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INTRODUCTION

The content of this booklet can also be found at: <http://churchill.vsb.bc.ca/> under the “Teaching and Learning” tab; click on the “Courses” page. This booklet is intended for the use of our Grade 8-11 students and their parents/guardians for planning courses for future years. These course descriptions are Grade 9-12 course offerings by departments of the school. Students should consider carefully the courses they wish to take next year. Courses may not be scheduled if projected enrolment is insufficient.

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the content of this booklet. It is the obligation of the student and their family, in consultation with the Counsellor, to ensure that the student has chosen an array of courses that meet graduation and post-secondary institution entrance requirements.

How to use this booklet:

1. Study the graduation requirements.
2. Read the Course Descriptions for the core academic courses: English, Socials, Math, Science, PE and Languages (if any).
3. Look for additional (elective) courses based on your
 - a. Interests
 - b. Abilities
 - c. Possible use in a future career.
4. Select eight courses and two alternates.
5. If you have questions, ask your grade counsellor or teachers in the appropriate department.
6. Do not assume you will be allowed to drop out of a course once you have chosen it. The final decision rests with the grade administrator.
7. Do not assume that a course you have not selected will be available to you.

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

Students will begin the process of selecting courses for the following school year in January. Students select a full program of studies (8 courses per year) which meet the following goals:

1. Meet graduation requirements for British Columbia.
2. Support future plans, such as entrance to college or university.
3. Provide a balanced and engaging educational experience, which includes a balance of academic and elective courses.

All students in Grades 8 through 11 will have completed their course selections February 19, 2026. Students will select their courses through the MyEdBC computer system. It is imperative that parents/guardians and students are comfortable with the site and that all students are aware of their passwords. Please take time to ensure you know how to log in ahead of course planning. Counsellors will be assisting students with the selection of their courses.

B.C.'s Curriculum Structure

Core Competencies

The Core Competencies are the foundation of the B.C. curriculum. The Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal and social-emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop to engage in deep, life-long learning. As such, they are an integral part of the curriculum. Students will develop these through the courses they choose in course planning. They are:

1. **COMMUNICATION** - with two sub-competencies - **Communicating** and **Collaborating**
2. **THINKING** - with two sub-competencies - **Creative Thinking** and **Critical Thinking**
3. **PERSONAL & SOCIAL** - with three sub-competencies - **Personal Awareness and Responsibility**, **Positive Personal and Cultural Identity**, and **Social Awareness and Responsibility**

Students are expected to reflect upon the learning process and self-assess their development of the Core Competencies.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma)

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation, or Dogwood Diploma, is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements. **To graduate, students require at least 80 credits total.**

Of these 80 credits:

- 52 credits are required from the following:
 - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits).
 - Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits).
 - Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits).
 - A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 course (4 credits).
 - A Language Arts 10, 11, and a required 12 course (4 credits required at each grade, 12 credits total).
 - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total).
 - Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits).
 - Indigenous-focused course work (4 credits).
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits.
- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 course and the Career-Life Connections course.

In addition, students must also complete three Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
- Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment
- Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment

French Immersion/Francophone Dual Dogwood

French Immersion students can earn both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique.

To graduate with both diplomas, French Immersion students must meet the graduation requirements for the Dogwood Diploma and, of these 80 credits, they must earn:

- At least 16 credits at the Grade 12 level (including a Français langue seconde- immersion course at the Grade 12 level).
- Français langue seconde-immersion 10 (4 credits).
- A Français langue seconde-immersion course at the Grade 11 level (4 credits) or IB French A2 (SL) 11.
- Français langue seconde-immersion 12 (4 credits).
- At least 12 credits in Grade 10, 11, or 12 courses that are in French with at least 4 of these credits at the Grade 11 or 12 level.

In addition, French Immersion students must also complete four Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (English or French).
- Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment.
- Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment.
- Évaluation de littératie – Français langue seconde-immersion 12.

Francophone students can earn both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique.

Graduation Assessments

The Provincial Graduation Assessment requirements for all students are as follows:

- The Graduation Numeracy 10 Assessment.
- The Graduation Literacy 10 Assessment.
- The Graduation 12 Literacy Assessment.

There will be an opportunity for students to re-write the Provincial Graduation Assessments to improve their achievement level. Until graduation, students may write a Provincial Graduation Assessment up to three times: the original attempt and two re-writes. The strongest outcome for each of the Provincial Graduation Assessments will be recorded on the student's transcripts.

The assessments will be reported on the following scale:

| Provincial Graduation Assessments | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| Emerging | Developing | Proficient | Extending |
| The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. |

COURSES BY GRADE

GRADE 8 COURSES

Grade 8 Program

Required Courses

- English 8
- Mathematics 8
- Science 8
- Social Studies 8
- Physical Health Education 8
- French 8
- Applied Skills Rotation 8 (Tech/Business, Business/Home Ec, Home Ec/Tech Ed)
- Career Education 8 (off timetable)

Grade 8 FRENCH IMMERSION Program

Required Courses

- English 8
- Mathematics 8
- FI Sciences 8 (FSCF)
- FI Science Humaines 8 (FSCH)
- FI Art Dramatique 8 (FADRF)
- FI Français langue seconde-immersion 8 (FRAL)
- Physical Health Education 8
- Career Education 8 (off timetable)

Elective Courses (choose any 1)

- Fine Arts Rotation 8 (Art/Drama, Drama/Music, Music/Art)
- Beginner Band 8
- Junior Band 8
- Beginner Choir 8
- Beginner Strings 8
- Junior Strings 8
- Intermediate Strings 8

Elective Courses (choose any 1)

- Applied Skills Rotation 8 (Tech/Business, Business/Home Ec, Home Ec/Tech Ed)
- Fine Arts Rotation 8 (Art/Drama, Drama/Music, Music/Art)
- Beginner Band 8
- Junior Band 8
- Beginner Choir 8
- Beginner Strings 8
- Junior Strings 8
- Intermediate Strings 8

Synergy Program students have specific courses into which they will be scheduled

GRADE 9 COURSES

Grade 9 Program

Required Courses

- English 9
- Mathematics 9
- Science 9
- Social Studies 9
- Physical Health Education – choose 1
 - PHE 9 or
 - PHE 9 Leadership
- French 9 (if taking)
- Career Education 9 (off timetable)

Grade 9 FRENCH IMMERSION Program

Required Courses

- English 9
- Mathematics 9
- FI Sciences 9 (FSCF)
- FI Science Humaines 9 (FSCH)
- FI Art Dramatique 9 (FADRF)
- FI Français langue seconde-immersion 9 (FRAL)
- Physical Health Education – choose 1
 - PHE 9 or
 - PHE 9 Leadership
- Career Education 9 (off timetable)

Elective Courses (CHOOSE 2, or 3 if not taking French) (French Immersion Students CHOOSE 1)

- Beginner Band 9
- Junior Band 9
- Intermediate Band 9
- Senior Band 9
- Concert Choir 9
- Beginner Strings 9
- Junior Strings 9
- Intermediate Strings 9
- Senior Strings 9
- Beginner Guitar 9
- Intermediate Guitar 9
- Senior Guitar 9
- Drama 9
- Dance 9
- Film 9
- Annual Production (Yearbook) 10 (open to Grade 9 students)
- Art Studio (Visual Arts) 9
- Entrepreneurship & Marketing 9
- Foods Studies 9
- Textiles 9
- Tech Ed General Explorations 9
- Media Design 10 (open to Grade 9 students)
- Electronics & Robotics 9
- Metalwork 9
- Jewelry 9
- Woodwork 9

Synergy Program students have specific courses into which they will be scheduled

GRADE 10 COURSES

Grade 10 Program

Required Courses

- English 10 – choose 1
 - Composition 10 with Verbal Expressions
 - Composition 10 with Debate & Public Speaking
 - Composition 10 with Fictional Studies
 - Composition 10 with Graphic Novels
- Mathematics – Choose 1
 - Foundations and Pre-Calculus Mathematics 10
 - Workplace Mathematics 10
- Science 10
- Social Studies 10
- Physical Health Education – Choose 1
 - PHE 10
 - PHE 10 Leadership
- French 10 (if taking)

Grade 10 FRENCH IMMERSION Program

Required Courses

- English 10 – choose 1
 - Composition 10 with Verbal Expressions
 - Composition 10 with Debate & Public Speaking
 - Composition 10 with Fictional Studies
 - Composition 10 with Graphic Novels
- Mathematics – Choose 1
 - Foundations and Pre-Calculus Mathematics 10
 - Workplace Mathematics 10
- FI Sciences 10 (FSCF)
- FI Science Humaines 10 (FSCH)
- FI Art Dramatique 10 (FADRF)
- FI Français langue seconde-immersion 10 (FRAL)
- Physical Health Education – Choose 1
 - PHE 10
 - PHE 10 Leadership

Prelude Program students have specific courses into which they will be scheduled.

GRADE 11 COURSES

Grade 11 Program

Required Courses

- English 11 – choose 1
 - Creative Writing
 - New Media - Journalism, Podcasting, and Audio Storytelling 11
 - New Media – Literature and Film Studies
 - Literary Studies – Literary Reasoning & Motivation
- Mathematics – Choose 1
 - Precalculus 11
 - Foundations of Mathematics 11
 - Workplace Mathematics 11
- Consider taking a Science 11 course.
- Consider taking a Social Studies 11 course.
- Consider continuing a study of a modern language.
- Career Education – choose BOTH
 - Career Life Education (CLE)
 - Career Life Connections A (CLCA)

Grade 11 FRENCH IMMERSION Program

Required Courses

- English 11 – choose 1
 - Creative Writing
 - New Media - Journalism, Podcasting, and Audio Storytelling 11
 - New Media – Literature and Film Studies
 - Literary Studies – Literary Reasoning & Motivation
- Mathematics – Choose 1
 - Precalculus 11
 - Foundations of Mathematics 11
 - Workplace Mathematics 11
- FI Langue et culture de la Francophonie 11 (FLCF)
- FI Explorations Science Humaines et Soc 11 (FEPSS)
- Consider taking a Science 11 course.
- Career Education – choose BOTH
 - Career Life Education (CLE)
 - Career Life Connections A (CLCA)

GRADE 12 COURSES

Grade 12 Program

Required Courses

- English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12
- Career Life Connections – Capstone
- Other graduation requirements

Grade 12 FRENCH IMMERSION Program

Required Courses

- English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12
- FI Français langue seconde-immersion 12 (FRAL)
- Career Life Connections - Capstone
- Other graduation requirements

GRADE 10-12 COURSE ELECTIVES

| APPLIED SKILLS | FINE ARTS | MODERN LANGUAGES |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| -BUSINESS EDUCATION | -PERFORMING ARTS – MUSIC | |
| Entrepreneurship & Marketing 10 | Beginner Band 10, 11, 12 | French 10, 11, 12 |
| Accounting 11 | Intermediate Band 10, 11, 12 | Introductory Spanish 11 |
| Marketing & Promotion 11 | Senior Concert Band 10, 11, 12 | Spanish 11, 12 |
| Economics 12 | Senior Jazz Band 10, 11, 12 (OFF TT) | Introductory Japanese 11 |
| Entrepreneurship 12 | Choir 10, 11, 12 | Japanese 11, 12 |
| Financial Accounting 12 | Senior Choir 10, 11, 12 | |
| | Beginner Strings 10, 11, 12 | PHYSICAL EDUCATION |
| -HOME ECONOMICS | Intermediate Strings 10, 11, 12 | Active Living 11, 12 |
| Food Studies 10, 11, 12 | Senior Strings 10, 11, 12 | Basketball 11, 12 |
| Textiles 10, 11, 12 | Beginner Guitar 10, 11, 12 | Badminton 11, 12 (OFF TT) |
| Fashion Design 12B | Intermediate Guitar 10, 11, 12 | Fitness & Conditioning 11, 12 |
| Interior Design 11 | Senior Guitar 10, 11, 12 | Volleyball 11, 12 (OFF TT) |
| | | Athletic Leadership 11, 12 (OFF TT) |
| | | |
| Psychology 11 | | TECH EDUCATION |
| Psychology 12 | | Annual (Yearbook) 10, 11, 12 |
| | | Construction 11, 12 |
| ENGLISH (additional courses can be taken as electives) | PERFORMING ARTS – THEATRE | Media Design 10, 11, 12 |
| Debate 10 | Drama 10, 11, 12 | Webpage Design 11, 12 |
| Creative Writing 11 | Directing & Scriptwriting 11, 12 | Tech Explorations (Engineering 10) |
| New Media 11 | Film 10 | Metalwork 10, 11, 12 |
| Literary Studies 11 | Theatre Company 10, 11, 12 | Jewelry 10, 11, 12 |
| Literary Studies 12 | Visual Arts – Film/TV 11, 12 | Electronics 10, 11, 12 |
| | | Engineering 11, 12 |
| MATHEMATICS | VISUAL ARTS | Woodwork 10, 11, 12 |
| Calculus 12 | Graphic Arts 11, 12 | Drafting 10, 11, 12 |
| Foundations of Math 12 | Photography 10, 11, 12 | |
| Precalculus 12 | Studio Arts – Sculpture/Ceramics 10, 11, 12 | OTHER |
| Statistics 12 | Studio Arts – Drawing & Painting 10, 11, 12 | Community Service 11 |
| | | Peer Tutoring 12 |
| | | Work Experience 11, 12 |
| COMPUTER SCIENCE | DANCE | |
| Computer Science 11 | Dance 9 | |
| Computer Science 12 | Beginner Dance 10-12 | |
| | Intermediate Dance 10-12 | |
| | Dance Choreography 11, 12 | |
| | Dance Company 11, 12 (OFF TT) | |
| Additional Senior Science & Social Studies courses can be taken as electives | | |

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

Department Head: Mr. Michael Lattimer

If you are interested in a Community Service or Peer Tutoring block, please speak to your counsellor.

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Department Head: Ms. Dawn Kelly

To meet the needs of every student, the Business Education Program is designed for continuous progress through exploration and use of the community and its resources. Students leave school with the skills necessary for future success in their personal and professional lives.

In the past, the Business Education Program has emphasized employment skills. Now, the focus is on career awareness, technology, and new options open in present and future employment. These include special training in selected career areas like entrepreneurship, marketing and accounting.

This Department's program provides:

1. Personal life skills, employment skills and post-secondary preparation.
2. Practical application of concepts and processes learned in other disciplines.
3. Application of current business technologies and opportunities to explore related careers.
4. Interaction between the school and the workplace.
5. An awareness of the effect of technological, economic and cultural changes on our values, social structure and employment opportunities.
6. An awareness of individual responsibilities as citizens of a global economy.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & MARKETING 9 Course Code: MADEM09

Students will learn how the business world operates and the importance of businesses in the Canadian economy. Topics covered include the fundamentals of business: economic basics, business types, business ethics, and how the various departments of a business are interdependent. Students will apply these business fundamental concepts to a semester-long restaurateur group project. The project will cover researching, designing, and marketing, providing opportunities for students to develop core competencies in creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and critical reflective thinking. This project is open ended, so bring all your ideas and creativity and build a business that you can be proud of.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & MARKETING 10 Course Code: MADEM10

If you have the qualities associated with an entrepreneur and want to make a difference to the community, then this course is for you. Students via a semester-long group project will create a real small scale business idea. In addition to developing your business idea, you will learn about successful entrepreneurs, construct a solid business plan, and develop an awareness of First People's culture. This class is a chance to explore the role and nature of being a small business owner, an entrepreneur, who will make all the creative and budgeting decisions. This project is open ended, so bring all your ideas and creativity and build a business that you can be proud of. Throughout the course, there will be many opportunities for students to practice multiple facets of the core competencies related to communication, critical thinking, and creative thinking.

ACCOUNTING 11 Course Code: MAC--11

Accounting 11 is an introductory course centered on the fundamentals of accounting, providing students with an in-depth look into journals, ledgers, trial balances, worksheets, income statements, balance sheets and awareness of First People's culture. *Accounting 11* students will gain valuable business skills and obtain vital computer experience by working with Excel and Sage Accounting Software. Students may also participate in a number of activities, including virtual stock market simulations and Monopoly with accounting applications. *Accounting 11* is an essential course for learning the fundamental skills needed for any post-secondary business program.

MARKETING AND PROMOTION 11 Course Code: MMAP-11

This is an introductory, project driven course centered on the fundamentals of marketing. The many topics covered by this course include the 4Ps, target markets, product life cycles, the role of advertising, ad design, the AIDA model, awareness of First People's culture, marketing strategies, and international marketing. Marketing 11 students will be able to develop important business skills by conducting practical market research and presenting a user-centered marketing proposal to the class. Additionally, students will be provided with the unique and invaluable opportunity to work and run the school store, gaining hands-on experience in a professional retail environment. This ultimately leads to the development of desirable personal attributes and skills applicable to any career.

ECONOMICS 12 Course Code: MEC--12

If you are planning to study Economics or Commerce in college or university, then this is the course for you! If you see yourself as a future businessperson, the study of economics can offer some general insights that will be helpful. In this course, students will examine how a modern mixed economy operates and what things are important within one. The curriculum includes: an analysis of economic activity in society, on a national level, and on a global level; perspectives on government and social policies; and an awareness of First People's culture. In short, the study of economics will help you better understand how the world functions as we connect theory with reality. Throughout the course, there will be many opportunities for students to practice multiple facets of the core competencies related to communication, critical thinking, and creative thinking.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP 12 Course Code: MENT-12

Entrepreneurship & Marketing 12 provides students an opportunity to formulate, test, and execute real business ideas and evaluate their impact on society. If you have the qualities associated with an entrepreneur and want to make a difference to the community, then this course is for you. In addition to developing your business idea, you will learn about successful entrepreneurs, construct a solid business plan, and develop an awareness of First People's culture. Throughout the course, there will be many opportunities for students to practice multiple facets of the core competencies related to communication, critical thinking, and creative thinking.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING 12 Course Code: MFA—12

Recommended Prerequisite: Accounting 11

Financial Accounting 12 is an application-based course that provides students with an in-depth look into the fundamental accounting principles. In this course, students will learn about inventory control, cash control systems, statement of cash flows, detailed ledger accounts, and awareness of First People's culture. Students will also be able to develop analytical decision-making skills by participating in virtual stock market simulations and Monopoly with journals. *Financial Accounting 12* is extremely beneficial to students who seek a post-secondary education in courses such as finance and business management, as this course gives them a unique opportunity to solve problems using Microsoft Excel and Sage Accounting Software.

CAREER EDUCATION

Department Head: Ms. Dawn Kelly

Career Education is a main component of BC's new curriculum. Career Education is implemented in all five grades (Grade 8-12) in both off-timetable and on-timetable formats.

All students are required to have 8 credits of Career Education to fulfill graduation requirements.

The two courses that our students are required to take are:

- Career Life Education (CLE) & Career Life Connections are offered together for 6 credits as a SUPERCOURSE in Grade 11.
- Capstone – offered in Grade 12

Career Life Education (4 Credits)/Career Life Connections Part A (2 credits) Course Code: MCLE-10/MCLCA12

Career-life choices are made in a recurring cycle of planning, reflecting, adapting, and deciding. Career-life decisions are influenced by internal and external factors, including local and global trends. Engaging in networks and reciprocal relationships can guide and broaden career-life awareness and options. A sense of purpose and career-life balance support well-being. Lifelong learning and active citizenship foster career life opportunities for people and communities.

Career Life Connections Capstone Project (2 credits) Course Code: MCLCB12

A capstone project is a culminating project, experience, or exhibition that allows students to demonstrate their learning using an area(s) of interest as the basis for the project. Ideally, this would be in an area that they are passionate about and anticipate they will be pursuing after graduation. In Career Life Connections, students will design, assemble, and present a capstone project to an audience to demonstrate personal learning and achievement (in and out-of-school), growth in the core competencies, and a reflection on the post-graduation plan.

Capstone projects include components such as the following:

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| Proposal | The proposal outlines the project and includes disciplinary and core competency connections, timelines, and product. |
| Mentor | The mentor is ideally a shared role that includes teachers and/or community members that provide guidance throughout the culminating project. |
| Research | The research is an essential component that informs each student's culminating project. |
| Product | The product is the end result of the project (eg, video, document, performance, something constructed). |
| Information | The presentation can have a variety of forms and happens with an audience composed of teachers, community members and/or others connected to the student and/or their culminating project. |

Career Education at Churchill Secondary

Grade 8 **Career Education 8 (4 credits)** – Off-timetable. Course attached to grade counsellor. Concepts and material covered through independent work, assemblies, classroom visits, and flex time.

Grade 9 **Career Education 9 (4 credits)** – Off-timetable. Course attached to grade counsellor. Concepts and material covered through independent work, assemblies, classroom visits, and flex time.

Grade 11 **Career-Life Education 10 (4 credits)/Career-Life Connections 12 (2 credits) Super Course** – This is a combination course of Career-Life Education and Career-Life Connections. It offers the students all 6 credits in Grade 11.

Grade 12 **CLC Capstone (2 credit)** – Students will be scheduled into half-semester 2 credit CLC Capstone courses to complete their Capstone Project.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Department Head: Ms. Rebecca Tang

COMPUTER SCIENCE 11 Course Code: MMACS11

An academic and practical course in introductory computer science using Python. No prerequisite required. Topics that will be covered are introduction to programming and logical thinking, programming methodology, programming structures, graphics, user interfaces, game programming, and common algorithms. We will explore the fundamentals of computer science by creating computer programs that either entertain or solve practical problems. By the end of this course, students will be able to create their own software. Many students find this to be a challenging yet interesting and fun course. Students who intend to go into Science, Engineering, Commerce or Mathematics will have a definite advantage by taking this course in high school.

COMPUTER SCIENCE 12 Course Code: MMACS12

This is an advanced course in computer science designed for students who have successfully completed Computer Science 11. Some prior programming experience is highly recommended. Using industry standard languages (Python, C), students will create their own programs that explore more advanced topics in computer science such as data structures, algorithms, recursion, memory, object-oriented programming, and artificial intelligence. Students' individual skills and imagination will be applied in development projects throughout the course. This course is designed to give students who will be taking programming at university a major head start.

ENGLISH

Department Head: Mr. Corey Sale

English (Language Arts) is required in Grades 8 through 12 for high school graduation. The work in each year's English course builds upon the concepts that have been acquired in previous years. Emphasis is placed on a student's ability to communicate effectively in speaking and in writing.

ENGLISH 9 Course Code: MEN--09

This course continues the formal study of literature in prose fiction, non-fiction, comics, poetry, and plays. A focus on writing, with an intensive approach to composition, provides students with an abundance of writing experience and teaches them the essential skills of revising, editing and reflection. Students will develop confidence in their written expression. Grammar and usage are taught in the context of student writing.

In GRADE 10, students are expected to choose course combinations according to their interests. These combinations are made up of **two two-credit courses** needed to fulfil provincial graduation requirements. Each combination will focus on developing a student's reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and representing skills.

Each combination will include **Composition 10** and a choice of **one** additional focus listed below:

- Literary Studies 10 (Fictional Studies)
- Literary Studies 10 (Graphic Novels)
- Spoken Language 10 (Debate and Public Speaking)
- Spoken Language 10 (Verbal Expression)

COMPOSITION 10 (2 credits) Course Code: MCMPS10

Composition 10 is designed for students who have an interest in developing their skills in written communication in a variety of contexts. Within a supportive community of writers, students will work individually and collaboratively to explore and create coherent, purposeful compositions. They will develop their craft through processes of drafting, reflecting, and revising to build a body of work that demonstrates breadth, depth, and evidence of writing for a range of situations.

Composition 10 consists of:

- Planning, drafting, and editing processes.
- Writing for specific audiences and specific disciplines.
- Citing sources, considering the credibility of evidence, and evaluating the quality and reliability of the source.
- Writing in a variety of styles and purposes.

LITERARY STUDIES 10 (2 credits)

Literary Studies is a category of courses designed for students who are interested in the literature of a particular form, genre or medium. This range of literary content will allow them to:

- Increase their literacy skills through close reading of appropriately challenging texts.
- Enhance their development of the English Language Arts curricular competencies.
- Expand their development as educated global citizens.
- Develop balance and broaden their understanding of themselves and the world.
- Develop higher-level thinking and learning skills.

The following will be offered as Literary Studies 10 options in 2026/2027:

- Fictional Studies 10 Course Code: MLTST10SC4
- Graphic Novels 10 Course Code: MLTST10SC3

Fictional Studies 10

This class is designed for students who are interested in stories and storytelling. Activities and projects build writing skills and create spaces for students to deepen their understandings of themselves and the world(s) they inhabit. Throughout the course, students are given choices that allow opportunities for exploring their passions and interests while demonstrating learning objectives.

Graphic Novels 10

This class is designed for students wishing to explore stories in visual form. Students will explore the business, history, format, and philosophy of the comic medium. Focus will be placed on literary analysis of both fiction and non-fiction in a variety of manner. Students may be asked to create graphic novel content.

SPOKEN LANGUAGE 10 (2 credits)

Spoken Language 10 provides opportunities for students individually and collaboratively to study, create, and use language to produce original pieces in a variety of modes. The course will provide students with opportunities for performance and/or public speaking.

The following will be offered as Spoken Language 10 options in 2026/2027:

- Debate and Public Speaking 10 Course Code: MSPLG10SC1
- Verbal Expressions 10 Course Code: MSPLG10

Debate and Public Speaking

The following are possible areas of focus in Debate and Public Speaking 10:

- Develop students' public speaking skills, argumentative skills, research skills and general communication skills.
- Various vocal and speaking exercises designed to develop the students' ability to communicate effectively in front of a group.
- Develop the students' research abilities by requiring in-depth analysis of a topic and the research skills required to investigate any given issue.

Verbal Expressions

The following are possible areas of focus in Verbal Expression 10:

- Performance – suggested content/topics include spoken word/slam poetry, poetry recitation, oral storytelling, readers' theatre.
- Oral tradition – suggested content/topics include oratory, knowledge sharing, oral history.
- Professional applications — suggested content/topics include speech writing/presenting, proposals, interviewing, event facilitation.

In Grade 11, students are expected to choose one four-credit course to fulfil provincial graduation requirements. Additional courses may be taken as electives.

CREATIVE WRITING 11 (4 credits) Course Code: MCTWR11

Creative Writing 11 is designed for students who wish to refine their writing skills through self-expression for various creative purposes. This course provides students with in-depth opportunities to explore personal and cultural identities, memories, and stories in a wide range of genres. Students will collaborate and strengthen their skills through writing and design processes. Possible areas of focus include short fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction, and memoir.

LITERARY STUDIES 11 (4 credits)

Literary Studies is a category of courses designed for students who are interested in the literature of a particular form, genre, medium, or topic. The goals of the course are similar to Literary Studies 10, with the depth of study increasing with the maturity of the reader.

Offered as a Lit Studies 11 option in 2026/2027: Literary Reasoning and Motivation 11 Course Code: MLTST11SC2

LITERARY REASONING AND MOTIVATION 11 Course Code: MLTST11SC2

*Formerly *Psychology of Self*

Traditional literature comprehension and analysis is further explored through the lens of psychology and philosophical belief. The course is designed to answer the question of “why?” around characters’ actions and author’s motivations.

NEW MEDIA 11 (4 credits)

New Media 11 is designed to reflect the changing role of technology and the increasing importance of digital media in communicating and exchanging ideas. Coursework is aimed at providing students with a set of skills vital for success in an increasingly complex digital world. Possible areas of focus include media and film studies, journalism and publishing, and digital communication including podcasting.

Offered as a New Media 11 option in 2026/2027:

- Journalism, Podcasting, and Audio Storytelling 11 Course Code: MNMD-11
- Film, Media and Literature Studies 11 Course Code: MNMD-11SC1

Journalism, Podcasting, and Audio Storytelling 11

This class explores the changing role of technology and the increasing importance of digital media in communicating and exchanging ideas. Activities and projects are designed to build practical knowledge as well as problem solving skills, offer a showcase for creativity, and provide the necessary knowledge to run a professional podcast. Coursework includes producing and publishing content using the school’s recording studio and provides practice with lead-writing, media ethics, interviews, recording and editing, social media, and more.

Film, Media and Literature 11

Students will explore the advancement of storytelling techniques through modern and classical film and literature (novels, plays, short stories, and poetry). Thematic units will equip students with critical analysis skills to navigate modern media and deepen their understanding of various storytelling techniques in their world. Literature and Film Studies 11 students will be asked to respond to film and literature through oral discussion, critical analysis writing, and journal reflection. Projects will encompass creative thematic elements and require students to explore storytelling technique with a critical eye.

In Grade 12, students are expected to choose between **English Studies 12** and **English First Peoples 12** to fulfil provincial ELA 12 graduation requirements. Additional courses may be taken as electives.

ENGLISH STUDIES 12 (4 credits) Course Code: MENST12

ELA 12 builds on and extends students’ previous learning experiences in ELA 10 and 11 courses. It is designed for all students and provides them with opportunities to:

- refine their ability to communicate effectively in a variety of contexts and to achieve their personal and career goals.
- think critically and creatively about the uses of language
- explore texts from a variety of sources, in multiple modes, and that reflect diverse worldviews
- deepen their understanding of themselves and others in a changing world
- gain insight into the diverse factors that shape identity
- appreciate the importance of self-representation through text
- contribute to Reconciliation by building greater understanding of the knowledge and perspectives of First Peoples
- expand their understanding of what it means to be educated Canadian and global citizens

ENGLISH FIRST PEOPLES 12 (4 credits) Course Code: MENFP12

EFP 12 provides opportunity for all students to learn about and engage with Indigenous creative expression, and the cultures of First Peoples locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally. This course:

- allows students to engage with first people's texts in a variety of ways, with an emphasis on spoken language, though written and other forms of expression will be covered.
- is based entirely on the study of text representing authentic first people's voices. Texts refers to oral, audio, visual, cinematic, and digital media works as well as well as written works.
- incorporates First People's Principles of Learning and invites student reflection on the importance of their own relationship to the land.
- places emphasis on the command of oral language and first people's oral traditions.
- recognizes the value of first people's worldviews, and the importance of culture in language and communication.

[ELECTIVE] NEW MEDIA 12(Podcast/Journalism) (4 credits) Course Code: MNMD12

This is a SWC hands-on, team-based course where you help run the official Churchill podcast and create real media that gets seen and heard. Instead of solo assignments, you'll join a professional-style production team - journalism, sound engineering, branding, research, AI integration, outreach, and more - to produce a full season of polished podcast episodes on the stories that matter at SWC: student life, sports, identity, deep-dive interviews, investigations, community events, and whatever else you think deserves a spotlight. Along the way you'll learn how to use AI tools responsibly, develop strong interviewing and editing skills, design cover art and soundscapes, and build an authentic audience using real promotional strategies. By the end, you'll walk away with a portfolio of high-impact work, real-world media experience, and a voiceprint of your time at Churchill - the kind of project that stands out on applications and resumes.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

Department Head: Ms. Pamela Fleming

Churchill's ELL program is divided into language ability levels. Churchill also offers a Transitional program to assist students who are almost ready for the regular program, and English Language Centre / English Language Development / Academic Strategies courses to assist students newly enrolled in regular English courses.

The ELL program consists of adapted courses in English, Social Studies and Science at three different levels for both junior and senior students. Math, P.E. and electives are mainstream courses. Language courses such as French, Spanish and Japanese are usually delayed until students have left the ELL program.

ELL Levels 1-3 students study English, Social Studies, and Science with a variety of ELL teachers. Teachers use a language-in-content approach where the skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking are taught/developed while supporting the students' learning in the different subject areas. ELL teachers use a variety of resources, writing and communication activities to assist students acquire English language skills.

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Students are integrated into Transitional English, Transitional Social Studies, and mainstream courses as soon as they are ready to manage the linguistic demands of the curriculum. Assessment is ongoing, and promotion into Transitional or age/grade appropriate courses is determined by the criteria from the BC Ministry ELL Standards.

THE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM

The Transitional Program at Churchill is a bridge between the ELL program and the regular English and Socials courses. Transitional classes combine the intensive study of English and Socials with mainstream curriculum content. Credit for English and Social Studies is granted upon successful completion of transitional classes. Each Transitional English class consists of two blocks rather than the single block of regular English spanning both semesters. Students receive the appropriate regular English (8, 9 or 10) credit upon successful completion of the course, generally at the end of the school year. Transitional 10 students receive an additional credit for the English 10 support class (Academic Strategies 10). All transitional courses follow the BC Ministry curricula which allow for an easier transition into the mainstream program.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE

The English Language Centre course is for Grades 8-9 ELL Learners who have moved out of the Transitional Program and into mainstream English. This course helps students who still require some assistance in reading comprehension, vocabulary expansion, and composition writing. The teacher designs the program to best support each student in this advanced English language support class.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT 10 / ACADEMIC STRATEGIES 11

English Language Development 10 and Academic Strategies is for Grades 10-12 ELL Learners who have moved out of the Transitional Program and into mainstream English. This course helps students who still require some assistance in reading comprehension, vocabulary expansion, and composition writing. The teacher designs the program to best support each student in this advanced English language support class. In grade 10 (English Language Development 10) and grades 11 & 12 (Academic Writing Strategies 11) students are credited for the course.

FINE ARTS

Department Head: Mr. Alan Pronger

PERFORMING ARTS - MUSIC

Band, Choir, Guitar & Strings

The Music Department provides students with leadership and musicianship development in instrumental and vocal areas of study. Our ensembles have a proud performance history in our school, our community, and on tour. All music courses develop students' confidence and performance abilities. We share our music in concerts, festivals, and school events from November to June. Performances are a required aspect of music classes and are considered an integral part of evaluation. Additionally, the elected student Music Council organizes department events and productions, building students' collaborative administration skills and our music community.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9,10,11,12 Beginner Band
Music 9: Beginner Band Course Code: MMU--09BA1

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Instrumental Music: Concert Band 10 (Beginner) Course Code: MMUCB10--1

Instrumental Music 11: Concert Band (Beginner) Course Code: MIMCB11--1

Instrumental Music 12: Concert Band (Beginner) Course Code: MIMCB12--1

If you have ever wanted to learn to play a band instrument, this course is for you! No experience is needed for this introductory band course. Basics of playing and musicianship will be covered. Students do not need any previous musical experience to join this class. Students will be involved in choosing which instrument they will play throughout the year. These instruments include Flute, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet, Baritone, Bass Clarinet, Tuba, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone and Percussion. This course should lead to either Junior Band or Intermediate Band, depending on ability at the end of Beginner Band. (*Band instruments do not include Guitar or Piano)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9 Junior Band

Music 9: Junior Band Course Code: MMU--09BA2

If you have previously taken band, but need a little more reinforcement before Intermediate band, then this course is for you. This course will build on the foundational musical skill developed in elementary school or Beginner Band. You need to be able to read music on your given instrument at the beginning of this class. Students will most likely continue to play the instrument they played previously, although there is a possibility of switching. This is not an introductory band course, and previous experience is necessary. This course should lead to either Intermediate Band or Senior Band, depending on ability at the end of the year.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9,10,11,12 Intermediate Band

Music 9: Intermediate Band Course Code: MMU--09BA3

Instrumental Music: Concert Band 10 (Intermediate) Course Code: MMUCB10--3

Instrumental Music 11: Concert Band (Intermediate) Course Code: MIMCB11--3

Instrumental Music 12: Concert Band (Intermediate) Course Code: MIMCB12--3

If you have taken band at high school previously, and you want to advance your ability further before moving onto Senior Band, this course is for you. This course will continue to extend your technical ability on your instrument, and expand on your musical knowledge of technique, theory and history. This course should lead you into Senior Concert Band. Don't let this be the end of your musical adventure!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9,10,11,12 Senior Concert Band

Music 9: Senior Band Course Code: MMU--09BA4

Instrumental Music: Concert Band 10 (Senior) Course Code: MMUCB10--4

Instrumental Music 11: Concert Band (Senior) Course Code: MIMCB11--4

Instrumental Music 12: Concert Band (Senior) Course Code: MIMCB12--4

Do you want to continue your Musical/Band adventure? Great! This class meets on the timetable, and a wide variety of music will be learned, with a continued emphasis on musical development. The symphonic band will play more music concerts and may be involved in a tour in the spring. More class time is spent working on repertoire as students gain more musical maturity. This is the premier Concert Band at the school, and musical leaders in the music program.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC 10,11,12 Senior Jazz Band (Off Timetable: M/W lunch, Th 3:15-4:30)

Must be concurrently enrolled in a LARGE ENSEMBLE (Strings, Band, Choir)

Instrumental Music: Jazz Band 10 Course Code: MMUJB10

Instrumental Music 11: Jazz Band Course Code: MIMJB11

Instrumental Music 12: Jazz Band Course Code: MIMJB12

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Students interested in playing jazz should sign up for the Jazz Band. Jazz band includes much more contemporary music and promotes an energetic and enthusiastic atmosphere. The Senior Jazz band will be the busiest ensemble at the school playing at concerts, as well as special events like the Bulldog Classic, and other performances around the school and district. A variety of music will be worked on, with continued emphasis on musical skill development.

CHORAL MUSIC 9, 10, 11, 12 Concert Choir

Music 9: Choir Course Code: MMU--09CC1

Choral Music: Concert Choir 10 Course Code: MMUCC10

Choral Music 11: Concert Choir Course Code: MCMCC11

Choral Music 12: Concert Choir Course Code: MCMCC12

Do you love to sing? In Concert Choir you will build your voice, your confidence, and develop your performing ability. Growing your vocal skills includes learning healthy tone production, ear training, and part singing in all styles of song. You will gain strategies for music reading and experience in singing for the school and community.

CHORAL MUSIC 10, 11, 12 Senior Choir (Off Timetable)

Choral Music: Concert Choir 10 Senior Off TT Course Code: MMUCC10OF4

Choral Music 11: Concert Choir Senior Off TT Course Code: MCMCC11OF4

Choral Music 12: Concert Choir Senior Off TT Course Code: MCMCC12OF4

Take your singing skills farther with the Senior Choir! If you are ready to express your artistry through singing, this group is for you. You will build professional poise and confidence, refine four-part vocal and music reading skills in all styles and multiple languages. This choir performs for conferences, district festivals, as well as school and local events throughout the year.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9,10,11,12 Beginner Strings

Music 9: Strings Beginner Course Code: MMU--09ST1

Instrumental Music: Orchestra 10 Beginner Course Code: MMUOR10--1

Instrumental Music: Orchestra 11 Beginner Course Code: MMUOR11--1

Instrumental Music: Orchestra 12 Beginner Course Code: MMUOR12--1

Open to students in Grades 8-11. No previous experience is needed for this introductory orchestra course. Basics of playing and musicianship will be covered. Students will choose one of the following instruments (rented or purchased at their own cost): violin, viola, cello, or bass.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9 Junior Strings

Min. 1 to 2 years' experience

Music 9 Strings Junior Course Code: MMU--09ST2

This is a performance-based course for students with previous elementary school or private lesson experience on a string instrument. Students will have to buy or rent their own instrument. Students who have played before but have stopped playing for one or two years may register but they must be able to read music, have reasonable proficiency on their string instrument of choice, and maintain a regular practice schedule. Concerts and other performance activities are a mandatory component of this course. Private lessons are highly recommended.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9,10,11,12 Intermediate Strings

Music 9 Strings Intermediate Course Code: MMU--09ST3

Instrumental Music: Orchestra 10 Intermediate Course Code: MMUOR10--3

Instrumental Music: Orchestra 11 Intermediate Course Code: MMUOR11--3

Instrumental Music: Orchestra 12 Intermediate Course Code: MMUOR12--3

Min 2-3 years at the elementary school level or private lesson experience.

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This course is designed to prepare students for participation in the Senior Strings course. Students must be able and willing to work at their own pace for long periods of time. Technical musical studies in groups or as individuals are an important part of the course. Group work will increase as students progress. Home practice of 30 minutes a day is expected. Students are also expected to supply their own instrument.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9,10,11,12 Senior Strings

Music 9 Strings Senior Course Code: MMU--09ST4

Instrumental Music: Orchestra 10 Senior Course Code: MMUOR10--4

Instrumental Music: Orchestra 11 Senior Course Code: MMUOR11--4

Instrumental Music: Orchestra 12 Senior Course Code: MMUOR12--4

Audition or by recommendation of the Strings Teacher. Completion of "Intermediate Strings" is highly suggested.

The major focus of this course is in-depth work and performance of selected compositions. An integral part of this course is public concerts in the school and community. Practicing for these will comprise a large part of the course. These students will also work in small groups. Evaluation is based on self-evaluation of effort and progress, skill improvement, participation in concerts, and extra-curricular efforts. Cost: Students will be responsible for the care and repair of instruments whether owned by the student or loaned by the school.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9, 10, 11, 12 Beginner Guitar

Music 9: Guitar Beginner Course Code: MMU--09GR1

Instrumental Music: Guitar 10 Beginner Course Code: MMUGT10--1

Instrumental Music: Guitar 11 Beginner Course Code: MIMG-11--1

Instrumental Music: Guitar 12 Beginner Course Code: MIMG-12--1

No previous experience is required for this course. Guitar techniques covered will include chording, strumming, and first position and basic barre chord forms. You will develop music literacy in treble clef and tablature notation. You will learn to play blues, rock, classical, and pop styles of song, and explore basic improvisation and composition. This course will build your skills and confidence in performance through duo and solo song projects.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9, 10, 11, 12 Intermediate Guitar

Music 9: Guitar Intermediate Course Code: MMU--09GR2

Instrumental Music: Guitar 10 Intermediate Course Code: MMUGT10

Instrumental Music: Guitar 11 Intermediate Course Code: MIMG-11

Instrumental Music: Guitar 12 Intermediate Course Code: MIMG-12

Previous Course: Beginning Guitar 10 or 1 year of guitar experience

If you have more than a year of playing experience, Intermediate Guitar is for you. You will learn advanced first position chords, bar chords in A, E, D forms, extend fingerstyle & flatpick techniques and further develop tablature & notation reading. This course will build your confidence and experience in improvisation, composition, and performance in solo and small ensemble projects, school events, and at Music Department concerts. A variety of styles from rock, blues, folk, to classical are covered.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 9, 10, 11, 12 Senior Guitar

Music 9: Guitar Senior Course Code: MMU--09GR3

Instrumental Music: Guitar 10 Course Code: MMUGT10--3

Instrumental Music: Guitar 11 Senior Course Code: MIMG-11--3

Instrumental Music: Guitar 12 Senior Course Code: MIMG-12--3

Previous Course: Intermediate Guitar or 2-3 years of experience

In this course students will study musical notations in 1st, 5th, and 7th position, tablature notation, advanced finger picking, barre chords in A, E, D, V7, Min 7 and Maj7 forms, and altered tunings. A wide variety of repertoire will be covered with an emphasis on solo & ensemble playing, composition and improvisation.

PERFORMING ARTS

Theatre and Film Production

Drama and Film Production has something for everyone, whether it is a student who loves playing drama games and being on stage or a student who wants to stay behind the camera to tell their story. Churchill's Drama and Film department aims to broaden student awareness of dramatic tradition and film history. We want students to develop visual literacy and an understanding of media as well. There will be a broad range of course work that cover technical skills as well as acting in drama from stage to modern film and media production.

Introductory classes are offered in the initial years with developmental Drama and Film courses. Creativity, confidence, collaboration, and communication are the main themes. At the senior level, more attention is given to the requirement of performance including practical production and audition skills. All levels of the drama program emphasize: teamwork, generosity in sharing ideas, focus and the audience response, basic mime skills, clarity of voice, imaginative development of storytelling ideas, sensitivity and clarity in scenes. Some of the following courses are production oriented with outcomes on display in the Theatre Churchill productions. All are designed to help the student appreciate the wide variety and many styles of dramatic art.

DRAMA 9 Course Code: MDR-09

The aims of this course are to develop imaginative abilities, a good speaking voice, control of the physical self, and the use and control of emotions. The focus is on the development of improvisational skills and the understanding of theatre stories. The elements of story telling, setting the problem, raising the stakes and resolution are explored as they relate to improvisation and scene building and play structure.

Original screen writing will be studied. Visual language (film and TV) will be compared to the language of the stage. Mime skills will be reviewed. Improvisations, monologues and short scenes will be presented by the students.

FILM 9/10 Course Code: MDR—09SC1; MVAM-10

If you've ever wondered how movies are made, this course is your chance to find out. You'll plan, shoot, and edit your own short films while learning the basics of filmmaking, including writing, camera work, directing, sound, and editing. Along the way, you'll get hands-on experience with real equipment and start to see movies from a filmmaker's point of view.

You'll also explore how film communicates ideas and emotions, learning to analyze both your own work and the work of others. This is a great starting point for anyone interested in storytelling, media, or visual arts, and an ideal first step toward IB Film 11/12.

DRAMA 10 Course Code: MDRM-10

An extension of Drama 9 and an introduction for new students

Drama 10 further develops the speaking voice, the power and concentration cooperation in-group scenes and the use of the body on the stage in mime and other routines. Film and TV special effects will be examined with an aim to understand both mediums and the effect on the viewer. The students will begin working on the presentation of roles and characterizations through memorized scripted scenes. A special focus will be character work looking at the techniques of character development. Classes will study script analysis, with the aim of the development of character.

DRAMA 11 Course Code: MDRM-11

Acting 11 introduces the students to the role of the actor on stage, extending and developing the understanding of story and the character development skills achieved in Drama 9 and 10. Character development and presentation will be the focus, developed through the use of role-play and the memorized scripted scenes. Technical elements: lighting, stagecraft, make-up and general theatre history will be introduced but all focus on the actor in stage production. Students should develop sufficient confidence over the year in order to participate in auditions for a role or to be involved in the creation of a full-scale production. The emphasis is on acting for the stage and those interested in stage technical skills, film and TV, or directing should look to other courses offered by the department.

DRAMA 12 Course Code: MDRM-12

This course builds on character development and presentation techniques learned in Acting 11. Different acting styles and periods will be studies: History of Greek theatre, Comedia del Arte, Elizabethan theatre and more. Contemporary Canadian, American and British plays will be a focus. Play reports from current drama will be expected. Comedy, stand-up comedy, and comic scenes will be studied audition techniques explored. Presentations of monologues and scenes from world drama, classical theatre will be mounted. Film and stage techniques will be compared. (**See also Film and TV Drama 11).

DIRECTING & SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT 11, 12 Course Code: MDRDS11/MDRDS12

Admission: Interview with Instructor

This course involves study of story-telling structure in a workshop environment, learning a variety of types of narratives, simple scripts and monologues culminating in the writing of a one-act play. Each student will co-direct an original one-act play. One aim is understanding the co-operative role of writer and director in rehearsal and the central role of the director in interpretation of the script for production for audience.

THEATRE COMPANY 10-12 Course Code: MDRTC10, MDRTC11, MDRTC 12

Looking for an enriched theatre experience at Churchill? This off-timetable course will take students on the rewarding journey of being part of a main stage production, from the initial stages of learning the script and auditioning for roles, to the final thrill of performing. Collaborating alongside peers and instructors, this course will allow students to dive into the intense and immensely fulfilling experience of play production and performance. It is intended for those who have experience with drama, and those who do not. Students who are interested should note that since this course will run off-timetable (after regular school hours).

VISUAL ARTS: FILM & TELEVISION 11 & 12

Visual Arts: Media Arts 11 Film & TV Production Course Code: MVAMT11

Visual Arts: Media Arts 12 Film & TV Production Course Code: MVAMT12

This course is for students ready to take their filmmaking to the next level. You'll plan and produce more complex short films that demonstrate stronger storytelling, visual style, and technical control. Building on your previous experience, you'll develop your skills in writing, directing, cinematography, editing, and sound design while working independently and in small production teams.

Students will also build a personal film portfolio suitable for university or media program applications. You'll refine your understanding of film language and learn to analyze your own work with a critical eye. This course is ideal for students who want to continue filmmaking and challenge themselves creatively without enrolling in IB Film 11/12.

IB FILM STUDIES (STANDARD LEVEL/ HIGHER LEVEL) 11 & 12 (Two-Year Film Course)

IB Film Studies (HL/SL) 11 Course Code: IF --11

IB Film 12 Standard Level Course Code: IF --12

IB Film 12 Higher Level Course Code: IFH --12

Students in the IB program can enroll in the diploma program. Non-IB students can enroll in the IB Film Certificate Program.

The IB Film course invites you to explore the art and craft of filmmaking through both creative production and critical study. You'll analyze films from around the world while developing your own skills as a filmmaker, storyteller, and visual thinker. The course combines hands-on film production with the study of film theory, history, and culture, helping you understand how movies express ideas and shape perspectives.

Students will complete a variety of projects in directing, cinematography, editing, and analysis, building toward four final assessments in Year 2 that determine the overall course mark.

Note: You do not need to be enrolled in the full IB Diploma Programme to take IB Film. Many students take this course as a stand-alone option because of their passion for filmmaking and media arts.

PERFORMING ARTS

Dance

Want to learn how to dance like your favourite Instagram, TikTok or K-Pop stars? Dance at Churchill will give you a the foundation in dance technique, history and choreography you need to 'wow' crowds of people with your dance moves. Gain important performance skills and 'break out' of your shell as you learn popular dance styles, including Hip-Hop dance, Street Jazz, Waacking, Locking, Popping, Jazz Funk, House, Litefeet, Contemporary and Broadway. Dance at Churchill is a great way to make friends, express yourself, take risks, stay fit and have fun!

DANCE 9 Course Code: MDNC-09

This course will introduce Grade 9 students to the history and technique of different styles of dance. Students are given the opportunity to learn a wide variety of dance styles including: Hip Hop and Street styles, Jazz, Broadway, tap, contemporary, and cultural dances. Students will learn dances choreographed by the teacher and they will also learn how to create their own dance sequences. Students will learn a minimum of 2 dance pieces to perform at dance showcases throughout the semester.

BEGINNER DANCE (DANCE FOUNDATIONS 10-12) Course Codes: MDCF-10, MDCF-11 & MDCF-12

0-1 years of Previous Dance Experience

This is a beginner-level course that will focus on dance basics with simplified, introductory movement and slower-paced teaching. Beginner Dance will focus on a variety of dance styles, such as Hip-Hop dance, Jazz Funk, Popping, Street Jazz, contemporary, Broadway, tap and cultural dances. Students will learn dances choreographed by the teacher as well as learn how to create their own dance sequences and will have exciting opportunities to show off their dance skills at dance showcase performances. Students will learn a minimum of 2 dance pieces to perform at dance showcases throughout the semester.

INTERMEDIATE DANCE (DANCE TECHNIQUE AND PERFORMANCE 10-12) Course Code: MDNTP10, MDNTP11 & MDNTP12

More than 2 years of Dance Experience required, or permission from instructor

This is an upper-level course, intermediate level dance course, where students should expect choreography and dance sequences to be taught at a faster, intermediate pace. Like Beginner Dance, Intermediate Dance will focus on a variety of dance styles, such as Hip-Hop dance, Jazz Funk, Waacking, Locking, Popping, Street Jazz, contemporary, Jazz, Broadway, tap and cultural dances. Advanced dance sequences and technique will be introduced, and students will be expected to perform at a higher level than Beginner Dance. This course will also provide students with opportunities to choreograph their own dance pieces and compositions, and to perform in several dance showcases throughout the semester. Students should expect to learn a minimum of 3 dance pieces each semester.

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY 11-12 Course Code: MDNC-11 & MDNC-12

Previous Course: Dance Foundations or Tech and Perf 10 or by audition

Choreography 11 and 12 provides students with opportunities to create dance choreography for a variety of informal and formal settings. Students learn to explore, create, refine, and produce dance using the elements of movement to serve artistic intentions. By working through the creative process, students develop an understanding of these elements and how they combine to form the final product, a choreographed piece.

DANCE COMPANY 9-12

By audition or teacher permission only.

Dance Company is an Off-Timetable course dedicated to the development of the Churchill Dance Teams. Students will learn dance technique and performance skills as they prepare to perform in several dance competitions around the lower mainland. Prior dance experience is needed and admission to the course requires audition and Dance teacher permission.

IB DANCE 11 and 12 – Course Codes – IDSL-11/IDSL-12

Non-IB students can enroll in the IB Dance Certificate Program.

IB Dance is for students to deepen their understanding and appreciation for Dance. Students in the IB program can enroll in the diploma program. Non-IB students can enroll in the IB Film Certificate Program. Students are required to show progress and achievement in performance, choreography and cross-cultural dance studies. Students are expected to push themselves creatively to explore more than one style, will be required to choreograph pieces for themselves and for other students, and will take leadership roles in performing well-rehearsed dances in public settings.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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| Photo editing using Adobe software | Create professional quality portfolios | Introduction to DSLR cameras |
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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY 10 Course Code: MVAPH10

Digital Photography 10 gives students a fun, hands-on introduction to capturing great images while learning the basics of composition, camera settings, and visual storytelling. Students explore creative shooting techniques and begin editing their work using **Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop** to enhance colour, lighting, and detail.

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As they build skills, students will print their favourite images and start assembling a personalized portfolio that highlights their progress and style. This course is perfect for beginners who want to gain confidence behind the camera and discover the art of digital photography.

Course Highlights

- Introduction to DSLR/mirrorless camera controls
- Basics of composition, lighting, and creative angles
- Editing in **Lightroom** and **Photoshop**
- Printmaking and creating a beginner photo portfolio

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY 11 Course Code: MVAPH11

Digital Photography 11 expands on the foundations from Photo 10 with more intentional shooting, advanced editing, and deeper creative projects. Students explore portraiture, action photography, low-light shooting, and more refined composition techniques while building technical control and artistic expression.

Students also learn more advanced editing tools in **Lightroom** and **Photoshop**, create polished print pieces, and further develop their personal portfolios. This level encourages experimentation and pushes students to find their individual photographic voice.

Course Highlights

- Intermediate camera techniques and specialty photography
- Advanced colour grading, retouching, and compositing
- Creative thematic projects and photo stories
- Portfolio-quality prints and layout development

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY 12 Course Code: MVAPH12

Digital Photography 12 is a senior-level, project-driven course designed for students who want to produce professional, portfolio-ready work. Students plan and execute complex shoots, explore advanced lighting, and refine editing workflows used in the industry.

With a strong focus on personal style and independent project development, students complete a curated final portfolio and produce high-quality prints that showcase their mastery. This course prepares students for post-secondary programs or creative careers in photography and digital media.

Course Highlights

- Advanced studio, natural light, and conceptual photography
- High-level editing and digital manipulation
- Independent and client-style photography projects
- Professional printing and final portfolio presentation

VISUAL ARTS

Do you have wonder, desire to understand, or curiosity? Do you want to increase your ability to concentrate and express yourself? Are you looking for inspiration, ideas, or plans that call out to be thought, painted, printed, drawn, sculpted, and/or, ArtMag!ed? Do you love drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpting, or ceramics? Then take one or more Visual Arts courses.

If you want to grow stronger in your art, or if you are just starting out and need skills, practice, or inspiration, you will be given the opportunity to learn many techniques and to try many different materials and mediums, to find your preferred ones, and to explore what each one allows you to accomplish.

Sketchbooks are used in each Art course and become a record of a student's artistic journey. Students will also have an opportunity to display their pieces in many places both in the school and out.

Supplemental Fees may be collected up to the following amounts for: Art 8 \$10; Art 9-10 \$25; Art 11-12 \$30

ART STUDIO 9 Course Code: MVA--09

Visual Arts 9 is a basic course to prepare students for further study in art. Stressed are the principles and elements of design, especially as they apply to drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpting, and ceramics. Creativity and skill development are emphasized and encouraged. Also addressed will be cultural, historical, and contemporary developments in art.

VISUAL ARTS 10: ART STUDIO Course Code: MVAST10

Visual Arts 10 builds on the technical, critical and creative skills of Visual Arts 9, and earlier art courses, but may be taken as a first course by students with no background in Visual Arts. Students are encouraged to take more initiative and attempt more ambitious projects. The emphasis is on: drawing and painting, printmaking, sculpture, and ceramics. All general Visual Arts courses try to accommodate and encourage the diverse artistic interests of the students. The sketchbook begun in Visual Arts 9 is continued and is an important part of this course and the student's artistic development.

STUDIO ARTS 3D 10 (SCULPTURE CERAMICS) Course Code: MVAC-10

This Ceramics course is designed for those wishing to work primarily with clay. Students will be introduced to the fundamentals of ceramics and focus on the basic hand building techniques, some wheel work, knowledge of clay bodies and its origins, and consider its history and contemporary development. Students will learn about surface colourants and their applications, and kiln basics. Emphasis will be placed on learning the elements and principles of design, especially form and texture as they apply to ceramics, and drawing will be used as means of exploring form and image. Students will receive one half a bag of clay but may need to purchase additional clay. Recycled clay may be used free. A deposit is also collected at the beginning of the year and returned at the end of the year upon the return of the students' clay tools.

STUDIO ARTS 3D 11 and 12 (SCULPTURE 11, 12: Ceramics) Course Codes: MVAC-11 and MVAC-12

This senior Ceramics class is identical to the VAC 9 / 10 course and is intended for Grades 11 and 12. Students will develop skills for manipulating clay with their hands and on the potter's wheel. The kiln, surface colourants and its application, tradition and design in clay will be covered and researched. Those who have taken a full year ceramics course in a previous year will build upon their existing skills and knowledge. It is a self-directed study in which experimentation and personal development in a concentrated area is encouraged. Students will mount an in-school show or display, group or individual project of their work by the end.

STUDIO ARTS 2D 11, 12 (DRAWING AND PAINTING 11, 12) Course Codes: MVAD-11 and MVAD-12

This Drawing and Painting course is designed for those students who wish to specialize in these areas. Students work in a studio format, building on previous courses and developing a personal approach to imagery. They will maintain a verbal/visual sketchbook and a folio of finished works. Assignments in various media will be given. Students will continue to develop critical judgement of art. Gallery visits may form a part of this course. Historical and contemporary aspects of drawing and painting will be considered and researched.

ART STUDIO 11 Course Code: MVAST11

Art Studio 11 is a general course which undertakes to explore some of the following: drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpting, ceramics, textiles, graphics. Within these areas, the elements and principles of design are again emphasized, as well as guided personal imagery. Considerations of the 20th Century and former eras in art, including Canadian influences, are explored to help the student develop an understanding of their own visual context. Library research, field trips to galleries, and arts events may form a part of this course. Students are encouraged to acquire technical and critical skills, but more importantly, to use their imagination and creativity.

ART STUDIO 12 Course Code: MVAST12

This course is a review and expansion of Art Foundations 11. This course provides students with the opportunity to further develop their skills and appreciation of art with the option of concentrating their studies in any of the expression areas. It is recommended for those who may pursue a career in art, or further studies in the visual arts at the college or university level or art school.

IB ART 11 and 12 Course Codes: IARS-11, IARH-2A

The IB Visual Art course is a place for students to expand their creative horizons. It is very helpful for students interested in applying for Post Secondary Fine Art institutions such as Emily Carr University of Art and Design. It is a useful step in the beginning of a career in a creative field. Certificate students (not enrolled in IB Diploma program) are encouraged to take the course if they have a passion for Art and an understanding that they are committing to a two-year program that has a linear schedule (Day 1/Day 2). Typically, Certificate students in Grade 11 would do a linear CS block on the day alternate to the IB Art block and in Grade 12 they would have a spare.

Over the two years of the course, students will embark on a personal journey that will engage their curiosity, simulate their exploratory senses and fulfill their creative needs. The IB Visual Arts course empowers students to become creative and critical. It encourages them to engage with the world through individual and shared experiences, imagination and action. In addition, the Visual Arts course aims to enable students to:

1. appreciate that art-making enhances knowledge, develops understanding and transforms ways of being.
2. employ curiosity, creativity and dialogue to more openly engage with the self, the world and others.
3. draw on art-making and artworks for their own, and their communities', well-being and flourishing.

FRENCH IMMERSION

Department Head: Mr. Victor Lam

Churchill Secondary School is one of three centres for Vancouver Secondary students wanting to pursue their studies in French Immersion. Students accepted into the Secondary French Immersion Program at Churchill should have previously completed a Late/Early French Immersion program at the elementary level or are those coming from a Francophone school. The catchment area for Churchill French Immersion includes the southern half of Vancouver. It is important to note that French Immersion is for students who have learned French as a second language (L2) or even as a third (L3) language. Courses are specifically designed for L2 and L3 learners.

For students who love a challenge, Prelude and IB programmes offer French Immersion components.

Please refer to the following table for the French Immersion course load.

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| French Immersion at Churchill | | | | |
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| 8e année | 9e année | 10e année | 11e année | 12e année |
| FRAL 8 | FRAL 9 | FRAL 10* [^] | FRAL 11* ^A | FRAL 12* ^A |
| Sciences humaines 8 | Sciences humaines 9 | Sciences humaines 10* | Sciences humaines 11* ^B | |
| FICO 8 | FICO 9 | FICO 10* | | |
| Sciences 8 | Sciences 9 | Sciences 10* | | |
| | | | | English First Peoples 12* OR BC First Peoples 12* |
| * Prelude students will enroll in: FRAL 10 Prélude FICO 10 Prélude - Études internationales Sciences humaines 10 Prélude Sciences naturelles 10 Prélude | ^ TREK students: To obtain a Bilingual Dogwood Diploma at graduation, returning students <u>must</u> complete the following <u>in addition to</u> FILA/FRAL 10 completed at Prince of Wales: 1. Independent literature study 2. Immersive experience in French Students not wishing to satisfy these requirements <u>may</u> continue in French Immersion upon their return but will <u>not</u> receive the Bilingual Dogwood Diploma. Please see Department Head / Counsellor for details and deadlines. | # French Immersion IB students: #A = Français A IB (SL/HL) taken in both years of the programme will be equivalent to FRAL 11 and FRAL 12. #B = <i>Études autochtones contemporaines 12</i> | + Options offered at Churchill recommended to regular (i.e. non-IB) French Immersion students to meet the Indigenous-focused graduation requirement. | |

FRENCH IMMERSION - GRADE 9

Français langue seconde – Immersion 9 (FFRAL09)

A continuation of FRAL 8, students continue to establish connections to various cultures and experiences through questioning, critical thinking and reflection. Students are expected to critically analyse various literature and texts through spoken and written productions, with which they continue to refine their knowledge of grammatical concepts and develop proficiency in the French language.

FICO/Art Dramatique 9 (FADRF09)

An extension of Art Dramatique 8, this course continues to focus on oral French expression, exploring different themes through understanding and appreciating various texts and media.

Sciences 9 (FSCF-09)

French Immersion Sciences 9 follows the same curriculum as English Sciences 9. Instruction and resource materials are in French.

Sciences humaines 9 (FSCHF09)

In this course, we will explore the idea of continuity and change. We will be focusing events in Canada and around the world spanning from 1750 to 1919. Our Canadian themes include colonization, exploitation and nation building. Our international theme is centered around revolutions – social, political, economic and technological. Students will explore these themes with the help of a variety of multimodal texts. In addition to building on content knowledge, students will have many opportunities to practice their critical thinking and communication skills. Students will also develop research skills that will be critical to their success in future humanities courses.

FRENCH IMMERSION - GRADE 10 (*Prelude equivalents denoted by **)

Français langue seconde – Immersion 10 (FFRAL10) / *FRAL 10 - Prélude

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This course emphasizes all four language skills: speaking, writing, listening and reading. Knowledge of French grammar is stressed, as is vocabulary study, through composition exercises. Listening skills are also reinforced through various activities. Literary appreciation is developed through the study of novels, poetry, short stories and plays.

FICO/Art Dramatique 10 (FDMR-10) / *Études internationales/FICO 10 - *Prélude*

Continuation of Art Dramatique 9. This course continues to focus on oral French expression, exploring different themes through understanding and appreciating various texts and media. Students will perform various communicative activities and learn about Francophone art, media and film.

Sciences 10 (FSCF-10) / *Sciences 10 – *Prélude*

French Immersion Sciences 10 follow the same curriculum as English Science 10. Instruction and resource materials are in French.

Sciences humaines 10 (FSCH-10) / *Sciences humaines 10 – *Prélude*

In this course we will explore Canada's 20th century history. We will look at what has happened in Canada over the last 100 years as well as Canada's place in major world events from 1914 to present. Some themes we will explore include historical and contemporary injustices, global and regional conflicts as well as reconciliation for the aforementioned. Students will explore these themes with the help of a variety of multimodal texts. In addition to building on content knowledge, students will have many opportunities to practice their critical thinking and communication skills. Students will also develop research skills that will be critical to their success in future humanities courses.

FRENCH IMMERSION - GRADE 11

Langue et culture de la Francophonie 11 (FLCF-11)

This course is designed to encourage students to discover, explore, analyze, and interpret cinematographic and literary works of the French-speaking world. The course offers numerous opportunities for students to demonstrate their understanding and communicate their ideas through a variety of means of communication. In addition, a variety of excerpts from well-known novels, plays and poems will be studied. The usual study of language, spelling and grammar also continues. Stress will be placed on good oral and written skills. Students will explore a variety of writing genres (essays, descriptions and narration) and do formal oral presentations.

FRENCH IMMERSION – GRADE 12

Français langue seconde – Immersion 12 (FFRAL12)

This course includes a detailed study of a variety of literary works, selected from Canada, France and the francophonie, including Métis and other Canadian indigenous literature written in French. As well, a large selection of texts and documents will be read, discussed, and created. The course will encourage students to use critical and creative thinking to analyze various communication situations and refine their communication skills in diverse contexts. Students will prepare for the French Immersion Graduation Literacy Assessment (*Évaluation de littératie – Français langue seconde – Immersion*), which includes both a written and an oral component. This assessment is mandatory for all students (including those in French Immersion IB) who wish to obtain their Bilingual Dogwood Diploma.

Histoire du 20e siècle 12 (FWH-12)

This course provides an overview of the ideologies, conflicts, events, and/or developments that shaped the 20th century, including « Big Ideas » as listed in the BC Curriculum:

- Nationalist movements can unite people in common causes or lead to intense conflict between different groups.
- The rapid development and proliferation of technology in the 20th century led to profound social, economic, and political changes.
- The breakdown of long-standing empires created new economic and political systems.

Students will develop skills important to studies in the humanities such as research abilities, primary source analysis, and academic writing for the humanities. This course also includes a long-term and self-directed project. *This course can be taken in Grade 11 or 12, but is not offered to students in French Immersion IB.*

HOME ECONOMICS

Department Head: Ms. Dawn Kelly

TEXTILES 9 and 10 Course Codes: MADT-09 and MTXT-10

This course will include basic hand and machine construction techniques, including fabric study, First Peoples practices, and principles of design. Environmental and ethic factors that influence textile choices and the impact of those choices on local and global communities will be discussed. Strategies for altering patterns and upcycling/recycling will be explored. Students will have the opportunity to choose projects that meet their needs. Fieldtrips and guest speakers will be included.

TEXTILES 11 Course Code: MTXT-11

As there are no prerequisites for TEXTILES, ALL students will learn basic hand and machine construction techniques, including fabric study, First Peoples practices, and principles of design. This course will continue to develop the content areas of Textiles 10 in more detail. Also, topics around the influence of marketing and advertising, such as social media, in the promotion of fashion and textile items. Students will challenge themselves with more complicated designs and fabrics. This course develops individual expressions in clothing selection and intermediate skills in clothing construction. Fieldtrips and guest speakers will be included.

TEXTILES 12 Course Code: MTXT-12

As there are no prerequisites for TEXTILES, ALL students will learn basic hand and machine construction techniques, including fabric study, First Peoples practices, and principles of design. This course will continue to build on the content covered in Textiles 10 and 11. Methods for designing patterns, textile manipulation techniques, and historical perspectives (including First Peoples). Discussion of forecasting practices and how they are used in the development and creation of textile items. The relationship between the fibre content, fabric type, and textiles use will always be considered. Careers in clothing and textiles will be examined. Fieldtrips, portfolios, and guest speakers will be included.

FASHION DESIGN 12B Course Code: YVHE-2B

As there are no prerequisites for TEXTILES, ALL students will learn basic hand and machine construction techniques, including fabric study, First Peoples practices, and principles of design. This course is for fashion conscious students interested in developing their designing abilities. This could provide an enjoyable hobby or, with additional training, could lead to a fashion career. It also further develops the ability to make wise clothing choices and to evaluate fabric goods critically and objectively. Each student will complete a series of flat pattern drafting assignments and produce a personalized pattern block to be used as a basis for their own designs. Creativity and self-expression, through the use of pattern blocks will be used to create at least three garments in a variety of fabrics. Students will also complete units on colour, design elements of fashion and fashion sketching.

FOODS STUDIES 9 Course Codes: MADFS09

This course will engage with the following subject matter: food safety and security, meal preparation and planning, and cultural eating practices including First Peoples. Students will explore food trends, marketing, nutrition, food systems, and the relationship between mental and physical well-being, all while learning the basics of home cooking.

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A global perspective on food systems will encompass environmental, ethical, economical considerations, and the impact on health.

FOODS STUDIES 10 Course Code: MFOOD10

This course will engage with the following subject matter: food safety, food preparation practices (elements of a recipe, cooking techniques, and equipment usage), recipe substitutions, nutrition and healthy eating, and First Peoples food use and preparation. Students will explore food trends, marketing, and food systems, encompassing environmental, ethical, economical considerations, and the impact on health.

FOOD STUDIES 11 & 12 Course Code: MFOOD11, MFOOD12

This course builds on the skills and knowledge gained in Foods & Nutrition 9/10. More advanced food preparation techniques and further study of nutrition will take students to an intermediate level. Students will consider consumer issues and evaluate environmental, cultural, social and aesthetic components of food. Students are able to select many of their own recipes and plan labs, while considering such elements as management of time, energy and cost

INTERIOR DESIGN 11 Course Code: YAED-1B *Interior Design 11 is scheduled to run every second year.*

Do you imagine what it would be like to be an Interior Designer? Are you curious about career options in this field? The Interior Design business is really hot right now with a new generation of products, on-line shopping and TV programs to help individuals design beautiful, inspired spaces for living and working. This course provides students the opportunity to examine the elements and principles of design and learn how to apply these to the interior design process. Students will investigate the design process from start to finish. A body of work will be produced that represents their individual design style. Students will explore career options in the field of Interior Design.

PSYCHOLOGY 11 Course Code: YPSYC1A

Psychology 11 and 12 can be taken over 2 years.

This is an introductory course that focuses on the study of human behaviour. This class will include some interactive activities so that students can engage directly with and think critically about the topic at hand. If students are interested in taking psychology at university, the Psychology 11 course will help them to prepare for this. Topics include an overview of the field of psychology, methods of research, the brain and behaviour, principles of learning, intelligence and creativity, personality, communication. By the end of this course, students will have a basic understanding of psychology as it relates to personal, social and educational life. This course is designed to be fun, interesting and engaging.

PSYCHOLOGY 12 Course Code: YPSYC2A

Psychology 11 and 12 can be taken over 2 years. There is no prerequisite for this course, and it can be taken without having taken Psychology 11.

This course is different than Psychology 11 and is designed to allow students to take psychology for 2 years. This course allows students to investigate areas of interest in the field of psychology. If students are interested in taking psychology at university, the psychology 12 course will help them to prepare for this. This course is structured to include the following units: biological, cognitive, abnormal, developmental psychology. Students will investigate topics in psychology that are of interest and complete an inquiry project. Other current topics in the area of psychology will be investigated which can include psychology of law, criminology, forensics and neuropsychology. As with psychology 11, this course is designed to be fun, interesting and engaging.

MATHEMATICS

Department Head: Ms. Rebecca Tang

The Mathematics program is designed to provide every student with a sound working knowledge of the mathematics necessary to succeed in their chosen post-graduation field. The diversity of our course offerings not only helps students develop skills in computation, algebra, geometry, logical reasoning, statistics, pre-calculus and calculus, but also empowers them to pursue interests in the workplace, apprenticeship programs and in college or university education.

MATHEMATICS 9 Course Code: MMA--09

This course uses a student workbook, available for purchase as consumable use or for use and return provided that the workbook comes back in pristine condition without writing.

Mathematics 9 reviews the ideas introduced in Mathematics 8 and lays the foundation for more advanced study of mathematics in grades 10, 11 and 12. The major topics presented in the course are:

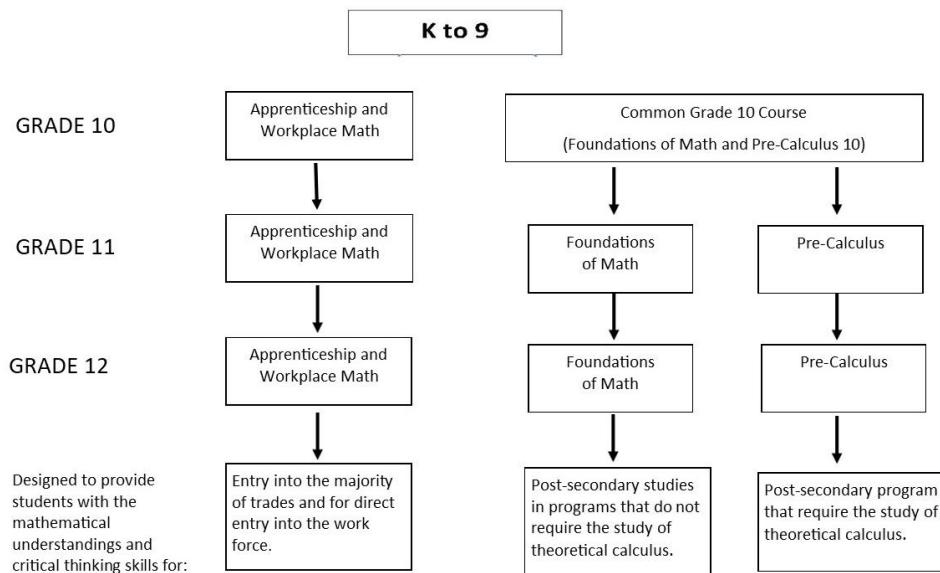
- Arithmetic Review
- Rational Numbers
- Probability and Statistics
- Financial Literacy
- Linear Equations
- Word Problems in 1 Variable
- Reasoning
- Exponents
- Polynomials
- Similarity and Scale Factors

In grades 10-12, the pathways program designed by the Ministry of Education is followed. There are three options:

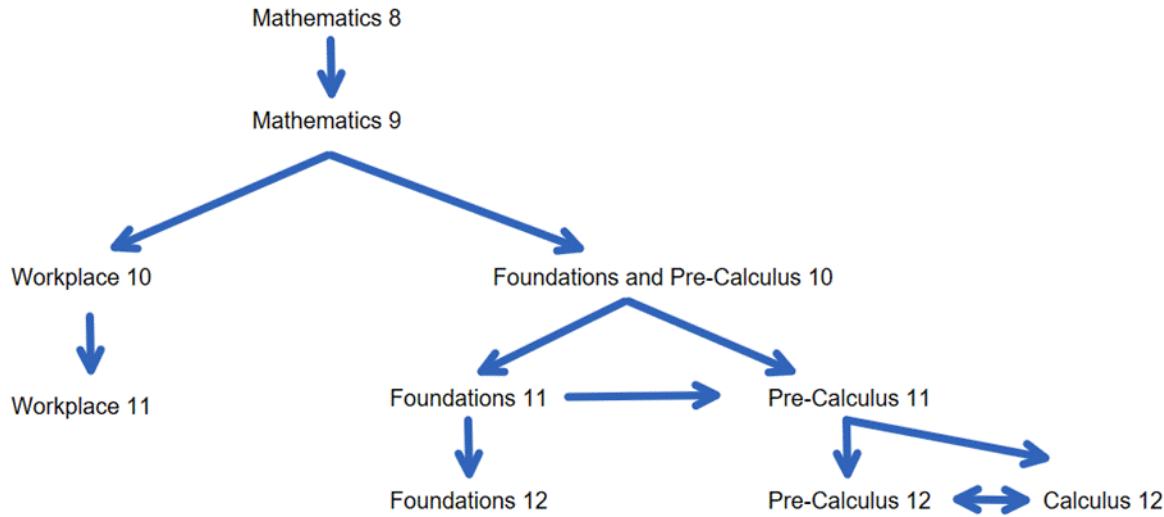
- Workplace Mathematics – pathway designed for students entering the workforce immediately after graduation or who are pursuing specific apprenticeship training.
- Foundations of Mathematics – pathway designed for students planning to pursue a post-secondary ARTS program (such as humanities, fine arts, law or social sciences, disciplines that do not require the study of theoretical calculus). In grade 10, the Foundations and Pre-Calculus courses are combined.
- Pre-Calculus Mathematics – pathway designed for students planning to pursue a post-secondary SCIENCE program (such as math, science, engineering, or business/commerce, disciplines that require the study of theoretical calculus).

The choice between these three distinct pathways is generally determined by interest, ability, and post-secondary aspirations. Students are strongly recommended to become informed about the course requirements of individual college and university for specific areas/programs of interest.

Overview of Pathways



Pathways at Churchill



FOUNDATIONS AND PRE-CALCULUS MATHEMATICS 10 Course Code: MFMP-10

This course uses a student workbook, available for purchase as consumable use or for use and return provided that the workbook comes back in pristine condition without writing.

This course is designed for students who will be pursuing either the Foundations of Math program OR the Pre-Calculus program.

Topics include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance• Rationals and Irrationals• Polynomials• Equation and Slope of a Line | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trigonometry• Introduction to Functions• Linear equations/Linear system of equations• Arithmetic sequences and series |
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Students with a weak background in Mathematics 9 should register for Workplace Mathematics 10.

WORKPLACE MATHEMATICS 10 Course Code: MWPM-10

This course uses a student workbook, available for purchase as consumable use or for use and return provided that the workbook comes back in pristine condition without writing.

This course is intended for students who will NOT continue in a mathematics related career and to those who wish to review fundamental skills. It entitles the student to continue in Workplace Mathematics 11. The course includes some topics from Mathematics 8, 9, and 10. NOTE: Credit for Workplace Mathematics 10 is not equivalent to credit for Foundations and Pre-Calculus Mathematics 10.

Topics Include:

- Measurement
- Finance
- Trigonometry
- Geometry

PRECALCULUS MATHEMATICS 11 Course Code: MPREC11

**Graphing calculators will be used extensively – the purchase of one is advised. **

This course uses a student workbook, available for purchase as consumable use or for use and return provided that the workbook comes back in pristine condition without writing.

Pre-Calculus is an academically demanding and sophisticated pathway that requires significant dedication and hard work. Students wishing to pursue math, science, engineering, or business/commerce in post-secondary but find FMP10 difficult should first take Foundations 11 to improve skills before tackling Pre-Calculus 11.

The main topics in the course include:

- Quadratic Functions/Quadratic Equations
- Polynomial Functions
- Finance
- Trigonometry
- Rationals and Irrational Expressions
- Radicals and Radical Equations

Students with a weak background in FMP10 should register for Workplace Mathematics 11.

FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS 11 Course Code: MFOM-11

**Graphing calculators will be used extensively – the purchase of one is advised. **

This course uses a student workbook, available for purchase as consumable use or for use and return provided that the workbook comes back in pristine condition without writing.

The Foundations of Mathematics 11 and 12 courses are intended for students heading into post-secondary studies in programs that do not require the study of theoretical calculus. This pathway is a Survey of Mathematics where students learn how mathematics describes and affects their world. Topics include:

- Measurement
- Geometry
- Logical Reasoning
- Statistics
- Quadratic Functions & Quadratic Equations
- Research Project

Students with a weak background in FMP10 should register for Workplace Mathematics 11.

WORKPLACE MATHEMATICS 11 Course Code: MWPM-11

This course uses a student workbook, available for purchase as consumable use or for use and return provided that the workbook comes back in pristine condition without writing.

The Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics 11 and 12 courses are intended for students planning on entry into the majority of trades and for direct entry into the work force. Topics include:

- Measurement
- Geometry
- Finance
- Algebra
- Graphs

HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS 11 Course Code: MHOM-11

The goal of this course is to provide students with a background into the historical development of Mathematics from early number counting to the integral role Mathematics now plays in our society. Through these investigations students will further the understanding and appreciation of mathematics, while building curiosity, wonder and critical-thinking skills needed in daily life.

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Big Ideas:

- Mathematics has developed over many centuries and continues to evolve
- Mathematics is a global language used to understand the world
- Societal needs across cultures have influenced the development of mathematics
- Tools and Technology are catalysts for mathematical development
- Notable mathematicians in history nurtured a sense of play and curiosity that led to the development of many areas in mathematics

Topics include:

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| • Number and number systems | • Probability and Statistics | • Geometry |
| • Patterns and Algebra | • Tools and Technology | • Cryptography |

For more information, please visit: Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/mathematics/11/history-of-mathematics>

PRECALCULUS 12 Course Code: MPREC12

Previous Course: Pre-Calculus 11

**Graphing calculators will be used extensively – the purchase of one is strongly advised. **

This course uses a student workbook, available for purchase as consumable use or for use and return provided that the workbook comes back in pristine condition without writing.

This course is designed for the student of above average math ability. It provides a basis for those students who plan post-secondary careers in such areas as Mathematics, Engineering, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Medicine, Business/Commerce and related fields. Topics include:

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| • Polynomials | • Trigonometry |
| • Relations and Functions | • Conics |
| • Transformations | • Geometric Sequences and Series |
| • Exponents and Logarithms | |

FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS 12 Course Code: MFOM-12

**Graphing calculators will be used extensively – the purchase of one is advised. **

This course uses a student workbook, available for purchase as consumable use or for use and return provided that the workbook comes back in pristine condition without writing.

Foundations of Math 12 is intended for students heading into post-secondary studies in programs that do not require the study of Calculus. This pathway is a Survey of Mathematics where students learn how mathematics describe and affect their world. Topics include:

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| • Relations and Functions | • Combinatorics |
| • Financial mathematics | • Probability |
| • Logical Reasoning | • Math Research Project |
| • Exponential & Log Functions | • Polynomial and Sinusoidal Functions |

CALCULUS 12 Course Code: MCALC12

Previous Course: Completion of Pre-Calculus 12

**Graphing calculators will be used extensively – the purchase of one is advised. **

This course uses a student workbook, available for purchase as consumable use or for use and return provided that the workbook comes back in pristine condition without writing.

Topics include:

- Functions
- Derivatives
- Graphs
- Integrals
- Limits

Successful candidates will be recommended to sit the AP Calculus AB exam in May.

CALCULUS 12 AND MATH 12 Course Codes: MCALC12SEM and MPREC12SEM

Previous Course: An A or B in Pre-Calculus 11

**Graphing calculators will be used extensively – the purchase of one is advised. **

These courses are for Grade 12 students who plan to take both Pre-Calculus 12 and Calculus 12. To allow for a better understanding of calculus, Pre-Calculus 12 will be taught in both blocks for the first five months. Upon completion of Pre-Calculus 12, Calculus 12 will be taught in both blocks for the remaining five months. Topics covered will be the same as for Pre-Calculus 12 and Calculus 12.

In general students will not be in a position to write the AP exam in May.

STATISTICS 12 Course Code: MSTAT12

Any student who has completed FMP 10 may take this course.

Statistics 12 is designed to provide students with both a theoretical and practical knowledge of data analysis and basic experimental design. Students interested in pursuing further studies in data science, natural sciences, social sciences (psychology, criminology, etc.), or economics will find this course of special interest. As many post-secondary programs require at least one Statistics course, topics explored will be drawn from a variety of disciplines covering statistical methods from both descriptive (central tendency, variability, correlation) and inferential (hypothesis testing, confidence intervals, statistical significance) fronts. Students will use technology to explore statistical concepts and develop strong communication with data analysis.

MODERN LANGUAGES

Department Head: Ms. Emily Kung

The aim of the Modern Languages Department is to provide students with the ability to: 1. Participate actively in reciprocal interactions in other languages 2. Deepen their understanding of other languages and value cultural diversity 3. Engage in meaningful conversation about things that are important to them 4. Explore their own cultural identity from a new perspective After students finish French 8, they are free to continue French and/or choose Spanish, Japanese or Mandarin depending on availability and registered priority (grade level).

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PLEASE NOTE: Those students who already are advanced in a Modern Language must check with their teacher first, then their counsellor and the B.C. Ministry of Education website for external credits towards graduation and the possibility of doing a Language Challenge Exam at the Grade 11 or 12 level. However, a language challenge exam mark cannot be used in calculating your grade point average for university entrance. As well, universities such as UBC will not allow early entrance admission to students who declare online courses as part of their GPA, so it is best to take a language at Churchill. Reminder that universities will not accept online courses as part of GPA calculation for early acceptance.

FRENCH 8 COURSE Code: MFR--08

French 8 is an introductory course to the French language. The course focuses on the building blocks of the French language such as the alphabet and French letter patterns. Students will move towards learning about the following topics: Presenting oneself to others; Weekend activities; Meals and Food; Free time and entertainment and will gradually progress to story-telling and self expression using the language. In this course, activities will allow students to gain the basics of the French language through various learning strategies such as partner and groupwork. There will be a focus on exchanging ideas and information, sharing information, asking and responding to questions, and telling stories.

FRENCH 9 Course Code: MFR--09

In French 9, you will continue to build your skills with more advanced vocabulary and key grammar concepts, including the past and future tenses. We will explore engaging topics like leisure activities (sports and hobbies), city life, travel, and fashion, giving you the tools to express yourself confidently in new ways. Learning French is not just about speaking another language—it is about gaining a new perspective on the world. Through this course, you will have the opportunity to connect with your classmates, engage in creative problem-solving, and learn about the cultures and traditions of Francophone communities. You will also explore connections to local First Nations stories, history, and geography, helping you see the bigger picture of how languages shape our world. Whether you're passionate about travel, culture, or just curious about new ideas, French 9 helps you grow as a communicator and thinker, two very important skills. French 9 is not just about learning a language—it is about broadening your understanding of the world around you.

FRENCH 10 Course Code: MFR--10

French 10 will offer you the chance to connect with others and express yourself in creative and meaningful ways. Through activities like storytelling, filmmaking, designing spaces, and exploring career paths, you'll gain practical skills while expanding your language abilities. This course emphasizes both oral and written communication while helping you think critically and analyze effectively. Topics include travel, home life, education, fashion, hobbies and careers, giving you a wide range of real-world themes to explore. Along the way, you will refine your pronunciation and learn to confidently discuss everyday topics using essential tenses. Oral presentations and activities are a key part of the course, helping you develop your speaking skills for everyday use or for more advanced opportunities like the IB program. The workbook may still be used in French 11. By the end of French 10, you will have worked on communication and linguistic skills so as to be confident and ready to use your language skills to communicate and engage in whatever comes next.

FRENCH 11 Course Code: MFR--11

In French 11, you will learn to express yourself confidently using the imparfait, futur simple, and conditionnel tenses—essential tools for creative storytelling, planning future adventures, and imagining exciting possibilities. Explore topics such as: sports and health, home and fashion, geography, travel, exchange abroad, communication, and relationships. Whether you are designing your dream house, sharing opinions on global trends, or planning your ideal trip to Paris, this course makes French relevant and fun. You will have the chance to show off your presentational flair through dynamic oral presentations and engaging written compositions, building skills that go beyond the classroom. French

11 sets you up for success in French 12 and beyond—perfect for those dreaming of careers in language, arts, political science, history, international relations, or even government work in the near future. Take French 11 to level up your communication skills, stand out, and open doors to a world of opportunities!

FRENCH 12 Course Code: MFR--12

In this final secondary course, you will further elevate your listening, speaking, and writing skills while exploring the creative and inspiring world of Francophone art, literature, poetry, and music. Through thoughtful analysis and critique, you will have the opportunity to develop and share your own ideas, refining your ability to think critically and express yourself with confidence. French 12 offers a unique opportunity to reflect on your language learning journey throughout high school, providing valuable insights and experiences to highlight in your university applications. This course allows you to showcase your growth, dedication, and readiness for post-secondary studies while deepening your connection to the French language and culture.

INTRODUCTORY SPANISH 11 Course Code: MBSP-11

This course is not open to students in grades 8-9

PLEASE NOTE that this course is open only to students who will be in grades 10, 11 and 12 during the next school year. No prior knowledge of Spanish is required; however, this is an intensive course that demands a high degree of student commitment and involvement. Students will learn to communicate in every-day, practical situations with a focus on the four language-learning skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students will engage in simple conversations about topics related to getting to know one another, life in the city, eating at a restaurant, the home and neighbourhood, shopping, going to school, and vacation plans. Students will learn about the history, geography, customs, and celebrations of the various Hispanic countries (including *The Day of the Dead* and *Cinco de mayo* holidays). We will discuss the history of the Indigenous peoples prior to and post contact with the Spanish and in particular, the influence of the Aztec, Mayan, and Inca cultures on modern-day life. After successfully completing this course, you would enrol in Spanish 11, which is a second-year course. Spanish 12 is a third-year course

SPANISH 11 Course Code: MSP--11

PLEASE NOTE that this course requires prior completion of *Introductory Spanish 11* as a pre-requisite. This is a second-year course; it is not a beginner's course. Students will expand their knowledge of the Spanish language and will be able to use more sophisticated vocabulary and grammatical structures, including the future and conditional verb tenses. They will be able to express ideas and give opinions on topics related to travel, the environment and outdoor adventure, technology, childhood experiences, and cuisine. The political history of Argentina, the tango dance, and city/rural life will be discussed. Students will deepen their appreciation of Hispanic culture, with a particular focus on Spain, Mexico, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, New York City, and Argentina. Students will become more familiar with the history of the European and the Indigenous populations of the Spanish-speaking countries.

SPANISH 12 Course Code: MSP--12

This is a third-year Spanish course for students who have successfully completed both *Introductory Spanish 11* and regular Spanish 11. Students will study advanced vocabulary and grammar and will write compositions. This course offers increased general competence in the Spanish language, along with an appreciation of Spanish literature through the study of selected works of recognized Spanish and Latin American authors. *Don Quijote de la Mancha* by the renowned Spanish writer Cervantes may be studied. Students will be prepared to confidently study Spanish at the post-secondary level.

INTRODUCTORY JAPANESE 11 Course Code: **MBJA--11**

Not open to students in grade 8 or 9

This course is for students who are learning Japanese for the first time. Students will begin to acquire this new language by listening, reading and viewing stories. By the end of the year, students will be able to recognize the relationships between Japanese characters and sounds for hiragana and katakana. They will know common, high frequency vocabulary, including greetings, descriptions of people, objects, and locations, types of questions, and simple instructions. They will know elements of common texts and stories. They will be able to write their own short stories. As students of Japanese, members of this class are encouraged to be involved in the school-wide sister school exchange program, where the buddy days provide ways to engage in experiences with Japanese people and communities.

JAPANESE 11 Course Code: **MJA--11**

In this second-year course, students will express themselves with growing fluency. Students will be able to recognize over 150 kanji. Students will recognize degrees of formality in speech and writing to reflect different purposes, such as writing an informal note to a family member vs. making a formal speech in front of an audience. They will know past, present and future time frames. Expressing ideas in complex sentences will be possible at this stage. Cultural aspects such as traditional food and clothing may be introduced. Students are encouraged to challenge themselves through participation of the Japan Bowl and the Annual BC Japanese Speech Contest.

JAPANESE 12 Course Code: **MJA—12**

Students in this third and final year of Japanese often have a strong interest in Japanese culture and wish to pursue language learning further. Such students recognize that language learning is a lifelong process. In Japanese 12, students will have the opportunity to concentrate on spoken and written form, by exploring different text types, such as blogs, email messages, letters, and web pages. Topics may include Physical Health, Transportation, Vacation and Travel, and Global Issues. Students will be able to respond personally to these topics using explanation and justification of opinions. Students will learn structures to communicate feelings, needs, and beliefs. They will explore diverse forms of cultural expression and develop understanding and appreciation of different cultures. Students will increase their range of vocabulary and kanji as well as gain more confidence in using increasingly complex sentence structures.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Department Head: Mr. Greg Pears

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 9 AND 10 - *PHE is a required course for all Grade 9 and 10 students.*

Course Codes: MPHE-09, MPHED10

The curriculum emphasis is on personal health goals, fitness concepts and skill acquisition through individual, dual and team sports. The courses are designed to be progressively more demanding of students' abilities in motor performance, knowledge and social development. The graduating PE 10 students should have lifetime skills that enable him or her to make responsible, personal health decisions and be wise consumer of community services. Field trips to use community facilities may be offered. There will also be an added focus on self evaluation and reflection on the core competencies of communication as well as personal and social responsibility. The course will touch on substance abuse, sexual education and mental health issues.

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Activities the mandatory years of PE have to offer will include:

GRADE 9

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| Soccer | Gymnastics | Basketball | Fitness | Football |
| Weight Training | Table Tennis | Volleyball | Dance | Badminton |

GRADE 10

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| Tennis | Volleyball | Archery | Lacrosse |
| Table Tennis | Golf | Team Handball | Floorball (ball hockey) |
| Ultimate | Weight Training | Fitness | First Aid |

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9 LEADERSHIP Course Code: MPHE-09ENR

PE 9 leadership is a course for students who wish to develop their leadership skills both in school and in the greater community. While the courses curriculum is similar to that of PE 9, there will be an added focus on developing students' character, increasing social awareness, and engaging in community service. This course introduces the decision-making and communication strategies that will be further developed in PE 10 leadership.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 LEADERSHIP Course Code: MPHED10ENR

PE 10 leadership is a course for students who wish to develop their leadership skills both in school and in the greater community. While the courses curriculum is similar to that of PE 10, there will be an added focus on developing students' character, increasing social awareness, and engaging in community service. This course introduces the decision-making and communication strategies that will be further developed in PE 11/12 leadership.

SENIOR LEVEL PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION OPTIONS

- Please note that all Senior PHE courses do not include Fitness evaluations and do not require Churchill PE strip only appropriate activewear and footwear.

ACTIVE LIVING 11 AND 12 (GAMES AND SPORTS) Course Codes: MACLV11, MACLV12

PE 11 and PE 12 are coeducational electives courses intend to continue the development of a student's personal responsibility for his/her own health. The curriculum requires that student's complete units on skill development, are exposed to a variety of lifetime leisure-oriented activities, develop leadership skills, and can be certified in areas of first-aid, sports medicine, or leadership. The curriculum requires that students participate actively in a variety of team and individual sports in order to develop and demonstrate skills, fitness and leadership. The course may include field trips that utilize community facilities to introduce a diversity of leisure-oriented activities.

ACTIVE LIVING 11 AND 12 (VOLLEYBALL OFF TIMETABLE) Course Codes: MACLV11SC3, MACLV12SC3

PHE 11 (Volleyball off timetable) and PHE12 (Volleyball off timetable) are co-educational elective courses intended to continue the development of a student's personal responsibility for their health. The course provides skill-based and strategic lessons where student can learn to appreciate the game. Students will improve their skills, fitness, and play volleyball games. The goal is to build confidence and skills while learning lessons of teamwork, positivity, and communication.

ACTIVE LIVING 11 AND 12 (BASKETBALL) Course Codes: MACLV11SC1, MACLV12SC1

PE 11 (Basketball) and PE 12 (Basketball) are co-educational elective courses intended to continue the development of a student's personal responsibility for his/her health. The course will cover all the intended learning outcomes of regular PE 11/12 but curriculum will concentrate on basketball. In addition to developing skill in basketball; the course will cover fitness, nutrition, leadership and lifestyle in order to maximize the students actively.

ACTIVE LIVING 11 AND 12 (BADMINTON OFF TIMETABLE) Course code MACLV11OFF, MACLV12OFF

PHE 11 (Badminton Off Timetable) and PHE 12 (Badminton Off Timetable) are coeducational elective courses intended to continue the development of students' athletic skills and personal responsibility for their health. The course provides skill-based strategic lessons where students can learn to appreciate the game of Badminton. Students will improve their skills, fitness, and game play in Badminton. The goal is to build confidence and skills while learning lessons of teamwork, positivity, and communication.

ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP GR 11 AND 12 OFF TIMETABLE Course Code CYHRA-1A, YHRA-2A

Athletic Leadership is for highly motivated students who wish to enhance their leadership skills while working with the Churchill Athletic community. Students will be a part of the Student Athletic Department that will work closely with the Athletic Directors, as well with coaches, athletes and students to enhance the athletic opportunities for Churchill students.

Athletic Leadership Students will be involved in:

- Activities which support teams, working closely with coaches, managers and or sponsor teachers
- Programs to promote student athletic recognition
- Programs for sport officiating at Churchill and feeder schools
- Scorekeeping and the coordination of scorekeeper scheduling
- Athletic website and social media updates
- Promotion of school athletic events (city championships, tournaments, Bulldog Classic)
- Lunch-time intramurals programs
- Uniform and jersey distribution and collection
- Field maintenance and game set up, sports equipment maintenance

With only one section of the course being offered each school year, students may be required to apply for entry into the course. Successful applicants would periodically need to be available for athletic events which occur outside of the regular school day.

FITNESS & CONDITIONING 11 AND 12 Course Code: MFTCD11, MFTCD12

Fitness 11 and Fitness 12 have been created to provide students with knowledge to design and implement both a muscular and aerobic fitness program specific to their needs. Furthermore, students will gain an understanding of the value of physical fitness as an integral part of health and wellness. A variety of methods and equipment will be used in the course including but not limited to; fitness machines, free weights, stability balls, medicine balls, ladders, reaction balls, and bosu balls. In addition to actual physical training the course will discuss health related topics such as nutrition and healthy lifestyle.

SCIENCE

Department Head: Ms. Karla Smedley

In Science 9 and 10, students investigate topics through experimentation and hands-on activities. Emphasis is placed on the nature of science (the scientific method, how scientific knowledge is generated, etc.), placed-based knowledge (including aboriginal perspectives), conceptual and procedural knowledge, habits of mind and scientific literacy. The program consists of **core competencies**, **curricular competencies**, and **big ideas**. **Big ideas** are themes that encompass and connect more specific **content** and optional **elaborations**.

Core competencies are: sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in meaningful life-long learning. Critical thinking is a fundamental aspect of the nature of science.

Curricular competencies are: subject specific skills developed through student work in the laboratory and classroom. They include: questioning and predicting, planning and conducting, processing and analyzing data and information, evaluating, applying and innovating, communicating.

SCIENCE 9 Course Code: MSC--09

Big ideas are:

1. Cells are derived from cells.
2. The electron arrangement of atoms impacts their chemical nature.
3. Electricity is the flow of electrons.
4. The biosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere are interconnected, as matter cycles and energy flows through them.

SCIENCE 10 Course Code: MSC--10

Big ideas are:

1. Genes are the foundation for the diversity of living things.
2. Chemical processes require energy change as atoms are rearranged.
3. Energy is conserved and its transformation can affect living things and the environment.
4. The formation of the universe can be explained by the big bang theory.

SCIENCE FOR CITIZENS 11 Course Code: MSCCT11

This course is an acceptable Science 11 graduation course. It emphasizes the application of science to everyday life. This is a brief synopsis of how the course is structured:

- There will be no homework, all assessments and assignments will be completed and worked on during class time. All sheets and notes will be kept in a folder in the classroom, or for remote classes, work will be posted online.
- There will be no large unit tests, but there will be a short quiz everyday based on the material/work they did the previous class. There will also be labs, projects and other assignments.
- At the end of each term, we will use their top ten quiz scores as part of their term mark. For this reason, there will be no re-quizzes or quiz make-ups if they miss a class.
- So, the privileges are no homework, unless there are remote classes, and no large tests, but the responsibilities are attending each class and completing work during class time.
- The main topics we will cover are Science as it relates to Food, Health and Career.

LIFE SCIENCES 11 Course Code: MLFSC11

A course with great focus on application of concepts in realistic scenarios related to organisms. Considerable emphasis is also placed on the relationships that exist between living things, their environments and the evolutionary process. This course includes the development of skills such as comparing and contrasting, analyzing evidence, and constructing models, which will be extremely useful in Anatomy and Physiology 12. The main topics for this course are:

1. Characteristics of living things, including cell structures, asexual and sexual reproduction, biochemistry (cellular respiration and photosynthesis)
2. Process of evolution
3. Taxonomy (classification) including microbiology (viruses, bacteria and protists), mycology (fungi), plant and animal biology.

A wide variety of lab activities including microscopy and dissections of various plants and animals are integral components of Life Sciences 11.

CHEMISTRY 11 Course Code: MCH--11

Chemistry 11 is the first formal course in Chemistry. It consists of classroom lessons, laboratory activities, practicing lab safety, and some classroom demonstrations. The course content covers measurement, matter and its changes, atoms/molecules/ions, nomenclature, the mole concept, types of reactions, stoichiometry, atomic theory, the periodic table, bonding, solutions and organic chemistry. The student must be able to read and follow a lab procedure from a lab manual. Mathematical calculations are required for the course content. The course will mainly focus on developing the core competency of critical thinking along with some aspects of creative thinking.

PHYSICS 11 Course Code: MPH--11

Physics 11 is a laboratory-based course intended as an introduction to physics and provide insight into its scope, nature, relevance and limitations so that students have a better understanding of the world around them. Topics of study include:

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| 1. Kinematics (2D) | 4. Thermal Physics |
| 2. Dynamics (2D) | 5. Electric Currents |
| 3. Work, Energy & Power | 6. Waves |

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY 12 Course Code: MATPH12

Anatomy and Physiology 12 focuses on the interrelationships between components of the human body systems to maintain a state of homeostasis using cellular compounds and biological molecules. This course places significant emphasis on detailed biological processes and comprehensive application of concepts in preparation for post-secondary biology studies. Students will engage in a variety of laboratory activities ranging from microscopy to dissection. The three main components of the course are:

1. Homeostasis and its maintenance through physiological processes
2. DNA and Cells
3. Human organization, including how human anatomy is adapted to its many functions

The development of skills and conceptual application presented in Life Sciences 11 serve as key foundations for students considering taking Anatomy and Physiology 12.

CHEMISTRY 12 Course Code: MCH--12

This course is designed for students who wish to take Chemistry at the university level. It consists of classroom lessons, laboratory activities, practicing lab safety, and some classroom demonstrations. Mathematical calculations are required for the course content and are more rigorous than that encountered in Chemistry 11. Students will learn why certain reactions take place rapidly and others slowly; why some reactions proceed to completion and others do not; why some compounds dissolve in water and to what extent; and many different aspects of acids and bases. Oxidation-reduction reactions are also examined and applied to electrochemical and electrolytic cells. The course will mainly focus on developing the core competency of critical thinking along with some aspects of creative thinking.

PHYSICS 12 Course Code: MPH--12

Physics 12 is a laboratory-based course designed for students with an interest in laboratory work, a high analytical ability and well-developed problem-solving skills. Students will learn to solve physics problems in two dimensions and apply them to lab projects throughout the course. Topics of study include:

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| 1. Momentum and Energy | 4. Electromagnetism |
| 2. Circular Motion and Gravitation | 5. Equilibrium |
| 3. Electrostatics | 6. Special Relativity |

SOCIAL STUDIES

Department Head: Ms. Helen Sinclair

The high school graduation requirements for Social Studies include Social Studies 9, Social Studies 10, and a minimum of 1 Senior Social Studies 12 elective. There is a focus on geographic thinking and historical thinking skills in all Social Studies courses. Current events are studied throughout the grades. Each course will stress a variety of teaching methods and include lectures, seminars, student presentations, discussions, and guest speakers. Audio-visual support materials such as films, podcasts, photographs and videos are also used. The department offers the following electives: 20th Century World History 12, BC First Peoples 12, Comparative Cultures 12, Economic Theory 12, Human Geography 12, Law Studies 12, Political Studies 12, and Social Justice 12.

SOCIAL STUDIES 9 Course Code: MSS--09

In this course, we will explore the idea of continuity and change. We will be focusing on events in Canada and around the world spanning from 1750 to 1919. Our Canadian themes include colonization, exploitation and nation building. Our international theme is centered around revolutions – social, political, economic and technological. Students will explore these themes with the help of a variety of multimodal texts. In addition to building on content knowledge, students will have many opportunities to practice their critical thinking and communication skills. Students will also develop research skills that will be critical to their success in future humanities courses. Current events and field trips will be incorporated depending on course relevance.

SOCIAL STUDIES 10 Course Code: MSS--10

Social Studies 10 aims to develop students' critical and historical thinking skills through an examination of systems of government, environmental and economic challenges and 20th century Canadian history. Themes and topics studied may include but are not limited to regional and international conflicts, historical and contemporary injustices, Canadian identity/ies, and global population and poverty. Throughout our study, students will develop their ability to read, write, and think effectively within the various disciplines within Social Studies in order to provide a foundation for further study and life in Canadian Society. In addition, current events and field trips will be incorporated depending on course relevance.

SENIOR SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES:

The following courses are available to ALL grade 11 and 12 students.

20th CENTURY WORLD HISTORY 12 Course Code: MWH--12

History 12 is an elective course in which components of the course provide an overview of modern 20th century history and contemporary world issues from an international perspective. Using project based - historical inquiry students will reflect on the major events, concerns and development during this time period.

Selected topics may include: The Paris Peace Conferences, USSR, Interwar Period, World War II, Cold War, Civil Wars, Independence Movements, Revolutions, Human Rights and 21st Century Global Issues.

BC FIRST PEOPLES 12 Course Code: MBCFP12

(This course also fulfills the Indigenous-focused course graduation requirement.)

BC First Peoples highlights issues facing Indigenous peoples in BC, and connections with those across Canada and abroad. Topics of learning will include best practices for Indigenous scholarship, Indigenous cultural expressions, decolonizing history, resistance, resilience, and allyship. Student learning will follow Indigenous pedagogies and focus on self-reflection, inquiry, and experiential learning.

ECONOMIC THEORY 12 Course Code: MECT—12

**Note: This course is different than the Economics 12 course offered in the Business Education department.*

In Economic Theory 12, you will learn the tools to explain why your favourite snacks suddenly cost \$3 more but your part-time job wage hasn't budged. In addition to understanding why this happens, and who benefits from it, you will learn about the history of economic practice, including the influence of major theorists like Keynes, Marx, Smith, and Ricardo, to better understand the economies of the present day. You will gain confidence in understanding topics like globalization, trade, inflation, exchange rate, banking, and monetary policy. Through small group discussions, simulations, and research projects,

you'll learn how decisions in one country reshape lives in another, sometimes creating opportunity and sometimes exporting problems. You'll also explore why governments regulate pollution, monopolies, and all the things markets tend to overlook because they're too busy maximizing profits.

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY 12 Course Code: MHGEO12

Human geography is the study of how human societies have developed and operated in relation to their physical environment. Human activities alter landscapes in a variety of ways. Themes and topics studied may include but are not limited to demography, industrialization, geo-political organization, urbanization, climate change, and sustainability. Students will develop and use geographic inquiry processes and skills to better understand our globally connected world. In addition, current events and field trips will be incorporated depending on course relevance.

LAW STUDIES 12 Course Code: MLST-12

This survey course on Canadian law may include, but is not limited to, the following topics of study: legal philosophy and history; comparing the English common law and French (Quebec) civil law systems; international law; comparative law; public law (constitutional law, aboriginal treaty rights and s.35 jurisprudence, human rights legislation, Indigenous legal systems, and criminal law); and private law (torts, contract, property, wills and estate, and family law). Students will participate in a mock trial, learn how to make structured oral arguments when presented with a legal problem through mooting, attend field

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trips to provincial and superior courts, and learn how law and equity principles are applied by courts through reading and briefing decisions.

POLITICAL STUDIES 12 Course Code: MPLST 12

In Political Studies 12, students will explore the structure and function of Canadian and First Peoples political institutions, including federal, provincial, territorial legislatures, and First Peoples governance. The course examines the roles of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, major political ideologies and political systems, electoral systems, and the influence of media, governments, and interest groups on public opinion. Students will explore the foundations of civics and develop an understanding of what it means to be an informed and engaged citizen. The course builds knowledge and skills to participate thoughtfully in Canada's democratic system and contribute to an interconnected global society.

SOCIAL JUSTICE 12 Course Code: MSJ--12

Social Justice 12 aims to develop students' understanding of justice in society, with a key focus being made of illuminating the inter-connected complex nature of justice issues. Themes and topics studied may include but are not limited to historical and contemporary injustices, individual-society relations, intersectional identity, and action-oriented approaches to combating injustice in society. Our final project involves activating our imagination in order to build a more just world. Throughout our study, students will develop and apply historical thinking concepts to better understand justice and serve our world in a more just way.

TECH EDUCATION

Department Head: Ms. Leanne Tycho

Leaving school job ready is a bonus, some of the courses taught in Tech Ed will do that for you. Our courses link directly to **DUAL CREDIT** and **EARLY-ENTRY** post-secondary programs at BCIT and VCC. Our Digital Media and Drafting courses will give you program ready skills for programs at Emily Carr, UBC, BCIT, Langara and other schools.

Applied Design Skills and Technology (ADST) represent a wide variety of courses from:

- Jewelry to Electronics,
- Media Art and Design to Engineering,
- Woodworking to Metalworking,
- Drafting to Robotics
- Everything in-between.

These courses provide a **HANDS-ON** learning environment. Here you gain important skills to enrich all areas of your education. **ADST**'s aim is for all students to develop technological skills to prepare them for the everchanging world. To achieve this goal, you learn how to design and create solutions to real world problems while you work safely with tools, machinery and equipment. **ADST** has become an essential component of every student's comprehensive education.

ENGINEERING

TECHNOLOGY 9 (ADST – TECH ED GENERAL EXPLORATIONS 9) Course Code: MADGE09

Technology 9 is a HANDS-ON *Project Based* exploration of the many areas in Tech Ed. You will use TOOLS, MACHINES with the DESIGN PROCESS to complete specially designed challenges.

Challenges will require skills in:

- Engineering
- Metalworking
- Drafting
- Electronic Systems
- Media Design
- Digital Photography

Major Projects this year:

- Vancouver 2076
- Siege Warfare

ENGINEERING 10: TECHNOLOGY EXPLORATIONS 10 Course Code: MTEXP10

Engineering 10 is a further HANDS-ON *Project Based* exploration of Tech. Ed 9. You will use various TOOLS, MACHINES as well as the Design Process to complete specially designed challenges.

These challenges will require skills in:

- ⊗ Engineering,
- ⊗ Woodworking,
- ⊗ Metalworking,
- ⊗ Electronic Systems,

These challenges will require you to use your skills you already have and learn new ones. If you are planning to go into ***ENGINEERING 11***, this course will be an asset.

Designed with UBC, our **Engineering** is a **2-year** program using

HANDS-ON projects to introduce first-year **university** Engineering principles.

This year:

- You will explore the Engineering properties of Steel, Wood, Aluminum and Concrete.
- You will work hands-on testing these materials to their limits, the point of destruction. You will learn how to use the many machines and measuring devices
- You will understand how and why Engineers test materials and models.

Next year explores the proprieties of Fluids: Air, Water and Soil Precocity.

- You do not have to take both years as they are each self-contained.

ENGINEERING 11/12 Course Code: MENR-11/MENR-12

ONE BLOCK WILL BE OFFERED OFF-TIMETABLE

In this **Hands-On - Projects Based** course, you will be introduced to the various building materials used, tested, and explored by Engineers.

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This year, we explore the properties of Steel, Wood, Aluminum & Concrete.

Working hands-on designing and building.

- Learning how to use many machines and measuring devices.
- Understand the Methods of Joints in Truss calculations.
- Learn mechanical drafting with AutoCAD/FUSION 360

This year you will use the Design Process to design, build and test:

- ⊗ Prepare various samples for destructive testing
- ⊗ MIG and Oxy/Ace samples for destructive testing
- ⊗ Design and test your truss design in our pneumatic press

UBC Tour of both the Engineering and CAWP departments.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION

ANNUAL (YEARBOOK) PRODUCTION 10/11/12 Course Code: YCCT-0C/YCCT-1C/YCCT-2C

Yearbook is a hands-on course where the students and teacher work closely together to produce Churchill Secondary's annual. Students will be given challenging real-world projects and assignments typical of the graphic design and publishing industries. High-quality work is expected, and students will be given opportunities to revise work until it meets the standards specified during instruction. Classroom activities will include reading, research, projects, and problem-solving. Students will often work in teams but will be expected to complete individual assignments in relation to the team's work.

Course Content

- Create and publish Churchill's annual yearbook
- Introduction to the DSLR
- Theory of Photography
- Introduction to Journalism
- Working with the Adobe Suite
- Introduction to Layout Design
- Photo Editing
- Elements and Principles of Art and Design
- Vocabulary to describe and critique projects
- Essential skills for teamwork
- Participating in all things Churchill
- *Students who have taken Digital Photography, Graphics, Info Tech and Yearbook will be given first priority.

MEDIA ART AND DESIGN

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| Image Manipulation in Photoshop | Intro to Vector Graphics in Adobe Illustrator | Hands-on creation projects (Sublimation Mugs) |
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MEDIA DESIGN 10 Introduction to Digital Creativity Course Code: MMEDD10 (Open to students in Gr 9-MADMA09)

Media Design 10 is the perfect starting point for students who want to explore the world of graphic arts and digital media. Students learn foundational design principles while gaining hands-on experience with **Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, and Illustrator**. Through fun and practical projects, they discover how to edit photos, create logos, design layouts, and bring their creative ideas to life.

Course Highlights:

- Learn the basics of graphic design and visual communication
- Core skills in Photoshop, Lightroom, and Illustrator
- Intro to typography, colour theory, and layout
- Hands-on creation of real products such as **t-shirts, mugs, buttons, stickers, and posters**
- Beginner-friendly projects that encourage creativity and confidence

MEDIA DESIGN 11/MEDIA ART AND DESIGN 11 Intermediate Graphics & Motion Design Course Code: MMEDD11

Media Design 11 builds on the foundations from Media 10, introducing more advanced tools, techniques, and creative challenges. Students expand their skills in Photoshop and Illustrator while stepping into motion graphics using **Adobe After Effects**. This level encourages deeper problem-solving, higher-quality design work, and more independent thinking.

Course Highlights:

- Intermediate photo editing, vector illustration, and digital layout
- Introduction to motion graphics and animation using After Effects
- More advanced design projects that mimic real-world workflows
- Creation of professional-quality products: **custom t-shirts, mugs, buttons, decals, packaging and more**
- Growing focus on originality, craftsmanship, and design rationale
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Digital Painting in Adobe Photoshop

Advanced Vector Graphics in Adobe Illustrator

Hands-on Creation Projects (Clothing Design)

MEDIA DESIGN 12 – Advanced Digital Production & Portfolio Development/MEDIA ART AND DESIGN 12

Course Code: MMEDD12

Media Design 12 is the capstone course for students ready to take their digital design skills to a professional level. With greater creative freedom, students dive into advanced projects, refine their expertise in Adobe software, and build a strong portfolio for post-secondary applications or creative careers. Motion graphics, branding, production design, and independent projects all play a key role.

Course Highlights:

- Advanced skills in Photoshop, Illustrator, Lightroom, and After Effects
- Branding, advertising, motion design, and digital storytelling projects
- Independent and passion-driven design assignments
- Production opportunities to create high-quality **apparel, merchandise, signage, packaging, and other custom products**
- Portfolio creation for future studies or work in graphic design, media arts, or marketing

DRAFTING

Hand-Drawn Drafting Techniques

Fusion 360

Introduction to 3D Printing

DRAFTING 10 Course Code: MTDRF10

Drafting 10 is the perfect introduction for students interested in design, architecture and technical drawing. Students learn the foundations of hand-drafting and visual communication while beginning to explore digital design tools.

Highlights include:

- Learning essential hand-drafting and drawing techniques
- Creating basic 3D models in **Fusion 360**
- Printing beginner projects on the classroom **3D printer**
- Understanding how drafting connects to fields like architecture and industrial design

As students gain confidence, they discover how traditional and digital tools work together to bring ideas to life. Drafting 10 provides a strong foundation for advanced drafting courses and is an excellent early step for those considering future architectural studies at **UBC, BCIT, or Langara College**.

DRAFTING 11 Course Code: MTDRF11

Drafting 11 builds directly on the skills developed in Drafting 10, allowing students to take on more complex and creative design challenges. This level strengthens both technical accuracy and digital modelling ability.

Students will:

- Expand their hand-drafting skills with orthographic, isometric, and multi-view drawings
- Advance their **Fusion 360** abilities with more detailed parts and assemblies
- Begin working with **AutoCAD**, an industry-standard architectural tool
- Prototype improved designs using the **3D printer**

Drafting 11 encourages problem-solving, precision, and creativity while helping students refine the skills valued in architecture and engineering programs. It provides a strong stepping stone toward post-secondary pathways at **UBC, BCIT, and Langara College**.

DRAFTING 12 Course Code: MTDRF12

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| Advanced 3D printing projects | Isometric and Perspective Drawing Techniques | Advanced 3D Modeling in Fusion |
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Drafting 12 is an advanced, project-driven course designed for students aiming to pursue architecture, design, engineering, or related fields. It brings together professional-level drafting techniques and sophisticated digital modelling.

Course features include:

- Mastering detailed hand-drafting, including plans, elevations, and sections
- Building complex 3D models and architectural concepts in **Fusion 360**
- Developing advanced **AutoCAD** drafting and layout skills
- Producing prototypes and refined models with the **3D printer**
- Creating a polished design portfolio for post-secondary applications

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Drafting 12 provides a capstone experience that blends creativity, technical accuracy, and real-world design. Students emerge with the confidence and skills needed to transition smoothly into architectural and drafting programs at **UBC, BCIT, and Langara College**.

ELECTRONICS AND ROBOTICS

This class will help establish or grow a solid understanding in electronics, no matter what grade you are in. In these classes you will work in groups as well as on your own.

While there are many technical aspects of Electronics this class will also help you strengthen or grow your creativity, build hands-on skills with tools and give you a greater understanding of the changing world around us.

Projects may include:

| Junior level | Senior Level |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winky Blink• Water Piano• Robot Mask Challenge• Self-Directed Breadboard abs• Decision maker | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sumo Bot• Designing and printing circuit boards• Self-directed projects |

ELECTRONICS (& ROBOTICS) 9 & 10 Course Code: MADER09 & MTEAR10

- Theoretical and practical engineering and science skills
- Measure resistance and voltage values
- Breadboard a circuit.
- Solder and test circuits
- Power tools
- Safely skills

ELECTRONICS 11 Course Code: MTELE11

- Theoretical and practical engineering and science skills
- Measure resistance and voltage values
- Breadboard a circuit.
- Solder and test circuits
- Power tools

Projects

- Water Piano
- Decision maker
- Designing and printing circuit boards

ELECTRONICS 12 Course Code: MTELE12

- Theoretical and practical engineering and science skills
- Measure resistance and voltage values
- Breadboard a circuit.
- Solder and test circuits
- Power tool

Projects

- Self-directed
- Power Supply
- Sumo bot

METALWORK

Metalwork is a series of courses designed to develop hand skills and understand the safe operation of various machines and tools. You will complete a progression of projects to deepen your knowledge and confidence. Students who are interested in a Career in Trades are connected with a special VSB career counsellor and have the opportunity to enter into a Post-Secondary program early or with a reserved seat.

METAL WORKING 9 &10 Course Code: MADM-09SC1 and MTMET10

This year you will use these MACHINES AND TOOLS to make all your projects:

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| ⊗ Metal Lathe | ⊗ Milling Machine |
| ⊗ Plasma Cutter | ⊗ Sand Blasting |
| ⊗ Drill press | ⊗ MIG Welding |
| ⊗ Horizontal bandsaw | ⊗ Oxygen and Acetylene welding/brazing |

You will learn how to safely and correctly use all the machines and tools through a variety of projects, such as the Balancing Surfer, The Copper Rose, the Basketball Hoop. These projects are open to each student's individual artistic expression.

METALWORK 11 Course Code: MTMET11

There are 2 required projects to which you can modify the designs to meet your personal artistic style. . These projects will develop your MIG Welding, Milling and Lathe skills.

- ⊗ The Brass and Aluminum Cannon
- ⊗ Steel Box

Your INDEPENDENT project is of your own design. You will combine various machining skills previously learned to build your project.

- Medieval Armoury – Shields, Helmets, Gauntlets and Chainmaille
- Furniture
- Sculptures

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Career Paths through Post-Secondary and School Boards Trades [Career Programs](#) will be introduced. Early program entry into BCIT and VCC is available.

METALWORK 12

Course Code: MTMET12

For students wanting to challenge and build their metalwork and design fabrication skills.

1 required project, then you will explore aspects of metal design to create large-scale projects such as furniture, chairs, shelves, sculpture, or several smaller projects.

TIG welding is introduced.

Assistance with portfolios, ACE-IT and Youth TRAIN in Trades programs for early acceptance into post-secondary programs at BCIT and VCC is available.

JEWELRY

Have you ever thought that you would like to make your own jewelry? Do you like working with your hands, or would you like to learn? The skills that are used to make jewelry are found in professions such as dentist, dental hygienist, surgeon, nurse, computer hardware technician, engineer, electronics, electrician, or carpenter.

In this course you will learn the art of working with small tools. You will work with a range of materials and improve your hand-to-eye dexterity. Jewelry can be a fun way to express your individuality.

You will learn to make some interesting pieces that you can wear yourself or gift to others. This course explores the design process and students will be asked to consider this as they create work that is meaningful to them. This course is offered in an art classroom.

- Introduction to hand tools for various jewelry making techniques.
- Bracelets and necklaces that use a range of techniques.
- Simple drop earrings, dangly earrings, phone charms.
- Wire work, wire wrapping.
- Beading techniques that start with elastic, peyote, daisy chain, bead loom work, cord work.
- Combined beading and embroidery techniques.

JEWELRY 9 Course Code: MADM-09-JL

JEWELRY ART AND DESIGN 10 Course Code: YIA--0A

JEWELRY 11 Course Code: YIA--1A

WOODWORK

ADST - WOODWORK 9 Course Code: MADW-09

This is an introductory course where you can develop hand and machine skills in Woodworking. This course will place an emphasis on fun, safety and quality. Woodwork offers opportunities to learn lifelong skills while making several interesting and worthwhile projects.

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Some machines you will learn how to use:

- Jointer
- Planer
- Mitre Saw
- Table Saw
- Bandsaw

Projects include:

- Cutting Board
- Jewelry Box
- Stool
- Bowl

ADST - WOODWORK 10 Course Code: MWWK-10

In this class, students are introduced to the finer points of hand tool and machine tool processes. Safety will be a strong focus. Students will be expected to Design and Build their own small projects provided they fit within the objectives and constraints of the course. Woodwork 10 offers an opportunity to develop valuable skills that will last a lifetime and provide a solid foundation for further studies in ADST.

Further exploration includes:

- Router
- Table Saw
- Joinery

Projects include:

- Wood Pen
- Serving Tray
- Tool Chest
- Self - Directed

WOODWORKING 11 Course Code: MWWK-11

A further exploration into design and crafting of woodwork projects, building on the skills and methods used in Woodwork 10. The focus will be on designing for self or others, finding solutions to design problems and meeting the design needs of others and self. Exploration of different finishing types. Students will be expected to make a project of their own choosing. Careers in Woodworking and Carpentry will be explored as well as connections to Post-Secondary Institutions and VSB programs in this field.

- Advanced Teacher Led Project
- Introduction to Choosing a project
- Advanced Finishings and Fasteners

- Assembly of multi-part projects
- Choosing and applying a finish coating
- Lathe Turning

WOODWORKING 12 Course Code: MWWK-12

A senior course for the motivated student. This course will build on fundamental skills learned in previous woodwork courses. Projects will be designed by the student with the teacher's approval. Students in this course should have taken interest in the finer points of woodworking. A student can focus on a certain aspect of Carpentry and Joinery and with teacher approval, delve deeply into a related area of interest. Careers in Woodworking and Carpentry will be explored as well as connections to Post-Secondary Institutions and VSB programs in this field.

- Student Chosen and Designed Project
- Sketching and drawing with dimensions
- Material Layout

- Tool sharpening
- Wood Species Identification
- Expanded Machine and Tool Use

CONSTRUCTION (AND STAGECRAFT) 11 Course Code: MWWK-11SC1

A senior course for the motivated student interested in wood-framed construction and stagecraft. This course will teach the fundamentals of construction through building sets and props for the school's Dramatic Arts productions and classes. Projects will be designed to fit the needs of the drama, dance and **ONE ACTS**.

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Students will learn introductory wood-framed construction including electrical wiring, drywall, painting and decorative design. Whether you are looking to build skills so you can do home repair, want to enter Vancouver's booming building industry or want to become a part of Vancouver's film and theatre production

CONSTRUCTION (AND STAGECRAFT) 12 Course Code: MWWK-12SC1

A senior course for the motivated student interested in wood-framed construction and stagecraft. This course will expand and go deeper into the fundamentals of construction through building sets and props for the school's Dramatic Arts productions and classes. Projects will be designed to fit the needs of the drama, dance and **ONE ACTS**.

Students will learn introductory wood-framed construction including electrical wiring, drywall, painting and decorative design. Whether you are looking to build skills so you can do home repair, want to enter Vancouver's booming building industry or want to become a part of Vancouver's film and theatre production

Students enrolled in this course will gain skills needed to enroll in:

- **BCIT** construction programs in the **School of Construction and the Environment**
 - Carpentry (Apprenticeship)
 - Carpentry Framing and Forming Foundation Certificate
 - Construction Safety Officer
 - Construction Management
 - BCIT Trades Programs
- **Capilano College's** Technical Theatre Diploma
- **Douglas College's** Stagecraft and Event Technology

Equity and Anti-Oppression District Courses

History of African Descent in B.C. 12 Course Code: YSSC-2A

African-Canadian history is Canadian history. This course aims to offer a comprehensive history of people of African descent in B.C. through an Afrocentric lens. The objective of this course is for all students to have the opportunity to learn about the heritage and past experiences of the Black Canadian community which will help to foster cross cultural understanding and appreciation. Topics will span ancient African empires through the Transatlantic slave trade, the civil rights era, contemporary culture and beyond into Afropotivism. Throughout the course there will be a celebration of the achievements as well as the artistic, scientific, social and political contributions of the African diaspora, both in the past and in the present.

This course:

- Is open to all Grade 11s and 12s in the district.
- Is delivered online with regular TEAMS meetings.
- Counts as an elective.

Queer and Trans History of B.C. 12 Course Code: YSSC-2B

This year-long course explores how gender identity, expression and sexual orientation diversity have influenced social, economic, and political structures. We will examine past and current issues pertaining to 2SLGBTQIA+ communities locally and beyond, with a focus on understanding the breadth of identities our communities encompass.

Local presenters and activities will be scheduled throughout the school year. Students will be asked to interpret, analyze and explain their understanding of the context of different events, and will be asked to complete a capstone

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inquiry project for a final showcase. Topics include Language & Identity, Expression & Political Shift, and New Futures, all with the objective of celebrating and deepening our understanding of the rich history of Queer & Trans people in what is now known as British Columbia.

This course:

- Is open to all Grade 11s and 12s in the district.
- Will involve in person classes once per week.
- Counts as an elective.

Career Programs Offerings

Dual Credit Programs

These programs, in partnership with post-secondary institutions, provide the opportunity for students to get a head start on a post-secondary credential. Students save money (tuition paid by VSB) and earn high school and post-secondary credits at the same time. This includes both skilled trades and non-trade career pathways.

All students applying for a Dual Credit program, including Youth TRAIN in Trades programs, should register at their home school with a full course load. The Career Programs team will work with schools to accommodate any necessary changes to a student's timetable if the student is accepted into a Career Programs pathway.

Architectural & Structural CADD and Graphics Technician

This program offers two areas of specialization: Architectural CADD and Graphics Technician **or** Structural CADD and Graphics Technician. These programs offer training for a variety of applications in architecture, building construction, and industrial applications.

Training Program Institution – BCIT
Program length – 10 months (September to June)
Graduation credits earned – 40
Application Due Date – March 1
Program Start Month – September

Additional information and application form can be found on the VSB Career Programs website at careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca [®] Our Programs [®] Architectural CADD

Early Childhood Educator

This career path involves working with young children from birth to age five. Early Childhood Educators design and deliver educational programs to support children's learning and growth. This program can lead to further studies earning a diploma or bachelor's degree in ECE.

Training Program Institution – Langara College
Program length – 8 months
Graduation credits earned – 28
Application Due Date – March 1
Program Start Month – September

Additional information and application form can be found on the VSB Career Programs website at careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca [®] Our Programs [®] Early Childhood Educator

Emergency Medical Responder

Certification as an Emergency Medical Responder is the first step to becoming a primary care paramedic or pursuing a career in paramedicine.

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Training Program Institution – Justice Institute of British Columbia
Program length – 5 weeks plus Work Experience
Graduation credits earned – 12
Application Due Date – March 1
Program Start Month – February

Additional information and application form can be found on the VSB Career Programs website
at careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca ® Our Programs ® Emergency Medical Responder

Headstart-in-Art

This art foundation program explores creative process, the realms of imagination, and art & design practices. Students who earn 80% or higher in the program may receive a portfolio waiver should they apply to an undergraduate degree at Emily Carr University of Art+Design.

Training Program Institution – Emily Carr University of Art+Design
Program length – 12 weeks (Saturdays from September to December)
Graduation credits earned – 8
Application Due Date – March 1
Program Start Month – September

Additional information and application form can be found on the VSB Career Programs website
at careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca ® Our Programs ® Headstart-in-Art

Healthcare Assistant

Students will prepare to work as front-line caregivers in home support, adult day care, assisted living, and complex care (including special care units).

Training Program Institution – Vancouver Community College
Program length – 28 weeks (September to April)
Graduation credits earned – 36
Application Due Date – December 1
Program Start Month – September

Additional information and application form can be found on the VSB Career Programs website
at careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca ® Our Programs ® Healthcare Assistant

Medical Laboratory Assistant

Medical Lab Assistants collect and prepare blood and other biological samples, perform electrocardiograms (ECG), and communicate effectively with patients and other healthcare providers.

Training Program Institution – Vancouver Community College
Program length – 8 months (January to August)
Graduation credits earned – 36
Application Due Date – December 1
Program Start Month – January

Additional information and application form can be found on the VSB Career Programs website
at careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca ® Our Programs ® Medical Lab Assistant

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Pharmacy Technician

Students will learn to safely and accurately prepare and distribute pharmaceutical products, promote patient health, and communicate with health care professionals in a community or hospital pharmacy.

Training Program Institution – Vancouver Community College

Program length – 12 months

Graduation credits earned – 16

Application Due Date – December 1

Program Start Month – January

Additional information and application form can be found on the VSB Career Programs website at careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca ® Our Programs ® Pharmacy Technician

Youth TRAIN in Trades Programs

The Vancouver School Board offers district programs for students to pursue industry certification or the first level of a skilled trades training program. These programs help students lower costs (free tuition) and offer a jump start for students in grade 11 or 12. The benefits include:

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- Dual credit with post-secondary institution (most programs)
- Head start with Foundation trades training
- Registration with Skilled Trades BC (formerly the Industry Training Authority)
- Potential direct lead into an apprenticeship
- Work experience in the trade

For more information and to download an application form, please visit the VSB Career Programs website – careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca. The site includes links to Youth TRAIN in Trades information, a PDF brochure for each program, and the application package. For additional detailed information about more than 100 regulated skilled trades and endorsements, visit the Skilled Trades BC website – skilledtradesbc.ca.

Successful completion of a Youth TRAIN in Trades program provides students with a Level 1 technical training credential or a Certificate of Completion from Skilled Trades BC. With additional training and required work experience, students can progress toward earning a Certificate of Qualification or a Red Seal endorsement in their chosen skilled trade.

The following is a list of programs commonly available through Career Programs. Please contact Career Programs directly to determine if Career Programs can accommodate students interested in other trades.

| Program | Training Program Institution | Graduation Credits Earned | Standard Class Schedule | Application Due | Program Start Month(s) |
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| Aircraft Maintenance Engineer – M license | BCIT | 16 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | August January |
| Auto Collision and Refinishing | VCC | 32 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | September February |
| Auto Service Technician | Britannia | 20 | Mon–Fri, Semester 2 | March 1 | February |
| Baking and Pastry Arts | VCC | 24 | Mon–Thurs (afternoon/evening) | March 1 | July |
| Bricklayer | Trowel Trades Training Assoc. | 8 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | Various |

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| Cabinetmaking | BCIT | 24 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | August February |
| Carpentry | BCIT | 20 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | July February |
| Cook | VCC | 28 | Mon–Thurs | March 1 | various |
| Electrical | BCIT | 24 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | August October February March |
| Hairstylist | VCC | 48 | Mon–Wed 8:00am – 6:00pm | March 1 | September |
| Heavy Mechanical Trades | VCC | 28 | Mon–Thurs | March 1 | various |
| Metal Fabrication | BCIT | 20 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | February |
| Millwright | BCIT | 20 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | September February |
| Motorcycle Technician | BCIT | 20 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | September February |
| Metal Fabrication | BCIT | 20 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | February |
| Painting & Decorating | Finishing Trades Institute of BC | 4 | Mon–Fri | March 1 | June |
| Plumbing or Sprinkler Fitting | Piping Industry College of BC | 8 | Mon–Fri | December 1 | June |

Youth WORK in Trades - Apprenticeship

Students with the required skills, aptitude and connections can start an apprenticeship while in high school. Students who are already working or interested in working in a skilled trade can formalize the apprenticeship relationship with their employer. While not all trades are a good fit for work to start without any formal training, several trades allow a student to start a 'Direct Entry' apprenticeship first and follow-up with formal training several months into the apprenticeship.

Students interested in a referral to a potential employer can contact Career Programs for support, construction safety training, and/or assistance with the apprenticeship process.

There are 4 courses (16 credits) available to students whose apprenticeship is registered with Skilled Trades BC by the school district. Enrollment in these courses is required, and coursework primarily consists of going to work and earning hours and a paycheque. Enrollment and registration are done in collaboration with Career Programs staff.

Information and application forms are available on the VSB Career Programs website
at careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca [®] Our Programs [®] Youth WORK in Trades

Youth EXPLORE Trades Sampler

A Trades Sampler is an exploratory skilled trades program designed for Grade 11 or 12 students seeking a supported transition to full-time apprenticeship and training in a specific skilled trade. Students in the program are introduced to several construction trades, provided with various forms of safety training, and employment readiness skills. This is a program for students who are seeking a more immediate pathway to start working in a skilled trade.

Students in a Trades Sampler program remain attached to their home school for the purpose of graduation but are enrolled in courses as determined by Career Programs staff. In addition to elective credits, students should expect to be enrolled in additional graduation course requirements.

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Trades Sampler program offerings can change from year to year but typically include a program at a VSB high school and the Trades Discovery program at BCIT. For more information or to obtain an application, please visit the VSB Career Programs website.

SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS

IT and CISCO Networking Program – Killarney Secondary

Students will diversify and enhance their computer knowledge by building a computer, installing software and connecting the computer to networks and to the internet. This hands-on program takes place in a computer lab space. Students can opt to complete industry-recognized certification exams during the program.

Program Length – Semester 2 of grade 12

Graduation credits earned – 16 credits

Application Due Date – March 1

Program Start Month – February

Additional information and application form can be found on the VSB Career Programs website at careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca ^{® Our Programs} ^{® CISCO}

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teacher Contact - Ms. Wanda Yee

This course is a two-year, 4 credit, off-timetable elective and does not interfere with regular course scheduling. Please speak with Ms. Yee in Room 317 if you would like more information about this course.

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM Course Code: MWEX-2A

- Earn 4 credits toward high school graduation.
- *Students can sign up as early as the Spring of their Grade 10 year. See Ms. Yee in Room 317 to sign up.*
- Extensive in-school preparation and on-site work experience in a career area.
- For students who are interested in a particular career area and would like to explore the different career opportunities in that area.

Work Experience hours to be completed during Grade 11 and Grade 12.

Options to complete the requisite Work Experience hours on weekends/evenings/school breaks are available.

Benefits:

- Development of skills and knowledge in a particular interest area.
- Gain insight into the world of work and practical work experience.
- Explore post-secondary programs related to career interest.
- Receive references and possible part-time or full-time employment
- Receive advanced placement / preferred entry / early admittance into certain post-secondary programs.
- Work placements assisted by school and the Vancouver School Board Career Programs staff.