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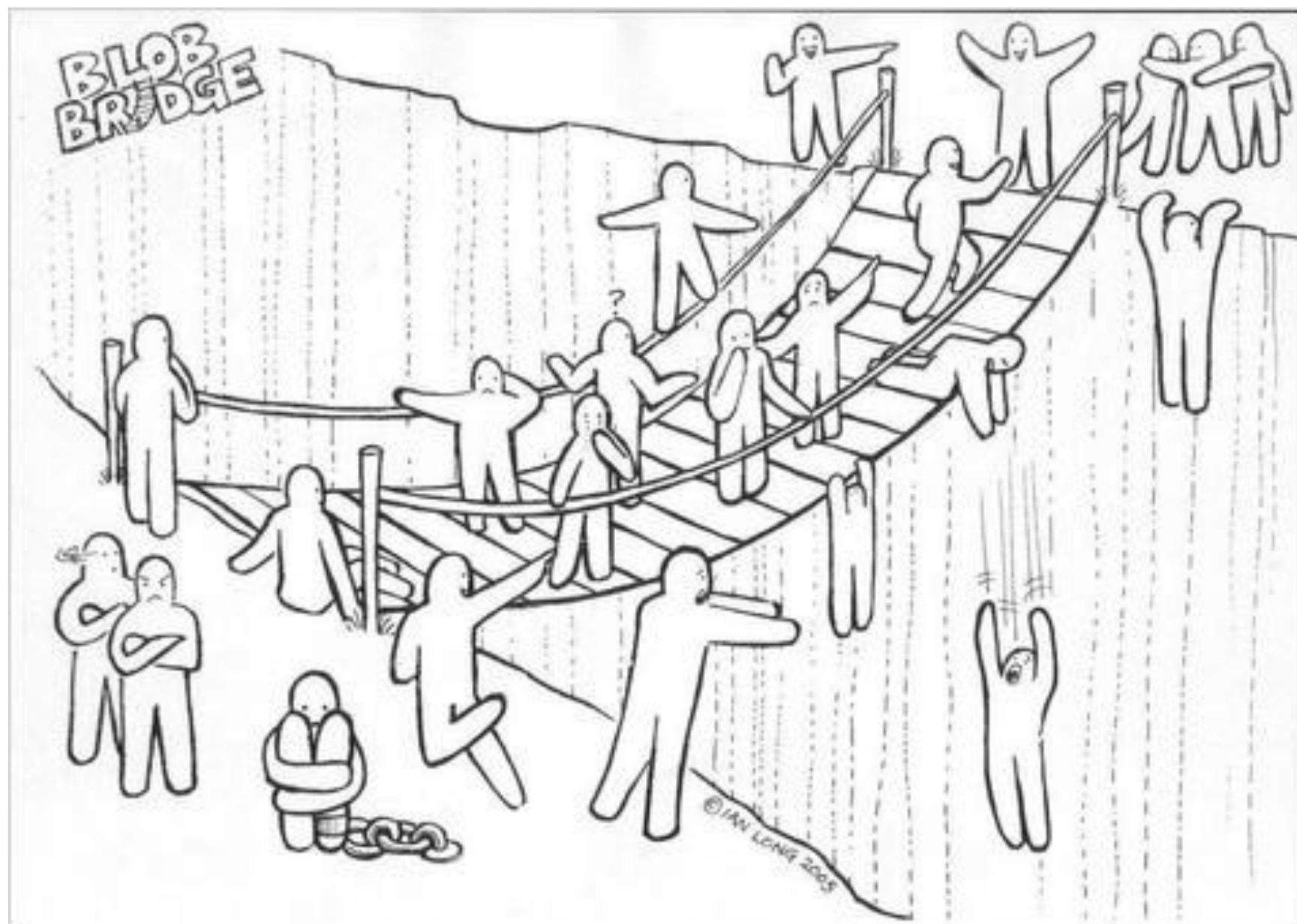
Help yourself to breakfast.
We'll take attendance shortly.

G11 University Kick Off

10 January 2025

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Agenda

- My Role vs. Your Role
 - Best/Right Fit
 - The List
 - (Mis)use of Rankings
 - So you want to go everywhere?
- Destinations and Gap Year options
- Getting Organised
 - Rec Letters
 - G11/Junior Interviews
 - Summer Options (uni visits, internships, study programs)
 - Essay Writing
 - Its and Bits/Miscellaneous

Student Role:

- Research universities
- Complete applications
- Write university essays
- Send test scores (if using them)
 - Pay application fees.
- Keep Maia Learning up to date, including requests for transcripts.
- Remind teachers to submit letters of recommendation.
- Brag about themselves to the university counsellor.
 - Be their own advocate.

University Counsellor:

- Guide, counsel, probe, refer, suggest, and inform
 - Help check applications
- Help review university essays / personal statements
- Send out letters of recommendation and school documents
 - Vouch for your courses, grades, activities, essays, etc.
- Report any academic violations, etc. when asked

Grade 11: Tests



Digital SAT test dates

- 8 March 2025
- 3 May 2025
- 23 August 2025
- 8 November 2025
- Registration with the College Board is usually 1 month prior.
- We are a closed test centre.
- Take it now.

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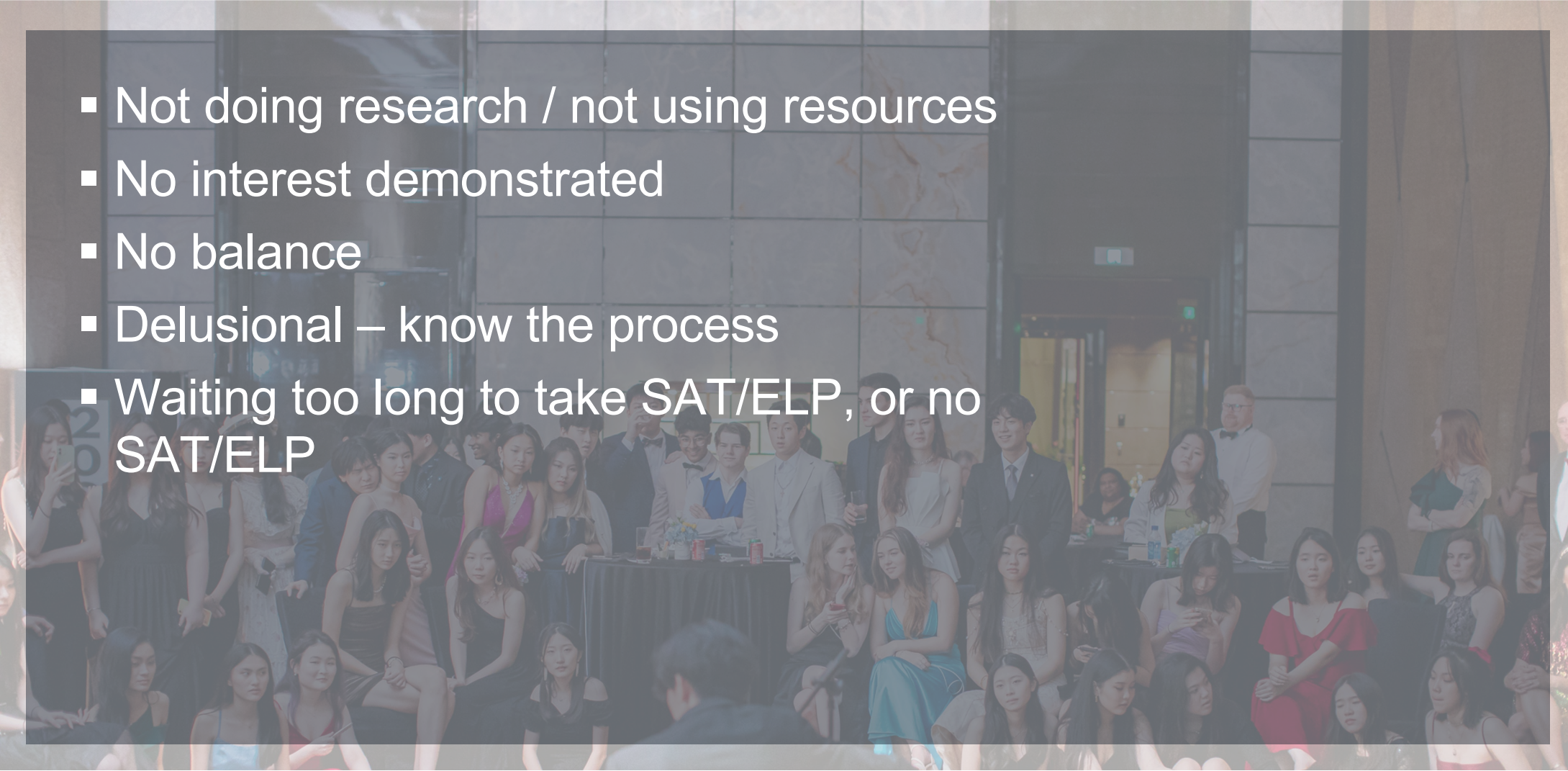
- ...and take TOEFL/IELTS
- Do I need an English language proficiency test?
- Do you need it for a student visa?
- When should I take it?
- Who sends the scores?
- Take it now.

Grade 11 What is coming up?

- G12 course selection if applicable
- Sign G11 Contract
- 'For Teacher' and 'For Counsellor' Rec Form
- Continue drafting your essay
- Investigate universities
- Visit universities when possible
- Prior to G12, list your universities in Maia Learning under 'Universities Considering'
- Co-curriculars and super curriculars
- Finish your Extended Essay draft
- G11 IB Anticipated Grades (May) vs G12 PG (Oct)

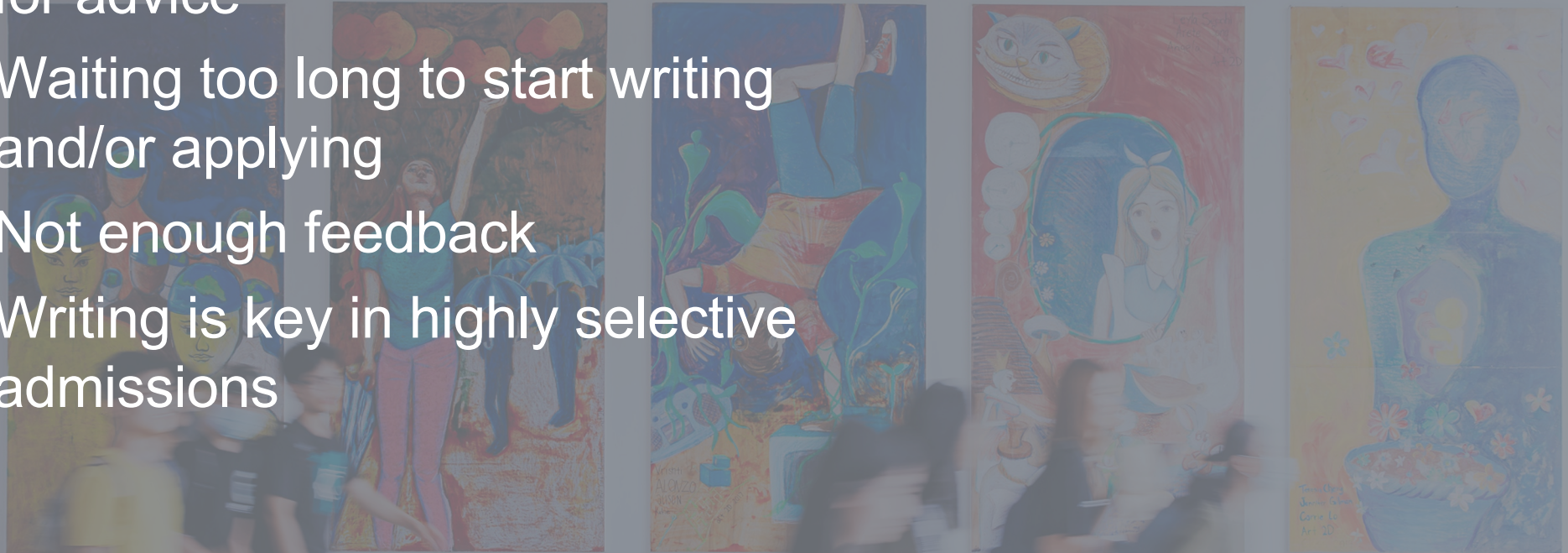
Common Mistakes

- Not doing research / not using resources
- No interest demonstrated
- No balance
- Delusional – know the process
- Waiting too long to take SAT/ELP, or no SAT/ELP



Common Mistakes

- Relying on a sibling/parent/consultant (agents)/friend/teacher for advice
- Waiting too long to start writing and/or applying
- Not enough feedback
- Writing is key in highly selective admissions



Tips

1. Have all testing done before G12 starts,
e.g. SAT, ELP, UCAT, etc.



2. Have your Extended Essay completed before G12 starts.



3. Get your writing done early!
And then revise...and revise...and revise...and revise...and....



4. Get to know your teachers and counsellor really well.
They write the letters that bring context to your application



5. Put yourself in control. Own it.



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Thank you!

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