

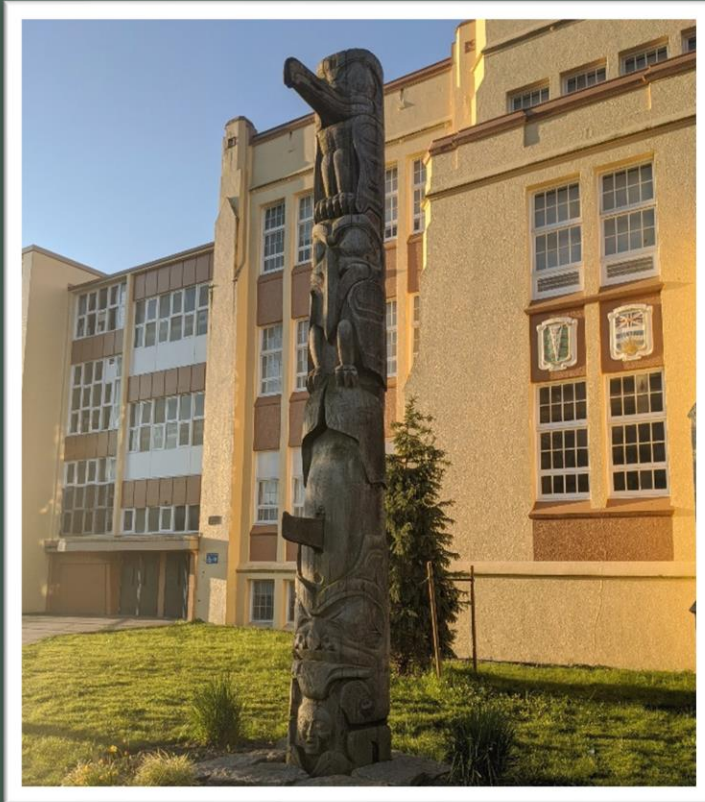


VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SCHOOL



Grad 2026 Parent Course Planning Night

Indigenous Acknowledgement



- I am honoured to be working together on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm | Musqueam, Sḵwx̱ Skills wú7mesh | Squamish & səlilwətaʔ | Tseil-Waututh Nations

Veillez vous joindre à nous pour reconnaître que nous vivons, apprenons, travaillons et jouons sur le territoire non cédé et traditionnel des peuples Coast Salish.

Welcome!



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Continuing Down The Graduation Track!

- ▶ We will continue to work towards the 80 credits required to graduate. This is the equivalent of 20 full time courses at the grade 10, 11, and 12 level.
 - ▶ Hopefully, by the end of this year, you will already have at least eight courses from Grade 10.
 - ▶ In Grade 11 has less required courses (PE/Career Ed).
- ▶ The course selection form will show you a typical track of courses towards graduation.
- ▶ It's important that you take a serious interest in your graduation and post-secondary planning. If not you, who will?
- ▶ Always ask questions as we cover the content! 😊



**Our
Courses**



Check Your Requirements From Grade 10

- ▶ All students will need the following courses at the grade 10 level to graduate:
 - ▶ English 10 - Completed through 2 semestered courses
 - ▶ (New Media, Composition, Literary Studies, Spoken Language, Creative Writing).
 - ▶ Math 10 - Either Workplace or Foundations & Pre-Calculus
 - ▶ Science 10
 - ▶ Social Studies 10
 - ▶ PE 10
 - ▶ CLE 10 - Either on or off-timetable.

- ▶ On track? If you're concerned, talk to Mr Van 😊





School Programs



- ▶ French Immersion, Flex Humanities, LAC, and Summit all continue in Grade 11.
 - ▶ If you were in a program in grade 10, it's assumed you're continuing in grade 11.
 - ▶ If you were not in one, you'll continue to not be unless you apply and are accepted (subject to room).
- ▶ French Immersion (2 courses):
 - ▶ Mandatory: French Core 11
 - ▶ One of two Social Studies options: BC First Peoples 12 or World History 12
- ▶ Flex Humanities (1 course): English 11: New Media
- ▶ LAC (3 courses): Math, Science, & Humanities
- ▶ Summit (1 course): Math: Pre-Calculus 12



Numeracy & Literacy Assessments

- ▶ Grade 10 Students take the Numeracy Assessment on Tuesday, January 23rd.
 - ▶ It's a four-point proficiency scale, like with your Grade 8 and 9 marks.
 - ▶ Students can do two additional attempts at zero penalty.
- ▶ Grade 10 students take the Literacy Assessment in the week of April 15-19th, 2024.
- ▶ The assessments are NOT tied to any class, but to skills you've built.
- ▶ Grade 10 assessments are NOT used by any post-secondaries.
- ▶ In Grade 12, you will write a Literacy 12 assessment, which is used by UBC.
- ▶ More information about the assessments and what they look like:
 - ▶ Grade 10 Literacy Assessment [HERE](#).
 - ▶ Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment [HERE](#).
 - ▶ Grade 12 Literacy Assessment [HERE](#).





Indigenous Grad Requirement

- ▶ Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, the Ministry of Education requires students to take at least one course with an Indigenous focus to graduate.
 - ▶ Great news: This is easy at Van Tech as our English, Socials, and French Immersion departments have multiple options!
 - ▶ Courses that meet the criteria for 2024-2025:
 - ▶ English First Peoples Literary Studies & Writing 11
 - ▶ English First Peoples 12
 - ▶ BC First Peoples 12 (*Socials course*)
 - ▶ Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 (*Socials course*)
 - ▶ Peuples Autochtones de la BC 12 (*French Immersion Gr 11 option*)





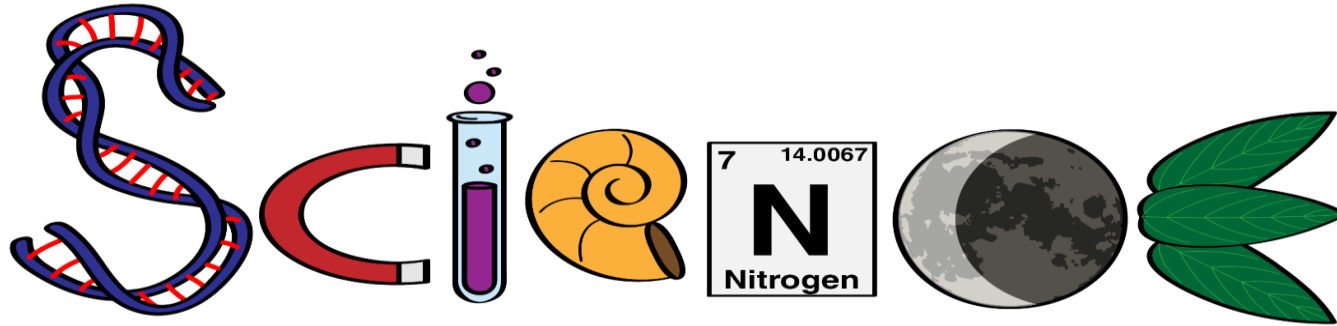
Math Options for Grade 11

- ▶ In grade 11 there are FOUR Math options.
 - ▶ **Math 11: Workplace** - It is the preferred method for students going into trades (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, etc.). It allows access to most college programs, but not to any university without upgrading. Check online or with Mr. Van if you have questions.
 - ▶ Accessed from Math 10: Workplace.
 - ▶ **Math 11: Foundations** - This is the middle of the road Math option that allows access to all universities for non-Science/Math related disciplines. Please note UBC and SFU want you to also take Foundations 12 if you go with this level.
 - ▶ Accessed from Math 10: Foundations & Pre-Calculus.
 - ▶ **Math 11: Pre-Calculus** - This is the standard upper-level Math. It is the path that gives access to all programs and universities. It is generally considered harder. You should take this class if you're considering any Science, Math, Engineering, or Computer Science programs in post-secondary.
 - ▶ Accessed from Math 10: Foundations & Pre-Calculus.
 - ▶ **Math 11: Computer Science** - Suggested as a second math option for students interested in Computer Science as a future profession.
- ▶ Students can adjust their math selection later in the year with Mr. Van, if needed.
- ▶ Remember: please ask Mr. Van if you're unsure about which route to take.





Science Splits into More Choices!



- ▶ After Grade 10, Science splits into different streams and interests.
- ▶ You'll need a Science 11 OR 12 to graduate. Science majors will need many more.
- ▶ Here's what there is at the Senior level
 - ▶ Biology 11: Life Sciences
 - ▶ Biology 12: Anatomy & Physiology 12 (*Preference to Grade 12s*)
 - ▶ DO NOT need to take Life Sciences 11 first AND you're allowed to take both.
 - ▶ Chemistry 11 is strongly recommended for this course.
 - ▶ Chemistry 11, which leads to Chemistry 12 (*Make sure to take the 11 first*)
 - ▶ Physics 11, which leads to Physics 12 (*Make sure to take the 11 first*)
 - ▶ Science for Citizens 11 (More hands on, generally, easier, and ticks the Science box)
- ▶ For more information from the Ministry of Education, go [here](#).



Right to Grade 12!

- ▶ As you may already know, Social Studies 11 is an optional course in BC and because Gr 12 courses are better for post-secondary and offer more choice, we're moving right to it!
- ▶ All FRENCH IMMERSION students will take a socials 12 course as a group.
- ▶ All ENGLISH students will need to choose at least one Social Studies course.
- ▶ Here are the current options:
 - ▶ 20th Century World History 12
 - ▶ African Decent History 12 (Off-Timetable) ***
 - ▶ Asian Studies 12
 - ▶ BC First Peoples 12 (*Meets Indigenous grad requirement*)
 - ▶ Comparative Cultures 12
 - ▶ Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 (*Meets Indigenous grad requirement*)
 - ▶ Economic Theory 12
 - ▶ Law Studies 12
 - ▶ Philosophy 12
 - ▶ Social Justice 12



Language Courses & Skills



▶ Language Courses:

- ▶ Students can continue taking language classes.
- ▶ At the grade 11 level we have French, Spanish, and Mandarin.
 - ▶ You should have done the grade 9 and 10 level course in order to take the grade 11 level.
- ▶ Students may also take Introductory Spanish and Introductory Mandarin if they want to start a new language. These classes are Grade 11 level and combine grade 9 and 10 learning.
- ▶ **Note:** UBC requires a grade 11 language course. SFU requires a grade 11 introductory or full level language course. Other universities and colleges in BC do not. Some universities in Quebec also want French specifically.

▶ Skills Blocks:

- ▶ If you are a student with a designation (such as a Learning Disability) you are automatically permitted to take the course.
- ▶ All other students - including students who may have taken one in grade 9 - must be accepted to take a skills class through a conversation with Mr. Van and the learning support teaching team.



PE & All Things Fitness!

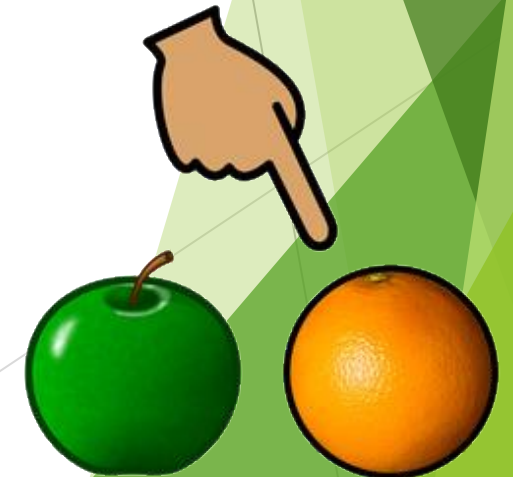
- ▶ Grade 11 and 12 PE is optional.
- ▶ All classes are grade 11 and 12 combined.
- ▶ If you enjoy PE, here are the great options for you:
 - ▶ Active Living 11/12 (closest to classic PE, but more out trips)
 - ▶ Active Living 11/12: **Girls**
 - ▶ Athletic Development 11/12: Volleyball
 - ▶ Outdoor Education 11/12
 - ▶ Strength & Conditioning 11/12
 - ▶ Strength & Conditioning: **Soccer** 11/12
 - ▶ Yoga & Well Being 11/12
- ▶ Leadership 11/12 (off-timetable) is also under the PE umbrella.





Applied Skills & Fine Arts!

- ▶ Grade 11 Applied Skills & Fine Arts courses are usually combined with Grade 12s.
- ▶ Students DO NOT need to have taken a lower grade elective to do the higher level one. Example: You can take Foods 11 without having taken Foods 9 or 10.
- ▶ Students can receive credit in both years if they select it both years.
- ▶ Generally, most grade 10 electives continue with a grade 11 and 12 elective, but there are new ones too!
 - ▶ Make sure to check the course planning catalogue with all the information.
 - ▶ Link: <https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/frf/115/2024-2025%20VanTech%20Course%20Planning%20Guide.pdf>
 - ▶ This and much more are also available @ mrvan.org





Mental Health Leadership 10-12 (Off-Timetable Course)

- ▶ Interested and passionate around the topic of mental health?
- ▶ Available after school on Wednesdays?
- ▶ If so... Consider joining Mr Van's Mental Health Leadership 10 course.
 - ▶ It's off-timetable (Wednesdays, 3:15-4:45).
 - ▶ The class is grades 10-12 all together.
 - ▶ Built around learning about mental health, trauma, wellbeing, therapies, how to support others, and much more.
 - ▶ We use a considerable number of guest speakers from local agencies.
 - ▶ You become one of there Here4Peers facilitators that you may remember.
- ▶ For current MHL students, we also offer Peer Counselling 12 as a follow-up if you just can't kick the MHL habit 😊



How is my schedule shaping up?

Mainstream	French Immersion	Flex Humanities	LAC	Summit
English 11 <i>(Pick a flavour)</i>	English 11 <i>(Pick a flavour)</i>	English 11: New Media (FH Cohort)	LAC English & Socials 11	English 11 <i>(Pick a flavour)</i>
Math 11 <i>(Pick a level)</i>	Math 11 <i>(Pick a level)</i>	Math 11 <i>(Pick a level)</i>	LAC Math 11	Pre-Calculus 12 <i>(Summit Cohort)</i>
Science 11 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>	Science 11 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>	Science 11 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>	LAC Science 11	Science 11 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>
Socials 12 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>	Socials 12 (FRIM; <i>History/Indigenous</i>)	Socials 12 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>	Elective class	Socials 12 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>
Language or Elective class	French Core 11 (FRAL)	Language or Elective class	Language or Elective class	Language or Elective class
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Off timetable courses?	Off timetable courses?	Off timetable courses?	Off timetable courses?	Off timetable courses?



Summer School, Fails, & Getting Ahead

- ▶ Students may make up courses they haven't passed in summer school. Students can also use summer school to get ahead in certain courses.
 - ▶ Summer school applications open in early May.
 - ▶ Mr Van will post information about signing up when we're in April.
- ▶ Many students may choose to get AHEAD in their courses by taking a grade 11 course in summer school. Doing so means you can take an extra elective of your choice in the next school year.
 - ▶ Please note: Grade 11s will not have study blocks. If you complete a course in summer school, you'll get ahead on credits elsewhere.
 - ▶ Please note: If there is not enough room in Grade 12 courses, priority goes to older students.





myBlueprint

- ▶ MyBluePrint is something generally introduced in the CLE 10 course. It is a FANTASTIC way to plan out your post-secondary goals. It helps you build potential futures where you can see how your course choices affect your post-secondary options.

High School

Plan Courses

Van's Test View Plans

Grade 10 Current Year	Grade 11 Next Year	Grade 12 Plan Ahead	Additional Plan Ahead
English 10 MEN-10 • 4 Credits	English 11 MEN-11 • 4 Credits	English 12 First Peoples MEFP-12 • 4 Credits	+ Course
Foundations of Mathe... MFMP-10 • 4 Credits	Pre-calculus 11 MPRE11 • 4 Credits	Career Life Connections MCLC-12 (ELC) • 4 Credits	+ Course
Social Studies 10 MSS-10 • 4 Credits	Geography: Asian Stud... MGEO-12SC1 • 4 Credits	Automotive Technolog... MAT-11 • 4 Credits	+ Course
Science 10 MSC-10 • 4 Credits	Chemistry 11 MCH-11 • 4 Credits	French 12 MFR-12 • 4 Credits	+ Course
Physical Education 10 MPE-10 • 4 Credits • 90%	Physical Education 11 MPE-11 • 4 Credits	Chemistry 12 MCH-12 • 4 Credits	+ Course
Career Life Education CLE (MCLC-10) • 4 Credits	French 11 MFR-11 • 4 Credits	Physics 12 MPP-12 • 4 Credits	+ Course
Drama: Theatre Comp... MDRTCLD • 4 Credits	Social Studies 11 MSS-11 • 4 Credits	Graduation Transitions MGT-10 • 4 Credits	+ Course
French 10 MFR-10 • 4 Credits • 73%	Physics 11 MPP-11 • 4 Credits	+ Course	+ Course

Graduation Indicator

Planned ————— 76
Earned ————— 4
Required ————— 80/80
Total Credits ————— 96

View Progress

Pathway Eligibility

Apprenticeship ————— 118
College ————— 2363
University ————— 1230
Workplace ————— 133



Watch For The Yellow Paper!

- ▶ It's vital that students and families discuss course options. That's why we ask caregivers to initial the sheet before we lock in courses.

Parents/Caregivers are asked to initial the following:

_____ I have looked at the Van Tech course planning guide with my student.

_____ I have considered post-secondary ramifications of my choices.

Any questions for the counsellor? _____

Students and families must sign declaring their interest in these courses:

Student Signature: _____ Caregiver Signature: _____



Planning for life & Post-Secondary

- ▶ Grade 11 is the point where you **ABSOLUTELY** should be considering post-secondary options as you pick your courses. Use Mr Van, his website, FIT sessions, and post-secondary planners to enhance your decision making.





Resources & Help



- ▶ For course descriptions & the Van Tech Course Planning Guide, go here:
 - ▶ <https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/frf/115/2024-2025%20VanTech%20Course%20Planning%20Guide.pdf>
- ▶ For an overview of the current and updated “2018” grad program, go here:
 - ▶ https://drive.google.com/file/d/15zoLPPgQL_JniG-RH0lUkAFy-rq5M_W3/view?usp=drive_link
- ▶ For tailor made content for all students at Tech regarding courses and post-secondary planning, go here:
 - ▶ MrVan.org
- ▶ See me in person or email (nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca) to set up an appointment.



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Career and Post Secondary

Digital Citizenship

CLC and Capstone 12

Multicultural Liaison Workers

Code of Conduct

School Liaison Officer

Community School Teams

School Policies and Procedures

Student Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

Student Council

Student Safety

Course Planning

Grad Info

Click Guidance & Support

Click Course Planning

Course Planning Night - Thurs Jan 28th, 2021

Course planning night is an opportunity for parents and students to find out more about ...



As you go thru the guide,
you will see the following
icon:




This indicates there is a
link to video made by
teachers that may :


- give an overview of
course
- show workspace
- projects in that course
- and more!

Please view them!

institutions, including First Peoples governance, • political and economic ideologies and the development of public policy, changing conceptions of identity in Canada, Canadian autonomy domestic conflict and co-operation, discriminatory policies and injustices in Canada and the world, such as the Head Tax, the Komagata Maru incident, residential schools, and internments, international conflicts and co-operation, human–environment interaction, economic development and Canada’s role in a global economy, and truth and reconciliation in Canada.

GRADE 11 & 12

 **Asian Studies 12** **MASIA12**
AS12 focuses on countries in East, South, and Southeast Asia through the lenses of human and physical geography, history, economics, and political science, to aid in the understanding of the diverse cultures and regions within. The self-motivated learner will examine various conflicts and movements that have helped shape Asian identities through the 19th to 21st centuries, as well as topics such as industrialization, colonialism, imperialism, urbanization, migration patterns, and environmental issues, with field study opportunities to Chinatown and the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Gardens, the Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre, as well as a cultural potluck lunch to supplement the course.

 **BC First Peoples 12** **MBCFP12**
BC First Peoples 12 is open to all Grade 11 and 12 students. This course examines the history and culture of BC’s aboriginal peoples from before the arrival of Europeans to the present day. The course also explores the continuing impact of colonialism, institutional racism, and ethnocentrism, and how First Nations peoples have resisted and adapted to a changing environment. Aboriginal cultural expressions of art, literature and film are another area that will be explored in-depth. *This course will be offered in alternate years starting 2021/2022.*

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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

