

# COURSE PLANNING

## for Grade 8s

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## Land Acknowledgement

With deep gratitude and respect, I am honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

# Course Selection

1. A process that requires time and effort
2. The timetable based on student course requests
3. Invest time in researching and choosing carefully

# ROAD MAP

## Course

## Planning

## 2026-2027



### STEP 1

- Student Presentation: [Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>](#)
- Everything students need to know about course selection 😊
- MyEd portal will open January 15th



### STEP 2

- Parent Info Session: [Thursday January 15th](#)
- This powerpoint will be uploaded to the school website



### STEP 3

- Students self-reflect; discuss options with family, teachers, peers read course descriptions; plan for next year and the future
- Ensure they can log in and use MyEd



### STEP 4

- Students input their [Course Requests in MyEd](#) from home by [Monday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9AM \(Semester turn around days\)](#)



### STEP 5

- Counsellors are available every FIT next week in room 213. Feel free to come and ask questions or do your course selection there.



# The Lord Byng website is your friend!

- [Course Planning Guide](#) (includes course descriptions)
- [Printable course planning sheets](#) (for planning only)
- Course planning presentations for each grade (this one, and other grades if you'd like to look ahead)
- Graduation requirements
- [MyEd BC instructions](#) on how to enter course requests from home
- [Staff Directory](#) for email addresses

# Who is Your Counsellor?

Last Name	Counsellor
<b>A to G</b>	Ms. Milinazzo
<b>H to L</b>	Ms. Radic
<b>M to T</b>	Ms. Davies and Ms. Smith (Ms. Schumacher)
<b>U to Z</b>	Ms. VanderKlippe

# Questions about graduation?

- Ministry of Education Website: [Ministry Website](#)
- LB School Website: [LB Course-Planning](#)

**Note:** University Requirements are different from High School Graduation requirements

**NOTE:** Grad requirements start in Grade 10; Gr. 10 courses count towards graduation

# Grade 9 Courses

1. English 9
2. Socials 9
3. Math 9
4. Science 9
5. PHE 9, PHE Dance 9
6. **Language/Elective/Resource**
7. **Elective**
8. **Elective**



# LORD BYNG ENGLISH COURSES

(Revised 2024 December 12)

## English Course Options to Fulfill REQUIREMENTS

Select ONE course at each grade level to fulfill your Language Arts requirements.

English 8

OR

English 8  
(Byng Arts)

English 9

OR

English 9  
(Byng Arts)

English 10:  
Literary Studies &  
Composition

OR

English First Peoples 10:  
Literary Studies & Writing

OR

English First Peoples 10:  
Literary Studies & Writing  
(Byng Arts)

Literary Studies 11

OR

English First Peoples 11:  
Literary Studies & Writing

OR

Literary Studies 11  
(AP Preparation)

English Studies 12

OR

English First Peoples 12

OR

English Studies 12  
(AP Preparation)

BLUE boxes are cou-  
rses for students  
in the MAIN  
SCHOOL.

YELLOW boxes are  
courses for stu-  
dents in BYNG ARTS.

GREEN boxes are  
courses open to ALL  
Gr 11 & 12 students,  
in the MAIN SCHOOL  
and in BYNG ARTS.

ORANGE font courses are in the  
English First Peoples stream. Any  
one of these courses will fulfill the  
Indigenous-focused graduation  
requirement.

## Senior English ELECTIVES

- Open to ALL students in Grades 11 & 12, both Main School and Byng Arts.
- Teacher permission is NOT required.
- CANNOT be used to replace a Grade 11 or Grade 12 Language Arts graduation requirement (e.g. English Studies 12).
- Literary Studies 12: British Literature counts as an approved academic course for university admission.
- Creative Writing 12 is accepted by some universities as an academic course.
- If these courses are oversubscribed, priority goes to Grade 12s. Students in the Main School and in Byng Arts will get equity of access.

Literary Studies 12:  
British Literature

Creative Writing 12

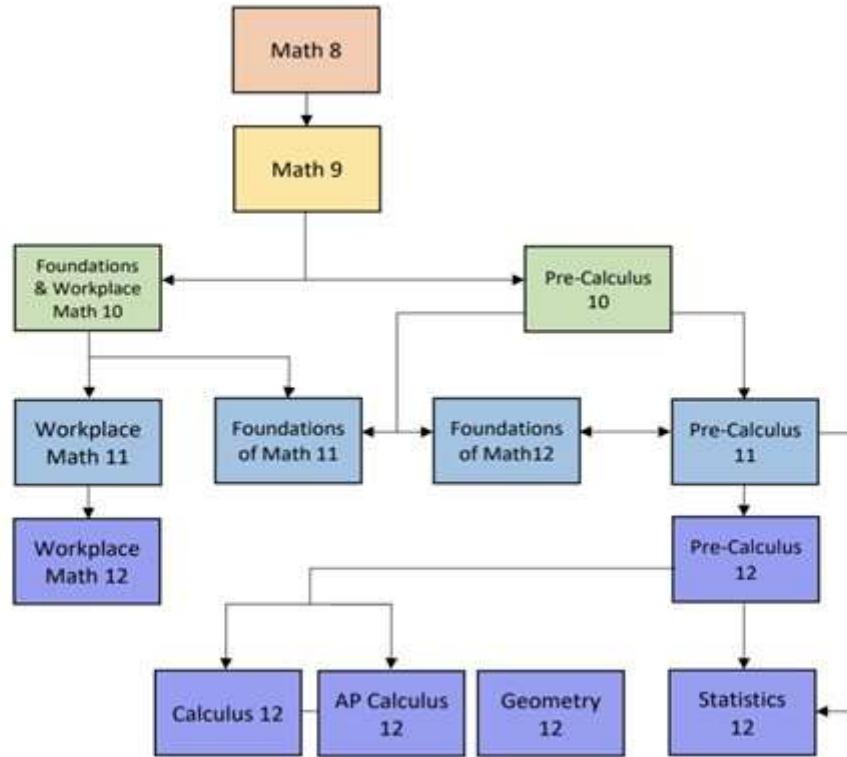
# ELL Students



ELL teachers will advise counsellors of your ELL placement for next year.

**For course planning** –Read the information in MyEd about how many spots to leave in your timetable for ELL courses

# Math Pathway



# Resource Support / Learning Hub

*A resource support block provides students with support throughout one semester*

Please talk to your counsellor if you think this is something you might benefit from

# USEFUL ADVICE

Do not make choices based on what your friends are doing.

What are YOU Interested in?  
What makes YOU curious?

Take the time to read the course planning booklet thoughtfully.

Talk to teachers. They can tell you what to expect from their courses.

Make a back-up plan – Provide 2 alternatives!

Course changes are unlikely in September. Think it over and make meaningful choices.



# Electives!

# Band

- Music 9: Band Concert 1 Beginner
- Music 9: Band 2 Junior\*
- Music 9: Band 3 Intermediate\*

## ***Off-Timetable:***

- Music 9: Band 4 Senior Wind\*
- Music 9: Jazz Band 2 Junior\*
- Music 9: Jazz Band 3 Intermediate\*
- Music 9: Jazz Band 4 Senior\*

*\* Ensure you have the pre/co-requisite or written permission from the teacher.*

# Strings & Symphony

- Music 9: String Orchestra 1 Beginner
- Music 9: String Orchestra 2 Junior\*
- Music 9: String Orchestra 3 Intermediate\*
- Music 9: String Orchestra 4 Senior\*

## *Off-Timetable:*

- Music 9: Orchestra Junior Honor\*
- Music 9: Orchestra Senior Honor\*
- Music 9: Symphony Junior\*
- Music 9: Symphony Senior\*

*\* Ensure you have the pre/co-requisite or written permission from the teacher.*



# Choir

- Music 9: Choir 2 Junior
- Music 9: Choir 3 Intermediate\*
- Music 9: Choir 4 Senior\*
- Contemporary Music 10/11/12: Treble Vocal Ensemble\*

## ***Off-Timetable:***

- Music 9: Junior Chamber Choir\*

*\*Ensure you have the pre/co-requisite or written permission from the teacher.*

# Drama, Film & Media Arts

- Drama 9
- Drama 9: BA Theatre Arts\*
- Visual Arts 9: Media Arts Year 1\*
- Visual Arts 9 BA Media Arts Advanced\*

*\*Ensure you have the pre/co-requisite or written permission from the teacher.*

# Visual Arts

- Visual Arts 9 Animation Year 1
- Annual Production 10\*
- Visual Art 9: Year 1
- Visual Art 9: Byng Arts Honors\*
- Visual Arts 9 Ceramics Year 1\*
- Visual Arts Photography 9: Introduction

*\*Ensure you have the pre/co-requisite or written permission from the teacher.*

## Home Economics

- Food Studies 9
- Textiles 9
- Fibre Arts 9

### *Off-Timetable*

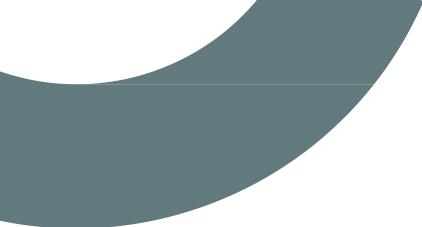
- Foods 9-12 Wed  
3:15-6:15

## Technical Studies

- Art Metal 9
- Drafting & Design 9
- Metalwork Jewelry 9
- Woodworking 9

### *Off-Timetable*

- Bike Mechanics and Cycling 9-12



## Business Education

- Entrepreneurship and Marketing 10

## Information & Computer Technology

- Computer Studies 10

## Modern Languages

- Spanish 10
- French 9

# Why take a modern language?

- Academic course that counts towards your diploma and post secondary options
- Good for your brain! Language learning strengthens critical thinking, problem solving, memory and focus
- Learn a new world of culture, language and different perspectives
- Opens doors for employment

Located  
on the  
school  
website

*All Offered  
Courses will  
be on this  
sheet*



## LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL 2023-2024 COURSE CODES

### GRADE 8 ROTATION

Course	Code
ADST - Food Studies 8	MADFS08
ADST - Metalwork 8	MADM-08
ADST - Textiles 8	MADT-08
ADST - Woodwork 8	MADW-08
Career Education 8	MCE--08
Visual Arts 8: Media Arts	MVA--08MA1

### APPLIED SKILLS

Course	Code
<b>BUSINESS EDUCATION</b>	
ADST - Entrepreneurship and Marketing 10	MADEM10
ADST - Accounting 11	MAC-11
ADST - Marketing and Promotion 11	MMAP-11
Work Experience 11	XAT--11WEX
ADST - Accounting 12	MACC-12
ADST - Economics 12	MEC-12
Work Experience 12A	MWEX-2A
<b>CAREER EDUCATION</b>	
Career Education 9	MCE--09
Career Life Education 10	MCLE-10
Career Life Connections A	MCLCA12
Career Life Connections B	MCLCB12
<b>HOME ECONOMICS</b>	
ADST - Food Studies 9	MADFS09
ADST - Textiles 9	MADT-09
ADST - Food Studies 10	MFOOD10
ADST - Textiles 10	MTXT-10
ADST - Culinary Arts 11	MCUL-11

### Literary Studies 10

EFP New Media 10	MEFNM10
EFP Spoken Language 10	MEFSL10
EFP Writing 10: Byng Arts	MEFWR10DC2
EFP Literary Studies 10: Byng Arts	MEFLS10DC2
Composition 11	MCMPS11
Composition 11: Byng Arts	MCMPS11DC1
EFP Literary Studies and Spoken Language 11	MELSL11
Literary Studies 11	MLTST11
English First Peoples 12	MENFP12
English Studies 12	MENST12
English Studies 12: Byng Arts	MENST12DC1
English Studies 12: AP Exam Prep	MENST12SC1
Literary Studies 12: British Literature	MLTST12
Creative Writing 12	MCTWR12

### ELL

Course	Code
ELL Junior Reading 1	XLDCE09RE1
ELL Junior Reading 2	XLDCE09RE2
ELL Junior Reading 3	XLDCE09RE3
ELL Junior Writing 1	XLDCE09WR1
ELL Junior Writing 2	XLDCE09WR2
ELL Junior Writing 3	XLDCE09WR3
ELL Junior Social Studies 1	XLDCE09SS1
ELL Junior Social Studies 2	XLDCE09SS2
ELL Junior Science 1	XLDCE09SC1
Academic Strategies: Junior	XLDCE09SB3
ELL Senior Reading 1	XLDCE10RE1
ELL Senior Reading 2	XLDCE10RE2



BYNG ARTS



Check the course guide for required courses.

Mr. Hartley-Folz and your counsellor are the best contacts! [jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)



# **BYNG ARTS Core Courses:**

**English 9 (Byng Arts)**

**Social Studies 9 (Byng Arts)**

Science 9

Math 9

French 9

Physical and Health Education 9 or

Physical and Health Education 9 Dance

# Choose BYNG ARTS Electives:

Visual Art

Media Art

Drama

Band

Strings

Choir

# SUMMER SCHOOL

[Registration online](#) in April 30 at noon

## **SECONDARY PROGRAMS**

Review, Preview (Grades 8 & 9)

Remedial (Grades 10 & 11)

Completion (grades 10-12)

ELL Reading & Writing

**If you plan to take courses online/summer school, you MUST include that in your course planning (i.e. don't put in Math 10 if you are going to take it online or over the summer)**





## Next Steps (by Jan 26)

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### STEP 1 Know how to log-in on MyEd BC

Email or see the Main Office if you are unable to log-in or need to reset your password

### STEP 2 Click My Info

### STEP 3 Click Request Details

# Entering Course Requests into MyEd

The screenshot shows the MyEducationBC website interface. At the top, there is a blue header bar with the British Columbia logo, the text "MyEducationBC", and links for "Set Preferences" and "Log Off". Below the header is a navigation bar with "Pages" (highlighted in orange), "My Info" (with a red circle containing the number 1), "Options", "Reports", and "Help". To the right of the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder "Search on CrsNo" and icons for search, filter, and grid. The main content area has a grey header "Requests". On the left, a vertical sidebar has buttons for "My Details", "Current Schedule", "Requests" (with a red circle containing the number 2), and "Details". The "Requests" button is highlighted in orange. The main content area displays a message "Requests: 1 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 0% - Credits: 0.0". Below this is a yellow box titled "Instructions" containing the text "Hello Next Year's Grade".

BRITISH COLUMBIA MyEducationBC

Set Preferences Log Off

Student View

Pages My Info 1

Options Reports Help

Search on CrsNo

Requests

My Details

Current Schedule

Requests 2

Details

<< Exit entry mode

Requests: 1 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 0% - Credits: 0.0

Instructions

Hello Next Year's Grade

# Questions?

We are here to help!

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Also LB website, parents, PCs, and teachers are great  
resources