

# GAFLIB LIFE

MARCH, SPRING



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# CALENDAR 2014 MARCH

by Summer Jeong

## MARCH

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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● Pre-DP	2 ●	3 ●●	4	5	6 ●	7	8 ●●
● DP 1	9 ●	10	11	12 ●	13 ●●	14	15
● DP 2	16 ●	17 ●	18 ●	19	20 ●	21	22
● ALL	23 ●	24 ●	25	26	27	28 ●	29
● BIRTHDAY	30	31					

### SCHEDULE

1st  
Independence Movement Day

3rd  
New Semester Starts

8th  
SAT

13th  
IB Student Committee President  
and Vice Presidents Election

17th  
GAFL Students Assembly

24th  
Chapel

28th  
Students Go Home

GAFL Student Council

### BIRTHDAY

1st  
Hye-Min Yi

2nd  
Suyun Lee, Lumie Lee

3rd  
Clark Lee

6th  
Richard Seo

9th  
Kevin Lee

12th  
Allie Park

13th  
Diana Kim

16th  
Hans Kim

18th  
Catharina Kim

23th  
Gloria Yoon

# IB STUDENT COMMITTEE

by Hye-Min Yi

The IB Student Committee is one of the four major student committees in Gyeonggi Academy of Foreign Languages. Last year, the IB Student Committee was founded for the purpose of efficiently managing IB students' school lives and academic studies. The reason the IB Student Committee was newly formed as an independent student body is that there were difficulties supervising IB students who are far away from the Main Hall. There are 3 departments in the IB Student Committee. These departments include: the Communication Department, Justice Department, and Academic Department.

All departments play different and diverse roles in the committee. The Communication Department mainly works to enhance students' school lives. Through systems such as "Dear Eye Be" the Communication Department collects students' opinions and works to make changes that reflected the opinions. The Justice Department leads students to keep organized and appropriate school life styles. In order to do so, the Justice Department plans many activities regarding to the prohibition of food indoors, the English Only Policy, and managing IB students' penalty cards. Last but not least, the Academic Department achieves making effective study plans for IB students. For example, it designed GAPT schedules and projected the TOK Conference. With the three departments closely cooperating with one, the IB Student Committee reduces inconveniences and support academic studies.

Academic

Communi-  
-cation

Justice





# HOW TO SURVIVE IN THE IB

by Sean Lee



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## Applying to University in the United Kingdom (Introducing UCAS)

I assume that some of we IB students are thinking of applying to Universities in the UK. For those who are considering this, UCAS is an efficient way. UCAS, Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, is an organization that manages the entire application for admission to Universities in the United Kingdom. In order to transfer to undergraduate studies or courses in England, students do not need to send application to individual universities but send them through UCAS.

1. Undergraduate course applicants need to receive UCAS application forms.
2. Write the schools comes that you desire (up to 6 universities) and send them to UCAS, which will then copy the application and send them to the universities that you wish to apply to.
3. Each university assures individual students' permission to admission and notifies to UCAS.
4. UCAS will let the students know whether they are accepted to the universities.

In Korea, students can get the application form in the '주한영국문화원 영국유학센터'. It will be available from September, first come first served. UCAS service is provided officially from 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of September. But it is possible to use the service from 15<sup>th</sup> of January although students who applied before gets the priority. For Oxford, Cambridge, college of medicine or dental college students must submit the applicant before October 15<sup>th</sup>. (There could be changes in the date according to the situation)

### Costs:

For the financial cost for attending universities, there is not much difference among universities. But there is a difference in the cost among the undergraduate courses or faculties. The annual average school fee is as follows: the fee of liberal arts will be about 6500 to 7000 pounds while that of the department of science and engineering is about 8500 to 9000 pounds. The medical college is the most costly area in which the average cost is about 13000 pounds. The living cost may be from 6000 pounds to 7000 if the school is located near oxford or Cambridge. In this sense the average total cost for studying in UK will be approximately 13500 pounds (about 24,000,000 won). This cost is not cheap, and there are not much scholarships or financial supports for foreign students. However the IB is still widely accepted in UK, so the IB students in GAFL may consider using UCAS.



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# THE COLLEGE TIMES

by Erin Lee



## Introduction

Princeton University's ranking in the 2014 edition of Best Colleges is 1 among the National universities.

Princeton, the fourth-oldest college in the United States, is located in the quiet town of Princeton, N.J. Within the walls of its historic ivy-covered campus, Princeton offers a number of events, activities and organizations. The Princeton Tigers, the members of the Ivy League, are well known for their consistently strong men's and women's lacrosse teams. Students live in one of the six residential colleges that provide residential community as well as dining services but have the option to join one of more than the 10 eating clubs for their junior and senior years. The eating clubs serve as social and dining organizations for the students who join them. Princeton's unofficial motto, "In the Nation's Service and in the Service of All Nations," speaks to the university's commitment to community service.

Princeton includes highly ranked graduate programs through the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. One unique aspect of Princeton's academic program is that all undergraduate students are required to write senior theses. Notable alumni include U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, John Forbes Nash - subject of the 2001 film "A Beautiful Mind", model/actress Brooke Shields, and First Lady Michelle Obama. According to a Princeton legend, if a student exits campus through FitzRandolph Gate prior to graduation, he or she may be cursed never to graduate.

## CONTACTS

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Phone: (609) 258-5102  
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## College Evaluation

	D	D+	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Academy	[Blue bar from D to A+]										
Sports	[Blue bar from D to A+]										
Food	[Blue bar from D to A+]										
Dormitory	[Blue bar from D to A+]										
Facilities	[Blue bar from D to A+]										
Local Environment	[Blue bar from D to B+]										
Outside-school Accommodation	[Blue bar from D to C+]										
Parking	[Blue bar from D to C+]										
Transportation	[Blue bar from D to B+]										
Weather	[Blue bar from D to B+]										

## Services Offered

Basic student services offered

- non-remedial tutoring
- women's center
- health service
- health insurance

Campus safety and security services offered

- 24-hour foot and vehicle patrols
- late night transport/escort service
- 24-hour emergency telephones
- lighted pathways/sidewalks
- controlled dormitory access (key, security card, etc.)

Career services offered

- on-campus job interviews
- alumni network
- internships
- interest inventory
- resume assistance
- interview training
- career/job search classes

Services for physically disabled students

- note-taking services
- adaptive equipment
- talking books
- reader services
- tape recorders
- braille services
- special housing
- interpreters for hearing-impaired
- tutors

## Required documents for college admission

- Application (Common application)
- High school academic record
- Princeton Supplement  
(Submit with Common application via online)
- 5 essay topics (word limit: 500)
- Secondary School Report
- Mid-Year School Report
- International Supplement to the School Report  
(for only international applicants)
- SAT/ACT with Writing (applicants may send the highest scores for each section)
- 2 SAT Subject Tests
- TOEFL/IELTS
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- (Interview)
- (Supplemental Materials or Portfolios)

## Requirements for college admission

Required subjects in high school

- English (focus on writing and literature) for 4 years
- History and Social Science (including essay-writing) for more than 2 years
- Science (including Biology, Chemistry, Physics) for more than 2 years
- Foreign language for more than 4 years
- Visual art, Music, Theatre, etc.

Financial aid

- Princeton practices the need-blind policy to all students, which indicates that requesting financial aid does not affect the application.
- International students need to submit PFAA (Princeton Financial Aid Application) via online.
- Princeton does not offer the merit-based financial aid.

Academic GPA

Class Rank

Rigor of secondary school record

Standardized Test Scores

Character/Personal Qualities

Letters of Recommendation

Application Essay

Extracurricular Activities

# BOOK RECOMMENDATION

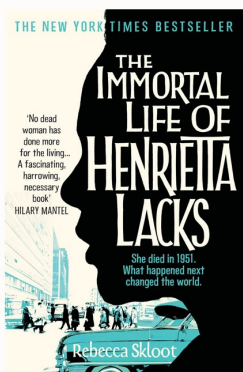
by Ms. Fountain



## The Codex Alera series by Jim Butcher (F)

If you like action and adventure and danger and rooting for the little guy then Jim Butcher's Codex Alera series is my suggestion. It is a series of 6 novels following Tavi as he gets swept up in a civil war where armies fight not just with swords but also with magic. Just as Tavi thinks his country is safe there is a new threat. Fast paced action make this series a page turner.

## The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot (NF)

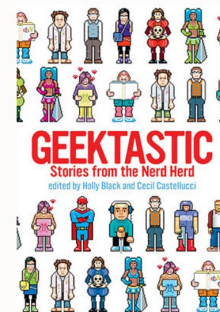
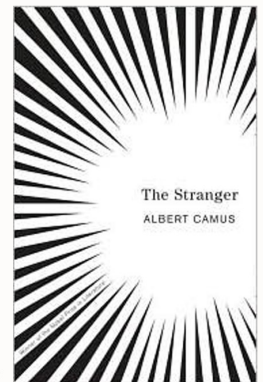


Modern medicine world wide owes a lot to Henrietta Lacks a poor black woman from the US. Her immortal cells allow scientists to conduct research in order to find cures and treatments. Henrietta's contribution went uncredited for many, many

years. If you are interested in ethics and biology or just want a good non-fiction read, you should try *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*.

## The Stranger by Albert Camus (F)

Originally written in French L'etranger has been translated into English as *The Stranger* or *The Outsider*. This is a classic novel that looks at what it means to lie, what it means when we lie, and how much the average person lies. Camus' work has philosophical tones and he also tells a good story--if you're interested in a book that has ethics, philosophy, and TOK undertones, then this is the book for you.



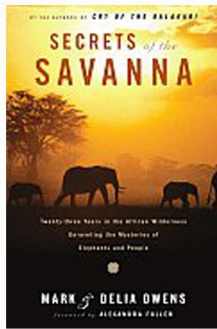
## Geektastic: Stories from the Nerd Herd (F) edited by Holly Black and Cecil Castellucci

Ever feel like you don't belong? Like your interests are outside the mainstream? Do you like Star Wars, or Lord of the Rings, or dinosaurs? Geektastic is a collection of short stories written about and for people who feel they are apart from the group. Some stories are sad, some are happy, and some are funny. All are a good introduction to each author's work.



## Secrets of the Savanna (NF)

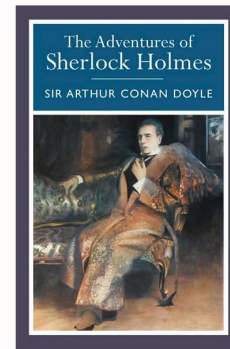
by Mark James Owens and Cordelia Dykes Owens



Mark and Delia spent over twenty years living in the African savanna tracking and researching elephants. Along with their elephant research, they helped to start local industries and schools in an effort to help protect the elephants. *Secrets of the Savanna* is their account of their time in the bush: dealing with poachers, baby elephants, dangerous wildlife, and fires.

## The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



If you're a fan of the series Sherlock or Elementary, you should try Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's book and see where the greatest fictional detective started. Some of the stories will be familiar, others may not, but Sherlock's reasoning and quick wit is the same.

**“A room without books is like a body without a soul”**

**- Cicero**



# PHOTO GALLERY

by EunJee Hyeon

**“English/Science Camp with GAFLians”**  
at Dae-Po Elementary School in Sokcho  
June 2nd to 5th with 1st-6th Graders







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