

# PRINCE OF WALES SECONDARY



Course  
Planning for  
Grade 11





# 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>ə́yəm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliwətał (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



# COURSE SELECTION

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Schools are staffed and time-tabled according to student course requests in January and February.

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Only those courses with a sufficient number of students registered will be available.

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Please choose carefully as there is very little flexibility in September!





# COURSE SELECTION



- Grade 11 students are expected to take 8 courses at PW
- Grade 12 students take minimum 7 courses at PW + CLC



# Graduation Requirements



At least 4 credits must have an Indigenous-focus.

PW offers:

- English First Peoples 10
- English First Peoples 12
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 (SS)

Required Courses	Minimum Credits
a Language Arts 10	4
a Language Arts 11	4
a Language Arts 12	4
a Mathematics 10	4
a Mathematics 11 or 12	4
a Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills and Technologies 10, 11, or 12	4
Socials Studies 10	4
a Socials Studies 11 or 12	4
Science 10	4
a Science 11 or 12	4
Physical and Health Education 10	4
Career Life Education	4
Career Life Connections + Capstone	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>
Elective Courses	
7 additional grade 10-12 courses.	28
Graduation Assessments	
Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment	0
Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment	0
Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment	0
Overall Total	80
Of the 80 credits for graduation, at least 16 must be at the grade 12 level, including a grade 12 Language Arts and Career Life Connections + Capstone.	



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## REQUIRED COURSES in Grade 11

- English 11
- A Social Studies 11 or 12
- A Science 11 or 12
- A Math 11
- 4 Elective courses
- Total 8 courses at PW for Grade 11
- 1 course must have Indigenous focus in Grade 10 - 12



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



## REQUIRED COURSES in Grade 12

- English 12 or English First Peoples 12
- 2 Grade 12 courses (minimum)
- 4 Electives
- Career Life Connections + Capstone (off timetable)
  
- Total 7 courses in Grade 12 at PW + CLC (minimum)
- 1 course must have Indigenous focus in Grade 10 - 12





# GRADE 11 ENGLISH CHOICES



- English 11:
  - Literary Studies
  - Spoken Language
- English 11 Mini
- ELL Beginner or ELL Intermediate or ELL Transitional (Double Block)





# GRADE 11/12 SOCIAL STUDIES CHOICES

- Human Geography 12
- Economic Theory 12
- Law Studies 12
- 20th Century World History 12
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12
- African Descent History in BC 12  
(District course taught OT)
- Queer and Trans History 12  
(District course taught OT)
- Social Studies 11 Mini (SJ)
- Transitional Social Studies 10



# Science Choices



## Grade 11 Sciences (one required for graduation)

- Life Science 11
- Earth Science 11
- Chemistry 11\*
- Physics 11\*

\*required for admission to  
University sciences

## Grade 12 Sciences

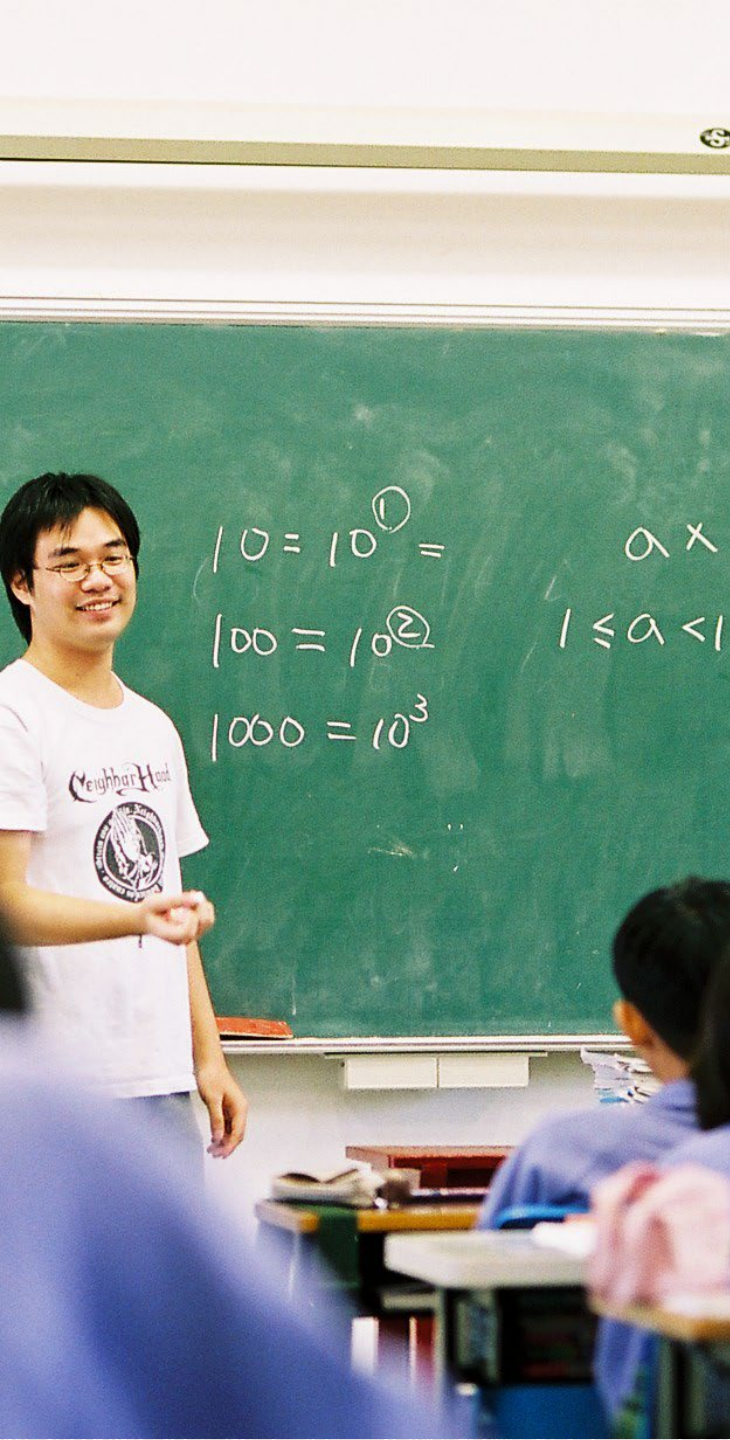
- Anatomy & Physiology 12
- Chemistry 12
- Physics 12

One or two required for  
admission to Faculty of  
Science depending on the  
University

Students may take more than 1 Science in Grade 11 or 12







# MATH CHOICES

Grade 11 (one required for graduation)

- Pre-Calculus 11
- Pre-Calculus 12 Mini
- Foundations of Math 11
- Workplace Math 11

Grade 12

- Pre-Calculus 12
- Calculus 12
- AP Calculus 12
- No math



# LEARNING STRATEGIES OR GOLD CLASS



- Learning Strategies 11 or GOLD 11 – for students who have taken these classes in previous years
- Learning Strategies & GOLD students earn 4 credits
- Students are recommended for Learning Strategies by their teacher





# ELECTIVES

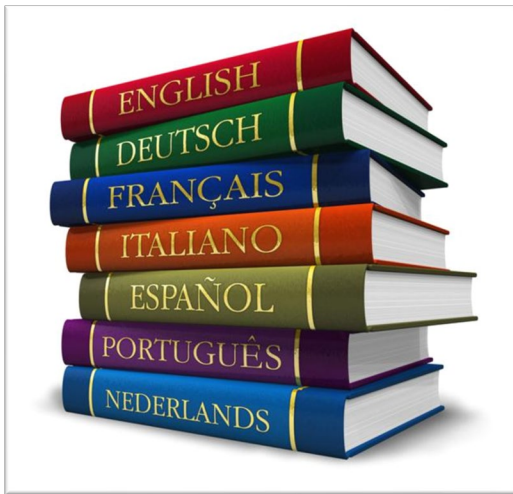


- Grade 11 - 4 electives
- Grade 12 – 6 electives
- You can choose Grade 10, 11 or 12 electives
- In Grade 11, a 2<sup>nd</sup> science, a socials or a language will take an elective space



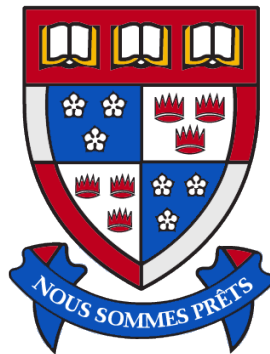


# 2<sup>ND</sup> LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS



- A second language is NOT required for graduation or university admission.
- Students who are fluent in a second language may write a Language Challenge exam or complete a language course online for credit.
- ELL students may be eligible for a Language 10, 11, 12 credit.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Language Course options:
  - French 11/12
  - Spanish 11/12
  - Beginner Spanish 11





# UNIVERSITY 2<sup>ND</sup> LANGUAGE

- Universities in BC no longer require a 2<sup>nd</sup> language for admission
- Universities in Canada do not require a 2<sup>nd</sup> language for admission



# Electives

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Business Education

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Technical Education

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Home Economics

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Fine Arts

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Music

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Performing Arts

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P.E.

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Languages

**Choose your electives carefully!**







# **ELECTIVES: OFF TIMETABLE**

Consider taking an off-timetable elective

- Foods 10
- 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



# ELL STUDENTS



- 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.





# POST-SECONDARY



- Different Universities have different entrance requirements
- Check each University and program to ensure that you have the necessary courses
- Some Universities require:
  - 4 Gr. 12 academic courses (UVIC)
  - 5 Gr. 12 academic courses (SFU)
  - 6 Gr. 12 courses (UT/UBC)



# POST-SECONDARY COURSE TIPS



- Ontario Universities require Calculus 12 for most science, math and engineering programs.
- In BC, Calculus 12 is recommended for some programs but not required.
- Many Business programs recommend Calculus 12
- Science and Engineering programs typically require Chemistry 11 and Physics 11 and 1-2 science 12 courses.



# 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.
- Additional requirements - personal profile, interview, portfolio, etc.



# 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)
- TIP: doing well at PW is the most important factor







## **POST-SECONDARY**

- Most universities require a personal profile
- Some universities will admit on Grade 11 marks
- Most college's require high school graduation for admissions.
- Some college programs do have specific course requirements.



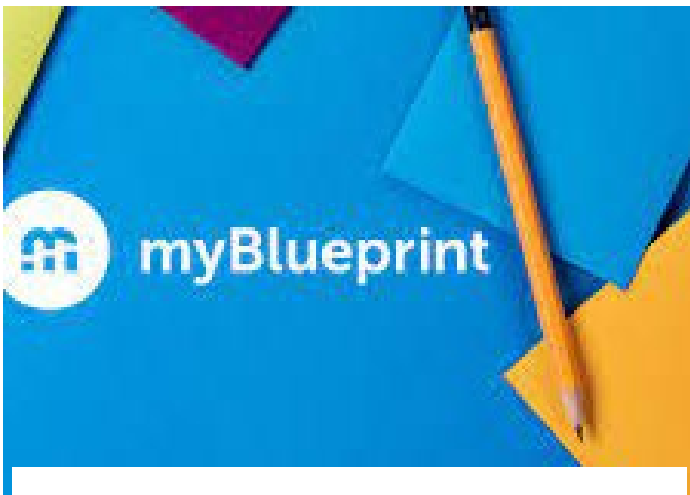




## **POST- SECONDARY REQUIREMENTS**

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





# POST-SECONDARY RESEARCH

To research post-secondary pathways and entrance requirements check out these websites.



EducationPlannerBC



- [myblueprint.ca](http://myblueprint.ca)
- [educationplannerbc.ca](http://educationplannerbc.ca)
- [chatterhigh.com](http://chatterhigh.com)
- Post-Secondary Websites



## General admission requirements

- Graduation from high school
- Minimum of 70% in Grade 11 or Grade 12 English (or their equivalents)
- At least six academic/non-academic Grade 12 courses (recommended, but not required)

## Degree-specific requirements

If you know what you want to study, select a degree below. Not sure? Get tips on [choosing a degree](#).

→ Arts

### Arts

#### Grade 12 requirements

- English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12
- If you intend to major in Economics, you must complete Pre-Calculus 12

#### Grade 11 requirements

- Any English Language Arts 11 or any English First Peoples 11
- A [language 11](#) or [waiver](#) (includes all second language courses, including all Indigenous languages of Canada, but excludes introductory Grade 11 language courses)
- Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12
- A Science 11 (Physics 11, Life Sciences 11 (Biology 11), Chemistry 11, Earth Sciences 11, or Environmental Sciences 11), or any Science 12 course.

#### Related courses

The following [subject categories](#) are particularly relevant for this degree. Consider taking courses in these areas in Grade 11 and Grade 12.

- Language Arts
- Mathematics and Computation
- Second Languages
- Social Studies
- Visual and Performing Arts







# University of Victoria

## Admission requirements

### Grade 11 courses

- Approved English 11
- Foundations of Mathematics 11 or Pre-calculus 11
- Approved science 11
- Approved social studies 11/12

### Grade 12 courses

- English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 (minimum 67%)
- Three approved academic 12 courses

See all [approved courses](#)

**Provincial examinations:** Students must have written provincial examinations in any subjects where it was mandatory in order to meet BC Graduate Program requirements.

## Recommended admission average

Estimated admission averages are based on data from recent admission cycles. **Meeting the course requirements and the estimated admission average does not guarantee you an offer of admission.**

The actual admission average required for entry may be higher in the future due to increased competition and limited capacity.

- *Estimated admission average: Minimum 80%* (based on the required grade 12 courses)

## SFU General requirements

You will need to meet SFU's general admission requirements as these apply to all programs. Faculty and program specific admission requirements are listed separately.

- [English language requirement](#)
- [Quantitative and analytical skills requirement](#)
- Graduate high school
- Have a minimum of five approved academic Grade 12 courses, including English Studies 12 or equivalent
- Have a minimum grade of 70% or higher in Language Arts 11, English 12, or equivalent

Admission is based on an evaluation of all approved academic Grade 11 and 12 courses, including any specific course requirements set by the faculty or program to which you are applying.

## Required Courses

### GRADE 11

No specific Grade 11 course requirements

### GRADE 12 (AT LEAST 5 APPROVED ACADEMIC COURSES)

[Equivalent AP](#) or [IB courses](#) may be used in place of the following courses.

- One of:
  - English Studies 12
  - English First Peoples 12
- All:
  - Pre-Calculus 12
- Additional course(s): [See SFU's approved academic course list](#)
- Supplemental Application: Applicants are required to submit a supplemental application. Details are available on the [Beedie School of Business website](#).



## Beedie School of Business



## British Columbia



- High School Diploma with six Grade 12 academic subjects, including English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12
- Provincial examinations are required for English 12 or English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 for BC students who graduated in 2018 and 2019
- Calculus 12 or Calculus AP (AB or BC) is required for programs with the Calculus prerequisite
- Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses are acceptable
- Co-op courses, Challenge exams, Applied Design, Skills and Technologies, Career Education and work experience courses will not be used for admission consideration

British Columbia secondary school qualifications and course equivalents:

- **English (ENG4U / EAE4U):** English Studies 12 / English First Peoples 12
- **Calculus & Vectors (MCV4U):** Calculus 12 / Calculus AP (AB / BC)
- **Advanced Functions (MHF4U):** Pre-Calculus 12
- **Biology (SBI4U):** Anatomy & Physiology 12
- **Chemistry (SCH4U):** Chemistry 12
- **Physics (SPH4U):** Physics 12

NOTE: We no longer provide a list of specifically approved courses; we will accept Ministry-approved grade 12 courses with the exception of those that are co-op courses, challenge exams, and career and work experience courses.







Queen's  
UNIVERSITY

## High School Student: British Columbia

### General Requirements

Provincial High School Diploma. Four academic courses including English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12. Biology 12 may be used in place of Anatomy and Physiology 12.

### Program Requirements

Arts



#### – Arts (QA)

English Studies 12, plus three additional academic Grade 12 courses.



# Canadian high school applicants (outside Quebec and Ontario)

## Admission review process - McGill calculation of the "Top 5"

Select the location of your school:

### — School located IN Canada

Admission is based on McGill's calculation of your 'Top 5' academic Grade 12 courses, including the prerequisites for the program to which you applied.

- In the case of repeated courses the best result will be used in the 'Top 5' calculation, as required.
- For programs where science and/or math are prerequisites, these must normally have been completed within the last five years.
- If you are applying on the basis of a Grade 12 diploma issued by the Nunavut Department of Education, the language course, Inuktitut, and the social science course, Aulajaaqtut, are regarded as academic courses and may be included in the top-five course average.
- Grade 12 English or French will be included in the 'Top 5' calculation, depending on the language of instruction at your school.
- You must have obtained, prior to the start of classes, a high school diploma that gives you access to university education in your home province or territory.





# CAREER PROGRAMS



## VSB CAREER EDUCATION

- Youth WORK in Trades Program
- Youth TRAIN in Trades Program
- [vsb.bc.ca/site/Career-Programs](http://vsb.bc.ca/site/Career-Programs)





# YOUTH WORK IN TRADES PROGRAM

## Youth WORK in Trades



Earn while you learn  
before you graduate  
high school



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

- Start your apprenticeship training while in Grade 10, 11 or 12.
- Earn up to 16 high school credits
- Receive a Youth Work in Trades certificate upon graduation.



# YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES PROGRAM



- Dual credit with a post secondary institution
- Head start with foundation program training
- Registration with the Industry Training Authority
- May lead directly into an apprenticeship
- Work experience in a trade





Location: [VSB Career Programs](#) » [OUR PROGRAMS](#) » Youth TRAIN in Trades

## Youth TRAIN in Trades

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**TRAIN**

**IN TRADES**

The Vancouver School Board offers a wide variety of Youth TRAIN in Trades programs (formerly known as ACE IT).

Students accepted into a program will receive elective credits toward graduation, post-secondary credit, and Industry Training Authority (ITA) technical trades apprenticeship training.



[Auto Collision](#)

[Auto Refinish Prep](#)

[Auto Service Tech](#)

[Baking & Pastry Arts](#)

[Carpentry](#)

[Commercial Painter](#)

[Cook](#)

[Electrical](#)

[Hairstylist](#)

[Heavy Mechanical](#)

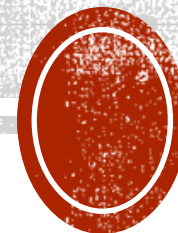
[Metal Fabrication](#)

[Millwright](#)

[Motorcycle & Power](#)

[Plumbing](#)

**VSB**  
**CAREER**  
**PROGRAMS**







- Registration typically starts in late April or early May.
- Inform counsellor of your plans to take a Summer School course
- Completion courses:  
5-6 weeks (3 hours/day)  
July – August
- Review/Preview courses:  
4 weeks (1.5 hours/day)  
July



# COURSE PLANNING SCHEDULE



- Attend course planning presentation
- Research course options for Grade 11 while thinking about post-secondary plans.
- Complete course planning form, due in computer lab Feb. 3-11 .
- Enter Grade 11 courses into MyEd Feb 3-11 in computer lab
- Complete Grade 10 courses to the best of your ability.



# COURSE SELECTION



## Prince of Wales Secondary School Grade 11 Course Planning Sheet

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student # \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 10 – Current Year	Grade 11 – Course Requests
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check off the courses you are currently enrolled in.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check the courses you are requesting for grade 11.
<input type="checkbox"/> EN 10 <input type="checkbox"/> ELL Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> EN 10 Mini <input type="checkbox"/> English 10 Double Block <input type="checkbox"/> ELL Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> English 11 Double Block <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 11 <input type="checkbox"/> ELL Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> English 11 Mini <input type="checkbox"/> ELL Intermediate
<input type="checkbox"/> SS 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional SS <input type="checkbox"/> SS 10 Mini <input type="checkbox"/> ELL SS	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <sup>th</sup> Century World History 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional SS <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Theory 12 <input type="checkbox"/> ELL SS <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Socials 11 Mini
<input type="checkbox"/> Math 10 Foundations & Pre-Calculus <input type="checkbox"/> Math 10 Foundations & Pre-Calculus Mini <input type="checkbox"/> Math 10 Workplace <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus 11 Mini <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Math 11 <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Science 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10 Mini <input type="checkbox"/> ELL Science <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<b>Science choose 1</b> (additional science courses can be taken as elective) <input type="checkbox"/> Life Science (Biology) 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Science 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11
<input type="checkbox"/> PE 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Learn to Play Hockey 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Ice Hockey 10	Language or Elective 1 _____ Elective 2 _____ Elective 3 _____ Elective 4 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> French 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Beginners' Spanish 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Support <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 10 <input type="checkbox"/> ELL Support <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Alternative 1 _____ Alternative 2 _____ Alternative 3 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Education 10 at PW <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<b>Summer School/Online Plans or other important info</b> _____ _____

- Course planning form will be posted to on the Grade 10 TEAMS channel
- Course Planning Form to be filled out and reviewed by you and your parents
- Please include student cell phone number and email address





# COURSE SELECTION

## Course Planning Guide

To view the Course Planning Guide please download the PDF below:

[PW Course Planning Guide 2026-2027](#)

Here are the [Instructions for Student Online Course Selection in MyEd](#) (I select your courses for next year in MyEd).

[Grade 8 \(Grads of 2030\) Course Planning Schedule](#)

[Grade 9 \(Grads of 2029\) Course Planning Schedule](#)

[Grade 10 \(Grads of 2028\) Course Planning Schedule](#)

[Grade 11 \(Grads of 2027\) Course Planning Schedule](#)

Further information has been posted to the grade specific TEAM. Please with your child.

- **Course descriptions in the PW Course Planning Guide on PW website**
- **Click Guidance and Support tab**
- **Click PW Course Planning Guide 2026-2027**
- **Powerpoint Grade presentations posted here**



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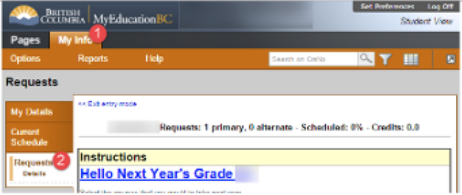
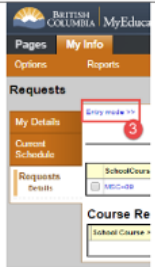
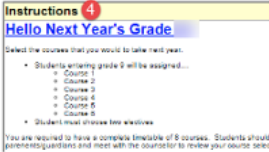
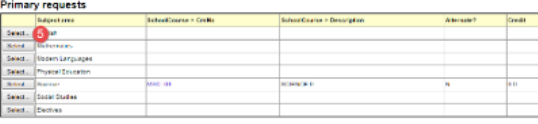


## Course Planning Guide

**2026 – 2027**

- Course descriptions for each course offered at PW listed in Course Planning Guide
- Please read course descriptions before making course selections
- Don't just ask your friends what they are taking, do your own research



<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Click on <b>My Info</b> Top Tab</li> <li>2. Click on <b>Requests</b> Side Tab</li> </ol>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Click on <b>"Entry mode&gt;&gt;"</b> if you see it</li> </ol>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Read and follow the instructions for the grade you are entering into</li> </ol>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Click the <b>"Select"</b> button see options of courses in that subject area</li> </ol>	

# ENTERING COURSE CHOICES INTO MYED

## Course Planning – Second Session

- please come prepared to enter your choices into MyEd.
- You can enter them prior to your scheduled session below or you can enter them during your schedule session.
- Either way Ms. Baerg will review them with you and answer questions you may have.





Grade/Counsellor	Group (Last Name) / # of Students	Room	Date/Time
<b>10 (Grads 2028)</b> Julie Baerg	Arshad - Greenhill (25)	C106	Tuesday February 3rd, 2026 (PM FIT: 1:22 PM- 2:02 PM)
	Gutteridge – <u>Lalloni De Franchaschi</u> (25)	C106	Wednesday February 4th, 2026 (AM FIT: 8:40 AM – 9:20 AM)
	<u>Lalloni De Franchaschi</u> - Neil (25)	C106	Thursday February 5th, 2026 (PM FIT: 1:22 PM- 2:02 PM)
	Ng - <u>Tan</u> (25)	C106	Monday February 9th, 2026 (AM FIT: 8:40 AM – 9:20 AM)
	Tang – Yang (20)	C106	Tuesday February 10, 2026 (PM FIT: 1:22 PM- 2:02 PM)
	Ye – Zoric (13)	C106	Wednesday February 11, 2026 (AM FIT: 8:40 AM – 9:20 AM)

# **GRADE 10 COURSE PLANNING COMPUTER LAB SCHEDULE C106**

# COURSE SELECTION



- Make INFORMED decisions. Talk to your Teachers, Counsellor, parents and friends.
- Read the course descriptions in the Course Planning Guide on the website
- See Ms. Baerg if you have questions.



# PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



Tuesday,  
January 27

6:30 – 7:30

Auditorium



# QUESTIONS?



- Come see Ms. Baerg
- [jbaerg@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jbaerg@vsb.bc.ca)

