



**US College Handbook for Students & Parents**  
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**Ideas for Summer Planning (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Form)**

MIT tips for preparing for college including suggestions for online courses and resources, summer programs and competitions: [mitadmissions.org/apply/prepare/highschool](http://mitadmissions.org/apply/prepare/highschool)

There are many **summer camps, classes and workshops** both here and overseas. If you can afford it, take advantage of ones where you will further an existing skill or learn a new one. If you can't afford it, ask if scholarships are available, you never know!

Many 6<sup>th</sup> form Campionites who are interested in science have attended:

The SPISE program: [caribbean-science.org/projects/spise.php](http://caribbean-science.org/projects/spise.php)

The LIYSF program: [liysf.org.uk](http://liysf.org.uk)

Take a **free online college course** on sites such as:

[coursehero.org](http://coursehero.org)

[edx.org](http://edx.org)

[khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org)

[codecademy.com](http://codecademy.com)

**Learn more about a topic** through watching TED Talks: [ted.com](http://ted.com)

(Be inspired by these young teenage presenters: [http://www.ted.com/playlists/129/ted\\_under\\_20](http://www.ted.com/playlists/129/ted_under_20) )

**Read** and read some more: Reading only what is on the syllabus at school is not enough and you are bound to be asked about the last book you read outside of school in an interview. Here is one list of recommended books but there are many others. Perhaps you prefer non-fiction titles on engineering or biographies about sporting heroes—great! You just don't want to resort to referencing a book you read in primary/prep school.

[goodreads.com/list/show/21804.101\\_Great\\_Books\\_Recommended\\_for\\_College\\_Bound\\_Readers](http://goodreads.com/list/show/21804.101_Great_Books_Recommended_for_College_Bound_Readers)

**Paid employment:** Many large local companies offer summer internships that offer a small salary. Do your research early and apply at the start of the year. Colleges like to see that you have had exposure to different careers, and, of course, a job allows you to save for the many expenses of college.

**Volunteer:**

- Interested in animals or biology, volunteer at the JSPCA or Hope Zoo
- Interested in education, childcare, psychology: volunteer to help at a summer camp or classes for kids or start your own organisation
- Interested in sports: volunteer at a sports summer camp or with organisations such as Ballaz, YMCA, swim clubs etc
- *Other interests:* If you are willing and able to work for free, many professionals (doctors, lawyers, electricians, teachers etc) are willing to take on summer interns for a few days or a few weeks. This will allow you to shadow these persons and learn more about this career before committing to a college degree in that discipline. A positive experience could also lead to recommendations and future employment.