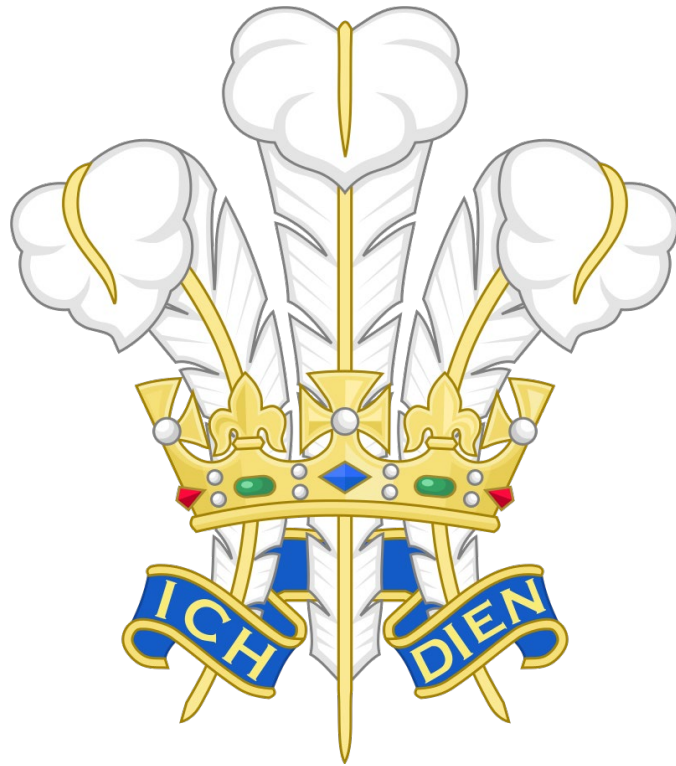


# COURSE SELECTION FOR CURRENT GRADE 10 STUDENTS





# 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), S<sub>k</sub>wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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# COURSE PLANNING TIMELINE

## **January – February**

- Course planning presentations
- Course Selections complete

## **March – May**

- Timetable built

## **June**

- Resolve conflicts
- Changes if possible

## **August**

- Resolve course conflicts
- Changes if possible

## **September**

- Changes if possible

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 10/English First Peoples 10

Mathematics 10

- Foundations and Pre-calculus 10
- Workplace Math 10

Physical Education 10

Science 10

Social Studies 10

Career Life Education 10

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 11

Mathematics 11

- Workplace Math 11
- Foundations of Math 11
- Pre-calculus 11

Social Studies 11/Social Studies 12

- Human Geography 12
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History 12
- Economic Theory 12
- Law 12
- Indigenous Studies 12

Science 11

- Life Sciences 11
- Chemistry 11
- Physics 11
- Earth Sciences 11

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 12/English 12 First Peoples

3 Grade 12 Electives

Fine Arts OR Applied Skills 10, 11, OR 12

Career Life Connections/Capstone Project

Indigenous studies course (En 10, En 12, Cont. Ind. Studies)

Minimum 80 credits (20 courses)

Literacy/Numeracy 10 exams

Literacy 12 exam

# ELECTIVES

Business Education

Technical Education

Home Economics

Fine Arts

Music

Performing Arts

P.E.

Languages



# OFF-TIMETABLE ELECTIVES

- Consider taking an off-timetable elective
  - Specialized Studies in Foods 12
  - Fitness & Conditioning 11/12
  - Jazz Band 8 - 12
  - Strings Orchestra 8 - 12
  - CLE 10
  - Theatre Production (Stagecraft)
  - Theatre Company 9 – 12
  - Yearbook 11





## What are District Courses?

Special district-wide elective courses available to all VSB students.

## Available Courses:

- History of African Descent in BC 12
- Queer & Trans History of BC 12

## Why Take Them?

- *Unique curriculum* with field trips, guest speakers, and project-based learning
- Meet students from across the district
- Focus on important cultural and historical topics

## Who Can Enroll?

Grades 11 & 12 students from all VSB high schools

# INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Register for the Informational  
Session on **February 26, 2025 @ 5:30**  
**PM** (virtual) for more details!



[bit.ly/3DoNNBo](https://bit.ly/3DoNNBo)



# COURSE SELECTION

- Grade 11 students are expected to take 8 courses at PW
- Timetable is built according to student choices
- Do not pick a class assuming that a particular teacher will be teaching it
- Pick classes based on interest, not student composition
- If summer school is a plan, do not request the same class during course selection
- Form required for CS blocks
- Priority for courses will go to students in current course grade level

# COURSE SELECTION

- Elective tour was held during FIT last week
- Course descriptions for each course offered at PW listed in Course Planning Guide
- Please read course descriptions before making course selections
- Course planning guide can be found at the link below:
- <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/prince-wales/page/11995/course-planning>

# LEARNING STRATEGIES/GOLD CLASSES

- Learning Strategies (LS) 11 or GOLD 11 – for students who have taken these classes in previous years
- Learning Strategies & GOLD students earn 4 credits for each LS class
- Learning Strategies students can choose 2 LS classes if they want support in each semester



# ELL BEG/INT

- Sign up for the same level you are currently in.
- ELL teachers advise counsellors on your required ELL classes in April/May.
- Assessments in Spring will determine placement for next year.



# SECOND LANGUAGE

- Not required for high school graduation
- Second language no longer required to apply to UBC or SFU
- Still counts as an academic course for admissions purposes
- Some students may qualify for language 10, 11 or 12 credits
- Students who are fluent in a second language may write a Language Challenge exam or complete a language course online
- Current second language offerings:
  - French 8-12
  - Spanish 9-12, Intro 11

# EXTERNAL CREDITS

- Some outside activities may qualify for extra credits
- E.g. Royal Conservatory of Music, BC Athletics
- Contact organization to see if they have certification
- Proof of involvement/completion – letter, certificate, etc





# CAREER PROGRAMS

- Number of different opportunities with the VSB
- Train in Trades
  - Partnership with BCIT, VCC, Finishing Trades Institute, Piping Industry College of BC
  - Some programs run through summer, others during school year
- Work in Trades
  - Currently already working in a trade
  - Credits for high school

# YOUTH TRAIN/WORK IN TRADES



[Aircraft Maintenance Engineer](#)  
[Automotive Collision and Refinishing Technician](#)  
[Automotive Service Technician](#)  
[Baking and Pastry Arts](#)  
[Carpentry](#)  
[Cisco and IT Networking](#)  
[Early Childhood Educator](#)  
[Electrical](#)  
[Hairstylist](#)  
[Health Care Assistant](#)  
[Heavy Mechanical Trades](#)  
[Job Training](#)  
[Metal Fabricator](#)  
[Millwright](#)  
[Motorcycle Technician](#)  
[Painting and Decorating](#)  
[Plumbing and Sprinklerfitting](#)  
[Professional Cook 1](#)  
[Trades Discovery](#)  
[Tupper Tech Explore Trades Sampler](#)

SKILLEDTRADES<sup>BC</sup>



Combine high school instruction with paid, part-time, on-the-job training and receive credit towards apprenticeship and high school graduation.

## Program Details

The Youth WORK in Trades program allows students to start their apprenticeship training while enrolled in Grade 10, 11 or 12.

- Earn up to 16 high school credits when a formal SkilledTradesBC agreement is signed by the employer, student, parent/guardian, and school district.
- Receive a Youth WORK in Trades certificate upon graduation.
- Must be employed in a recognized trade area.

Students considering an apprenticeship in a construction trade could contact [careerprograms@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:careerprograms@vsb.bc.ca) and ask to be enrolled in the BC Construction Safety Alliance *SiteReady* construction safety course. Instructions on completing the registration process for *SiteReady* are available [here](#).

# YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES



- Start your apprenticeship training while in Grade 11 or 12
- Earn up to 16 high school credits
- Earn credits at the post-secondary level
- Speak to Mr. Tse if interested

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/career-programs>

# SUMMER SCHOOL

- Registration typically starts in late April or early May
- Inform counsellor of your plans to take a Summer School course (write down on course selection form)
- Completion courses
  - 5-6 weeks (3 hours/day)
  - July – August
- **Register day of/time of** – spaces in completion courses fill up very quickly
  - Create account ahead of time

# POST-SECONDARY

- All Canadian Universities look for completion of Grade 10 and 11 courses.
- Many Canadian Universities are now using Grade 11 marks as part of the admissions process.
- Canadian Universities calculate admission averages based on 4 - 6 Grade 12 courses and will use the Grade 11 equivalent when a Grade 12 mark isn't available.
- UBC requires a minimum of '3' on the Literacy 12 exam



# POST-SECONDARY

- Ontario Universities require/recommend Calculus 12 for most science, math, engineering and business programs.
- In BC, Calculus 12 is recommended/required for some programs ie. Required for engineering, recommended for business
- Science and Engineering programs typically require Chemistry 11, Physics 11 and 1-2 science 12 courses, as well as calculus.



# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- I need to take all my Grade 12 courses in Grade 11
- I need to take additional coursework outside of PW to be competitive for university applications (AP courses)
- Doing well at PW is the most important factor
- Get involved in extracurricular activities



# POST-SECONDARY

- Research each individual institution thoroughly
- Be aware of application deadlines and admission requirements
- Polytechnic universities work on a first-come first-served basis (aside from specialty programs)
- High marks and graduation DO NOT guarantee entrance into the institution/program of your choice
- Apply to multiple schools/programs



# POST-SECONDARY RESEARCH

- **MyBlueprint** - [www.myblueprint.ca/sd39](http://www.myblueprint.ca/sd39)

- Post-secondary planning
- Scholarships
- Grad portfolio
- Click “login”
- Click “School account login”
- Select “SD39 Vancouver”
- Use PW login and password



- **Education Planner** - [www.educationplannerbc.ca](http://www.educationplannerbc.ca)

- Post-secondary requirements
- Application portal



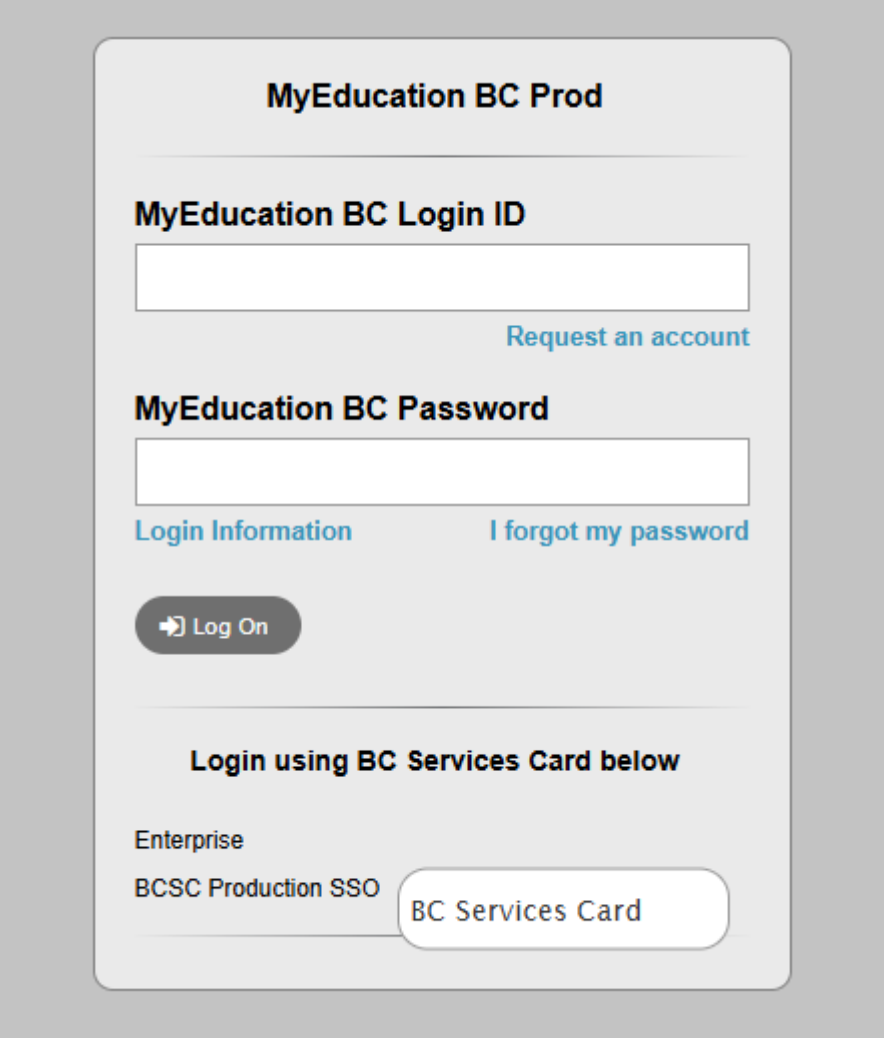


# **REMINDER**

**Parents and students are responsible for checking with colleges and universities for their specific entrance requirements**

# MYED INSTRUCTIONS

- Go to PW website  
<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/prince-wales>
- Click the 'Family' Tab and click "My Education BC Family Portal"
- Log into MyEd
- Click on top tab 'Info'
- Click on side tab 'Requests'
- Click on 'Entry Mode' if available – if not available, you are ready for selection
- Portal will be open to put in requests on Jan. 31



The screenshot shows the login interface for MyEducation BC Prod. At the top, it says "MyEducation BC Prod". Below that is a section for "MyEducation BC Login ID" with a text input field and a link for "Request an account". The next section is for "MyEducation BC Password" with another text input field and links for "Login Information" and "I forgot my password". A "Log On" button is located below the password field. At the bottom, there is a section titled "Login using BC Services Card below" with the text "Enterprise BCSC Production SSO" and a button labeled "BC Services Card".

# COURSE SELECTION SCHEDULE

## COMPUTER LAB C106

Last Name	Date	Day	Fit
Adab-Chen	February 12	Wednesday	Morning
Cheng-Hang	February 13	Thursday	Afternoon
Harrison-Leung	February 18	Tuesday	Afternoon
Li-Minami	February 19	Wednesday	Morning
Moretta-Senbel	February 20	Thursday	Afternoon
Shao-Vo	February 24	Monday	Morning
Wang-Ye	February 25	Tuesday	Afternoon
York-Zhu	February 26	Wednesday	Morning

# QUESTIONS

- Come see Mr. Tse
- [ctse@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ctse@vsb.bc.ca)