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# COURSE PLANNING

GRADE 9 TO GRADE 10  
GRADS OF 2028

VAN TECH SECONDARY  
MS. ADELE, GRADE COUNSELLOR





# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



# GRADUATION TRACK

## CREDITS

Over the next 3 years - you will need 80 credits to graduate. This is equivalent to 20 full-time courses at the grade 10, 11 and 12 levels.

- That means credits start counting next year!
- Grade 10 has many requirements, but each year after, there are less and less.

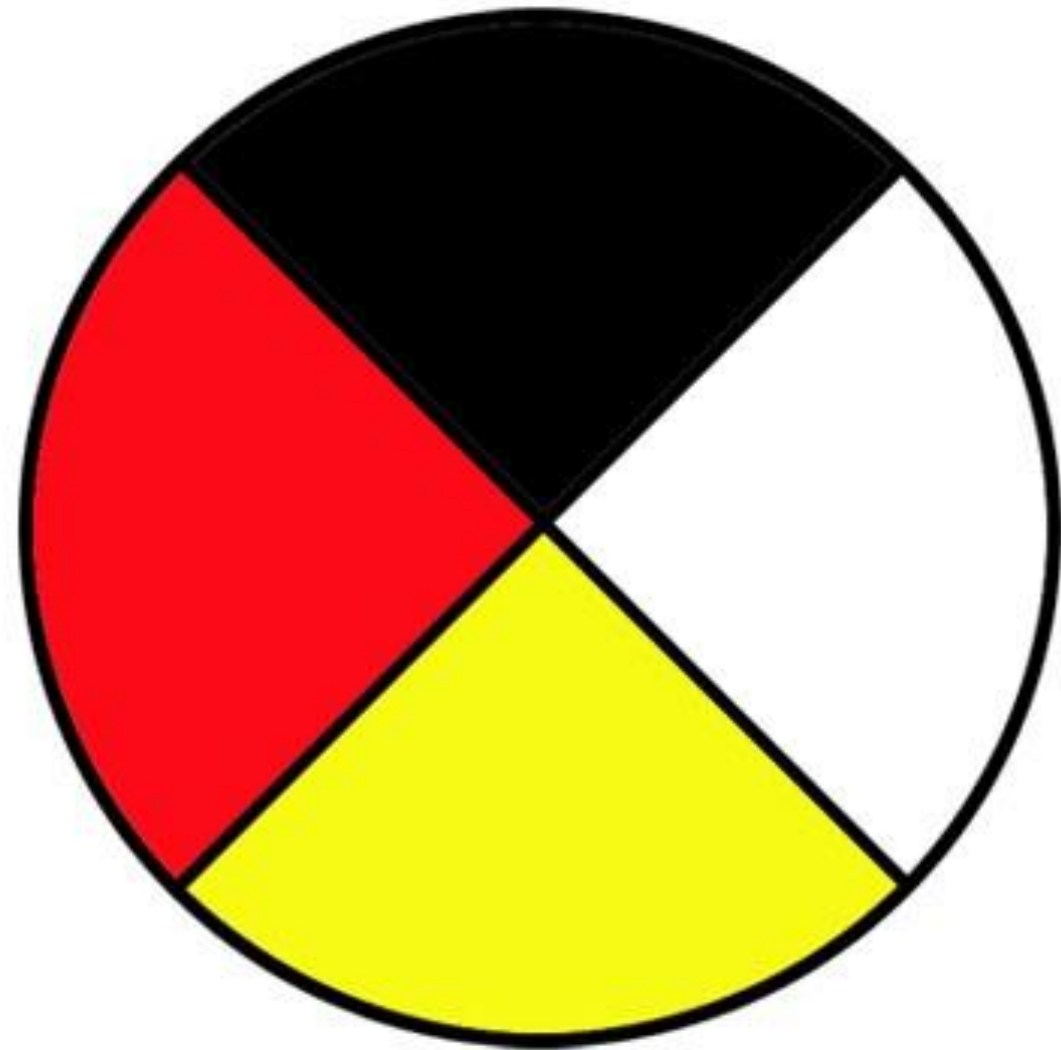
## COURSE SELECTION

- Sometimes the courses you take in grade 10 will set up what courses you can take successfully in grades 11 and 12, so choose carefully!
- Please note that your elective choices don't affect future elective choices.
- It's important that you take a serious interest in your graduation and post-secondary planning.
- Ask questions!



**CLASS OF  
2028**

# INDIGENOUS GRAD REQUIREMENT



Effective that 2023/24 school year, all students working toward a BC Certificate of Graduation (“Dogwood Diploma”), in English or French, must successfully complete at least 4 credits in Indigenous-focused coursework.

At VT, students will have a choice in courses at the grade 11/12 level on how they can meet this graduation requirement. Here are the offered courses:

Grade 11 Courses	Grade 12 Courses
English First Peoples (EFP); Literary Studies & Writing 11	Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12
	BC First Peoples 12
	English First Peoples 12

# SCHOOL PROGRAMS

All school programs continue in Grade 10. If you were in a program in grade 9, it is assumed you are continuing in grade 10. If you were not in one, you will continue to not be unless you apply and are accepted into the program.



## SUMMIT

Summit Chemistry 11  
Summit Social Studies 10  
Summit PreCalc 11  
Summit Literary Studies &  
Composition 10

## FRENCH IMMERSION

Français Langue 10  
Sciences Humaines 10  
Sciences 10  
CLE 10

## FLEX HUMANITIES

FH Graphics & Media Design  
FH Social Studies 10  
FH Film Studies  
FH Literary Studies &  
Composition 10

## SENIOR LAC

LAC Math  
LAC Humanities  
LAC Science



# NUMeracy & LITeracy ASSESSMENTS FOR grades 10 & 12



All grade 10 students will take a NUMERACY 10 and LITERACY 10 Assessments:

- It's a 4-point proficiency scale, like your grade 8-9 marks.
- Completed online during a scheduled school day.
- Students can do 2 additional attempts at zero penalty.

These assessments are NOT tied to any class, but to skills you've built.

Grade 10 assessments are NOT USED by post-secondary institutions

In Grade 12, you will write a LITERACY 12 assessment which IS USED by SOME post-secondary institutions.

For more information about the assessment and what they look like, click below:

- [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment](#)
- [Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment](#)
- [Grade 12 Literacy Assessment](#)

• [Grade 12 French Literacy Assessment \(French Immersion](#)

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# Career Life Education

Students in Grade 10 take Career Life Education (CLE) 10  
This class is about:

- personal development
- planning for careers
- learning about skills that will be important when you want a job

French Immersion students will have CLE as part of their 4-course FI package, it replaced Communication which is only in grades 8-9.

The easiest way to complete this course is on-timetable

Students may apply to take CLE 10 Off-timetable or with VLN\*\*



# MATH CHOICES

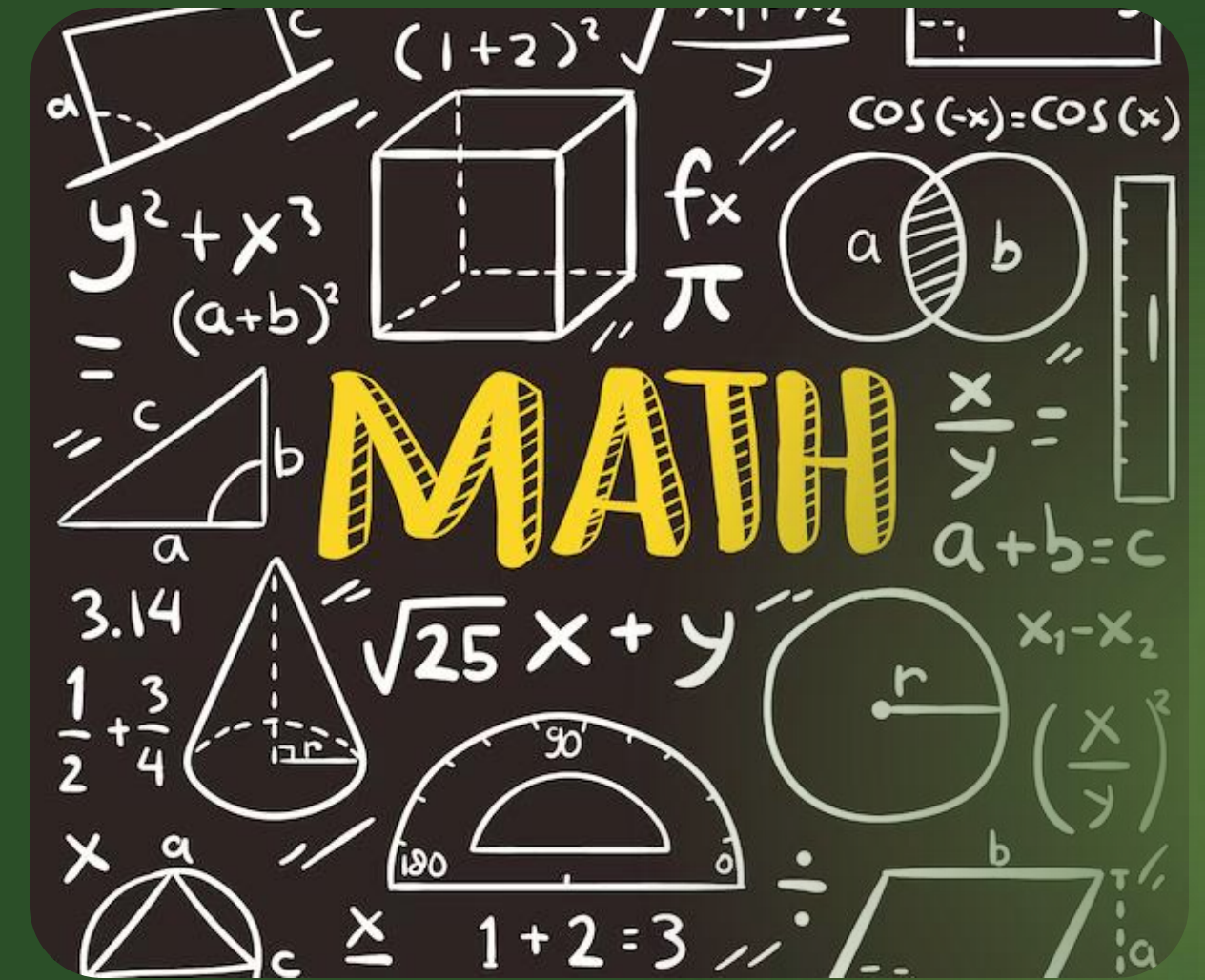
In grade 10 there are 2 math options:

Math 10: Foundations & Pre-Calculus (80-85% of students take this option)

- it is the Math that leads to university
- it is generally considered harder
- it gives students access to all the grade 11 options
- focus: algebra, trigonometry, polynomials, functions, linear relations, etc.

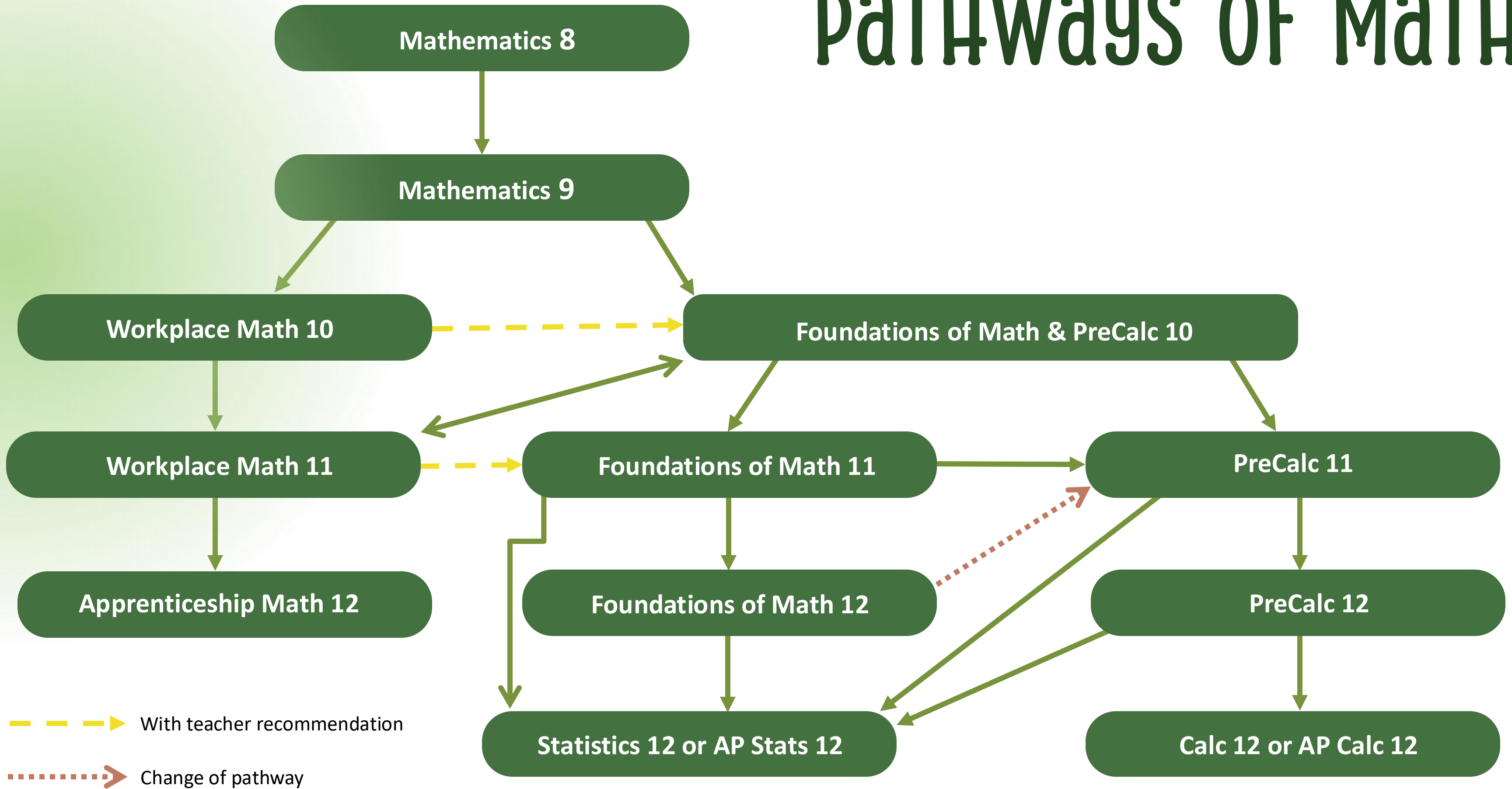
Math 10: Workplace (about 15-20% of students take this option)

- some universities require FOM/Pre-Calc, but not all!
- it is the preferred method for students going into trades
- it allows access to MOST college programs (check online)
- it continues with Workplace Math in Grade 11
- focus: measurement, trigonometry, wages, conversion, surface area & volume, etc.





# PATHWAYS OF MATH



## LITERARY STUDIES

Required: study literature through a thematic approach and may include specific focuses such as world literature, indigenous writing, or genre. Provides a well-rounded foundation in reading, and foregrounds Indigenous texts and ways of understanding as a core aspect of the curriculum

## COMPOSITION

Choice: support students in their development of written communication through a critical process of questioning, exploring, and sampling.

## NEW MEDIA

Choice: reflect the changing role of technology in today's society and the increasing importance of digital media in communicating and exchanging ideas

## CREATIVE WRITING

Choice: designed for students who have an interest in creative expression through language. The course provides students opportunities to build their writing skills through the exploration of identity, memory, and story in a range of genres

# ENGLISH CHOICES



# PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION

Grade 10 is the last year for mandatory PHE.

There are many grade 11 and 12 PE choices that students who enjoy PE can continue with in future years, for example:

- Fitness & Conditioning
- Fitness & Conditioning: Soccer
- Active Living
- Outdoor Education
- Yoga & Well-being
- Athletic Development: Volleyball... etc.



# Language Courses



- French 10
- Spanish 10
- Mandarin 10

These classes require the grade 9 level course as a prerequisite or a placement assessment.

If you do not have the prerequisite but wish to take a language class, you can choose to take one of these two classes :

- Intro Spanish 11
- Intro Mandarin 11

\* Challenge Exams are also available.





# SKILLS BLOCK

If you are a student with a designation (such as a learning disability) you are automatically permitted to take the course.

All other students: including students who may have taken one in grade 9 - must be accepted to take skills class through a conversation with Ms. Adele and the learning support teaching team.

# ELECTIVE COURSES

## APPLIED SKILLS

- Computer Studies 10
- Textiles 10
- Foods 10
- Culinary Arts 10
- Power Tech 10
- Drafting 10
- Graphics & Media Design 10
- Metal Fabrication 10
- Jewelry 10
- Robotics, Electronics & Exploring Trades 10
- Woodwork 10

## FINE ARTS

- Art Studio 10
- Drawing & Painting 10
- Visual Art 3D 10 (Ceramics & Sculpture)
- Video Production 10
- Drama 10
- Theatre Company 10
- Band 10 (Senior)
- Beginner/Intermediate Band 9
- Jazz Band 10\*

## OFF-TIMETABLE

- Orchestra 10
- Beginner Strings 9
- Intermediate Strings 9
- Chamber Choir 10
- Concert Choir 10
- Vocal Jazz 10\*
- Retail Business 10
- Mental Health & Leadership 10
- Queer & Trans History of BC 10
- History of African Descent of BC 10

**\*Senior Band:** (experience required) & must take 1 other music ensemble (Strings/Orchestra/Choir)  
**Vocal Jazz:** must also take Chamber Choir

For a detailed description of each class, please consult to course planning guide @

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# WHAT YOUR TIMETABLE WILL LOOK LIKE..

## MAINSTREAM

- Literary Studies + Choice
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education
- CLE
- Elective or Language or Skills
- Elective

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- Français Langue Humaines
- Sciences
- CLE
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## SUMMER REMEDIAL COURSES

Students who do not pass an academic course during the school year can complete it at summer school.

## SUMMER COMPLETION COURSES

Many students may choose to get ahead in their courses by taking a grade 10 course in summer school. Doing so means you can take an extra elective of your choice in the next school year.

NOTE: grade 10s do NOT have study blocks.

Students in choice programs, please speak to your program coordinator before registering for summer school completion classes.

## PRIORITY

Please note that priority for grade 11 and 12 courses goes to grade 11 and 12 students. If the course you want is full, you will have to take something else.

# SUMMER SCHOOL, FAILS & GETTING AHEAD







# A NOTE ABOUT TREK



TREK is an Outdoor Ed Program offered at Prince of Wales Secondary for Grade 10 students only.

- Students go for 1 year, then return to their homeschool.
- Learn more about the program here:

<https://www.trekoutdoorprogram.ca/trekcurriculum>

FRIM students can also participate in TREK, but to complete the Double Dogwood in English & French, they must do 2 things when they return:

1. Complete 3 short novels for reading (4 credits French Immersion Independent Studies, novels chosen by the FRIM department)
2. Take a Peer Tutoring Class in grade 11 or 12 working with a FRIM grade 8 or 9 class (4 credits)

Ms. Adele will come to Socials 9 classes with a **yellow** form for students to complete with their requests.

Semester 1 will be on January 22 and 24. Semester 2 will be on February 4, 6 and 7.

Except for LAC students, ALL grade 9 students will bring home this yellow form to go over with their parent/guardian and have it signed. Please discuss post-secondary plans to ensure that course choices align. Admissions Requirements for Post-Secondary Institutions can be easily Googled.

Students who wish to complete CLE Online through VLN or Off-Timetable at VT will require a **blue** form to be completed and signed by a parent/guardian.

There will also be an approval process through Ms. Adele & Ms. Thompson/Mr. Moro

All students are “timetabled” at the same time.

Students who choose their courses in Semester 1 **do not** get an advantage over those who choose in Semester 2.

Course requests can be changed throughout the process.

If a specific accommodation is needed, please have your student book an appointment with me to discuss the issue.

Please note that I will always try my best to get all student their first choices in electives and English choices. However, some factors may be out of our control (i.e., limited space in a course, a course conflicts with a required program course, etc.). This is why it is important to include several backup options.