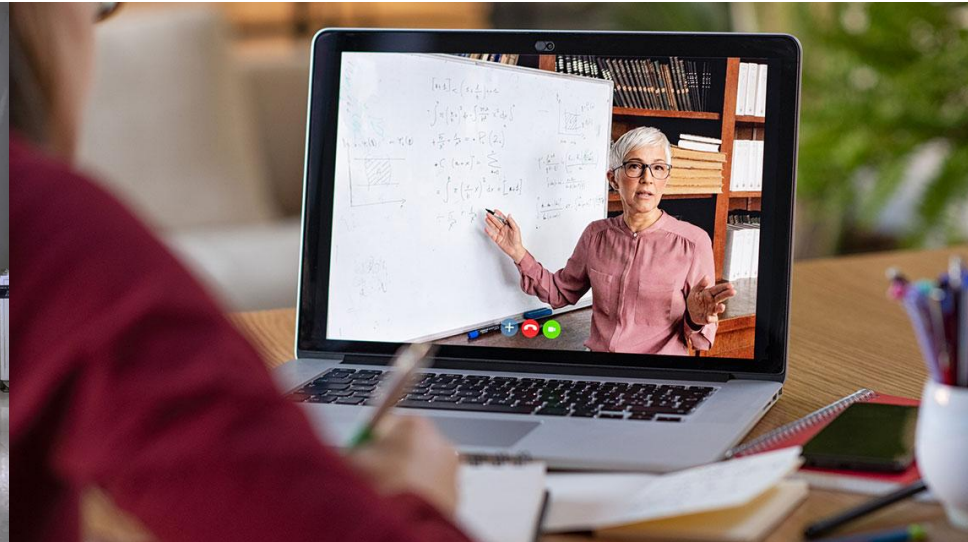


Timeline of a crisis



The UK Perspective - Looking forward

- Who will turn-up?
- Challenges for universities in 20/21
- Will exams happen in 2021?
- What allowances for students graduating in 2021?
- Post-qualification admissions



MSU: International Admissions Team in Fall 2019



MSU: International Admissions Team in 2020



MSU: How many international students will we have on campus this year?



MSU: Change upon change upon change...



MSU: Just a few of the admissions issues

- The move to online admitted student programming
- Test flexibility (test optional, Duolingo)
- Online tools
- May 1? June 1?
- Online “tours” and events
- Deferred admission and arrivals
- Online options
- Overseas partnerships – starting abroad
- Yet more online tools

MSU: Where are we? What have we learned?

- Living with ambiguity
- Life has changed
- The world is not only flat, but virtual
- Leading through change is difficult
- Supporting our students is critical

Questions and Thank You!

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