

# SAT PREP & UNIVERSITY VISITS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

JULY 11, 2016 – JULY 29, 2016



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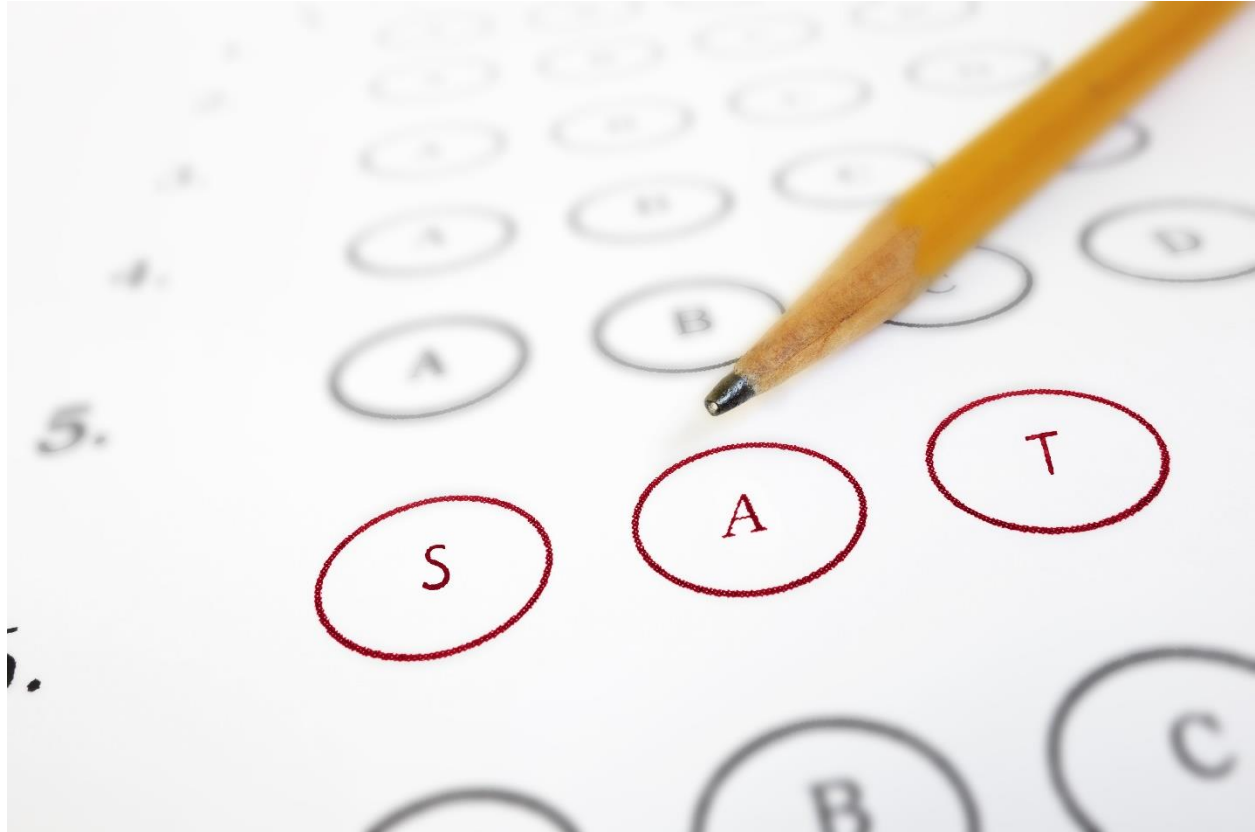


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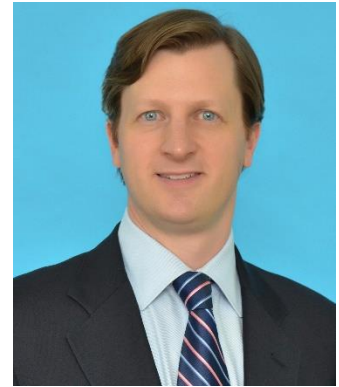
Commonwealth Student Services of Boston, in conjunction with Advantage Testing Boston, is excited to offer a three-week summer program combining top SAT test preparation and Boston area university visits.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



- 30 hours of instruction with highly qualified and industry leading tutors
- Seven college visits with expert college consultant
  - Babson, Bentley, Boston College, Boston University, Brown, Clark, Harvard, Holy Cross, M.I.T., Northeastern, and Tufts
- Cultural and Fun Activities
  - Boston City Tour
  - Museum Visits
  - Beach Day
  - Amusement Park
- Housing – students will reside in dormitories in Downtown Boston

# PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S GREETING



Dear Summer Program Students and Parents,

We are delighted that you are interested in our summer test prep and college visit program in Boston! The program combines top test preparation by acclaimed Advantage Testing of Boston with guided Boston area college visits. This unique experience will allow students to improve their SAT scores, to experience life as a student in Boston, and to visit some of the world's finest academic institutions. The combination of exceptional instruction with engaging college visits will leave students excited about the prospects of studying in the USA! In order to ensure the excellence of the program, we have limited it to thirty students.

Please contact us to learn more about the program and the many benefits for your child. All communication can be conducted in English or Spanish. We look forward to speaking to you!

Sincerely,

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# DATES & ELIGIBILITY

- July 11, 2016 – July 29, 2016
- Boys and girls, ages 15-18
- English proficiency required
- Limited to 30 students
- Cost \$6,750 (airfare not included)

## SCHEDULE

### Weekday Schedule

7:45 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	SAT Prep Group 1/College Visit Group 2
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	SAT Prep Group 2/ College Visit Group 1
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Evening Activity/ Free time
10:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Quiet time
11:00 pm	Lights out



# SAT INSTRUCTION

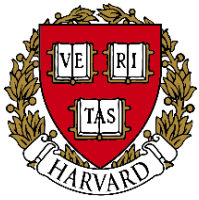


- Initial diagnostic test, two midterm tests, and final exam
- 30 hours of classroom instruction
- Small group classes (8-10 students per section)
- Two additional practice tests to be administered in student's home country, Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>
- Advantage Testing Tutors are:
  - highly educated graduates of leading colleges and universities, many of whom hold graduate degrees
  - skilled test takers who have scored in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of any test they are tutoring for
  - passionate about teaching and are engaged mentors
  - experts at teaching content to students, not test taking gimmicks
  - effective teachers whose instruction will improve students' future academic work

# BOSTON AREA COLLEGE VISITS



- Seven college visits, including debriefing sessions with college admissions expert
- Private information session and campus tour
- The importance and process of finding the “best fit” school
- Admission entrance requirement discussion with college admissions expert
- Schools to visit may include: Babson, Bentley, Boston College, Boston University, Brown, Clark, Harvard, Holy Cross, M.I.T., Northeastern, and Tufts



# EVENING AND WEEKEND ACTIVITIES



## Museum visits

- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science
  - Hayden Planetarium Laser Shows
    - Pink Floyd, The Wall
    - Michael Jackson, Thriller
  - Imax Movies

## Weekend Activities may include:

- Explore Boston Day
- Visit to Brown University and Newport, R.I.
- Amusement park trip
- Visit to Faneuil Hall
- Boston Red Sox game



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **PROGRAM FAQs**

### **What type of student would benefit from this program?**

Students eager to improve their SAT score and who have an interest in coming to the USA to study. Students should be excited for this opportunity and have the maturity to benefit from such a program.

### **How much will my scores go up?**

Our experience shows that adhering to a well-orchestrated program, including tutoring and individual studying, has significant results. Score gains vary by student with 100 to 200+ point improvements achievable.

### **How much studying is required?**

This is a test preparation program and our primary goal is to improve students' SAT scores. Students will have three hours of classroom instruction and will have approximately an hour of homework each day. We understand that students work best when properly motivated and in a positive environment. The college visits are designed to show students the benefits of such studying.

*The daily environment will be fun!*

### **I am taking the SAT October 1st, won't I forget everything?**

Repetition and review are key parts of the program. Students will be given a study schedule for August and September and will take two additional practice tests in their home country on September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **How did you select the universities to visit?**

We have selected a range of universities that will highlight the many different educational opportunities in the USA. We will discuss with students the importance of finding the "best fit" college and show them how to do so.

## **LOGISTICS FAQs**

### **How do I apply?**

Please fill out the information form by clicking on one of the following links.

English <http://cssob.com/new-student-form>

Spanish <http://cssob.com/new-student-form-esp>

Students and families will then be contacted for a Skype interview.

### **What is included in the fee?**

The fee includes: academic instruction, airport transportation, college visits, health insurance, housing, meals, and scheduled activities. Students are responsible for their own spending money and airfare.

### **How will I communicate with my child?**

Parents are free to contact their students daily. Evening Boston time is most suitable for calls. Students will have the option to purchase a USA SIM card upon arrival. Free internet will be provided in the



dormitories. Email, Skype, and WhatsApp are popular ways as well. Cell phone use will not be permitted during class time or study time.

**What do I wear?**

Students are free to wear casual summer dress.

**Where do students sleep?**

Students will reside in college dormitories in Back Bay, Boston's most historic and elegant neighborhood. Students will be in double and triple rooms, grouped by gender.

**What kind of Visa is required?**

Students can attend the program with a B-2 tourist visa.

**Can my child start a day earlier/later?**

We cannot accommodate students arriving before July 11 or departing after July 29.

**What if my child becomes sick or injured?**

Boston is home to some of the world's best medical care. All students will be provided health insurance. During an emergency, a staff member will accompany the child and communicate with the family.

**Who will supervise my child?**

Our staff will be primarily made up of current students or recent graduates of American universities. They will be knowledgeable about cultural differences and expectations. There will be one counselor per six students.

**Will the students be allowed to walk around Boston alone?**

Parents may grant permission to students for such privileges. There will always be chaperoned options as well.

**What is the weather like in Boston?**

Boston summers are typically warm and sunny with some humidity. Average daily temperatures in July range from 24 to 29 degrees with cooler nights. Rain is possible.

**What should my child pack?**

A complete list of items will be sent to each enrolled family.