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Dear Grade 12 students and families,

As Grade 12 students head into their final few months of high school, we are reaching out with details regarding Graduation and Graduation events that are being hosted by David Thompson Secondary School to celebrate the Class of 2026.

SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY (Graduation)

Your child's School Leaving Ceremony will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 3, 2026**, with guest entry through the Hamilton Street entrance beginning at 6:30 pm. Guests should be seated by 7:00 pm, as the graduation processional will begin promptly at that time. Once the graduation procession begins, guests arriving late will be held in the lobby until all the graduates have entered and are seated.

TICKETS

Grade 12 students do not need a ticket for the Ceremony; their grad gown is their ticket into the theatre. Four complimentary tickets will be given to each student for guests. Additional ceremony tickets will be available to purchase at a cost of \$10. Additional tickets may be purchased April 27-May 1 via online payment system using this [link](#). Tickets can also be purchased by cash or cheque in the foyer for the first 20 minutes of lunch on those dates. May 4-8 tickets can be purchased by cash or cheque in the office.

Please note that tickets will not be available for purchase the night of the ceremony and that there will be no admittance to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre without a ticket.

GRAD FEE

The cost of this event is **\$100 per student (Grad Fee)** which is due, if not already paid, **by April 24th, 2026**. This fee provides each student with 4 guest tickets, cap and gown, and contributes to the cost of the facility rental. If you require more than the 4 included guest tickets, you can purchase additional tickets online or in person as detailed above.

REHEARSAL

All Grade 12 students are required to attend a mandatory grad rehearsal in David Thompson Secondary's auditorium on **Thursday, May 28th** during FIT. Royal blue graduation gowns with white vee stoles will be issued at this rehearsal. The gown, stole, and cap are for students to keep.

GRAD/FAMILY ARRIVAL TIMES

Over 1,000 guests are expected at the ceremony. Seating at the ceremony is on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore, it is best to arrive early. Parking around the Theatre will likely be challenging, and guests should allow themselves extra time to accommodate for this.

Although the ceremony begins at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 3rd, **students are required to report to the grad staging area in the upper levels of the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for marshalling no later than 6:15 pm that night.**

Students are reminded not to bring any bags, umbrellas, etc., with them as there will be no place to store these belongings. Please hold on to these items for your graduate.

PHOTOGRAPHY

"Custodio Photographers" will be on-site during the ceremony to take pictures as the grads cross the stage. Each student will receive a complimentary photo of them receiving their certificate (please be aware that due to the City of Vancouver Fire Marshall's regulations, you will not be able to stand in the aisles to take pictures during the ceremony).

GRAD DINNER/DANCE (Prom)

The Grad Dinner/Dance (Prom) is taking place on **Friday, June 19, 2026 @ 6:00PM** at the Pan Pacific Crystal Ballroom (999 Canada Place, Vancouver). The cost for this event is \$170 per student. This fee contributes to the cost of the venue rental, food and beverage, DJ/entertainment, décor, and security services. **Payment is due by May 1** on [SchoolCashOnline](#).

Please review the contents of this letter with your child. Please contact the school directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Nick Akrap
Principal



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GRAD BULLETIN

April 2026

Read through this document carefully for key dates and event information.

SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY TICKETS

Each graduate will receive 4 complimentary tickets as part of their grad fee payment (\$100). Additional tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$10 each.

April 27 – May 1	Additional ceremony tickets may be purchased either online or in person in the foyer via cash/cheque
May 4 – 8	In person in the office via cash/cheque.

SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY REHEARSAL

DATE: Thursday, May 28, 2026

LOCATION: David Thompson Auditorium

TIME: 1:25 – 2:05 PM

There is **NO** rehearsal at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The only rehearsal is at David Thompson on May 28. **All grads must be present.** Attending the rehearsal is necessary in order to participate in the procession at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Seating and processional information is set to **EXACT** arrangement of grads.

At this rehearsal you will:

- Receive important information about the school leaving ceremony
- Practice lining up and processing into the theatre
- **Receive grad gown package, complimentary and purchased tickets, TransLink Grad Pass.**

SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY

DATE: Wednesday, June 3, 2026

LOCATION: Queen Elizabeth Theatre

TIME: 7:00 – 9:30 PM

630 Hamilton St., Vancouver

- **Graduates must arrive by 6:15 pm.** Graduates enter via the theatre entrance located on Hamilton Street. Grade 12 students do not require tickets – the grad gown is their ticket for entry. All graduating students will be wearing caps and gowns during the ceremony.
- Friends, family and guests will be admitted via the entrance on Hamilton Street. **The lobby doors will open at 6:15 pm and auditorium doors will open at 6:30 pm for seating.**

GRAD DINNER/DANCE (PROM)

DATE: Friday, June 19, 2026

LOCATION: Pan Pacific Crystal Ballroom

TIME: 6:00 PM

999 Canada Pl., Vancouver

More details to follow.