

## Grad News & Info.

The [Gator News for Grads Newsletter](#) provides Grade 12 students and their parent(s) with information about upcoming important dates and deadlines. It is sent electronically to all Grade 12 students and parents who provide their email addresses to our main office. It is published approximately every two weeks. The first edition had a number of hyperlinks and outlined up-coming deadlines. It is posted on our website: [Grad News #1](#)

We also tweet post-secondary, scholarship, and career opportunities through [@GatorFutures](#)

Our Career Department posts opportunities and information on their Instagram account: [@WGSSCareers](#)

The [WGSS Counselling and Careers Website](#) contains extensive information to help students navigate the post-secondary process and prepare for their future career. The [Post-Secondary](#) section of the website contains a month-to-month [timeline](#) that outlines what students need to do to prepare for post-secondary studies. There is also a list of [post-secondary terms with definitions](#) and a number of other resources such as the [application service links](#). You will find links to [BC Public Post-Secondary Institutions](#), major [Canadian Institutions](#), and a section about [Studying in the US](#) or [Studying Abroad](#).

## Post-Secondary BC Website

What's post-secondary education all about? Is it about choosing a specific career? Or is it about developing the skills you need to become successful in any number of different jobs and careers?

The truth is that post-secondary can be about all of the above and more. You definitely don't need to have all of the answers right now. In fact, it's ok to change your mind about what you want to get out of your post-secondary experience along the way.

The key is to give yourself as many options as possible in the future. The Post Secondary BC website was developed by 30 colleges and universities in BC as a resource to provide students and their parent/s with a helpful one-stop-shop of information about the opportunities available for BC students. Take a look and explore: [www.postsecondarybc.ca](http://www.postsecondarybc.ca)

One of the best ways to learn more about life after high school and why you might consider post-secondary is to experience it. From your local college to a larger provincial university, you can take a campus tour, and register to virtually attend information sessions. Check the EVENTS listings on [www.postsecondarybc.ca](http://www.postsecondarybc.ca)

# Capstone

## Life Connections/Capstone 12

All Grade 12 students are enrolled in the Career-Life Connections/Capstone 12 courses (unless they are taking AP Capstone Research). Successful completion of these two courses is required for graduation in the Province of British Columbia. The two courses are a combination of: Career-Life Connections 11 and Capstone 12. Below is a brief description of what is expected of students in each of the courses. For more information about specific assignments related to each course, please visit the school website, under “Departments,” and click on the “CLC/Capstone” tab. At any time during the course, please contact your Capstone teacher with any questions or concerns you may have.

### **Career-Life Connections 11 (2 credits)**

This course will help students prepare for life after secondary school. Students will be expected to complete assignments that will help them apply for school/jobs, learn how to budget, research, and outline their plans post-secondary, and provide proof of work and/or volunteer experience. All students are required to complete 30 hours of work and/or volunteer experience prior to graduation. Students may begin accumulating these hours as soon as they complete their grade 10 year. More information about how to provide proof of these hours will be outlined by their CLC/Capstone teacher.

### **Capstone 12 (2 credits)**

Students will complete a culminating project, presentation, or performance that allows them the opportunity to consolidate and showcase the learning from their school and life experience into a meaningful and relevant product. Students will use innovation, cross curricular knowledge, and critical thinking skills in an area of interest as the basis for the project, which is applicable to a real world concept.

# University Up-Dates

## University of British Columbia

### **Virtual school visits and online events**

UBC has adapted their school visits and events to an online platform this year. UBC recruiters are ready to meet with students through virtual school visits, online events and general provincial presentations.

UBC’s 2021/22 online application will be opening at the end of September. It is recommend that students visit UBC’s [How to Apply](#) page for an overview of the application process, and the [Personal Profile](#) page for tips on writing a strong Personal Profile. Students need to have completed their UBC personal profile by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** in order to be considered for entrance scholarships and early admission.

### **Language 11 requirement: Vancouver campus**

Applicants to UBC's Vancouver campus are required to have a Grade 11 language on their transcript in addition to English 11 and 12.

Transfer standing, external language certificates, and external language assessments granted at the Grade 11 level may also be used to meet the language 11 requirement.

## University of Victoria

UVic recruitment reps will be participating in all [PSBC](#) and [CUE](#) events this fall. UVic will also be hosting numerous virtual events that would be very valuable to prospective students and their families exploring the University of Victoria as a potential destination. These events can all be found on UVic’s “[Tours and Events](#)” page and include:

- **Information sessions** – Presentation highlighting admissions, scholarship and application procedure information.

- **Parent nights** – The same admission, scholarship and application procedure information which is shared during traditional school visits along with some helpful information/tips on how parents/guardians can assist their students to successfully transition to life in university.
- **Student Experience Panels** – Virtual panel of current UVic students sharing their experiences and answering questions about life at the University of Victoria!
- **Lectures and Seminars** – Series of online lectures and seminars with guest speakers from UVic talking about a variety of topics and answering questions.

### **Admissions information**

- September 2021 application deadline for all direct entry programs has moved to **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. The old deadline was February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- [Self-reporting](#) for initial admissions consideration will be available from **February 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Music supplemental application deadline has moved to **January 31<sup>st</sup>**
- Visual Arts supplemental application deadline has moved to **January 31<sup>st</sup>**
- B.Com supplemental application deadline has moved to **January 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **Douglas College**

#### **Applications & Entrance Scholarships**

- Applications for [Douglas College](#) as well as [Entrance Scholarships and Awards](#) for prospective students open 8:30am, October 1st, 2020.
- Douglas has revamped their Entrance Scholarships and Awards process to reduce barriers and make them more accessible to students. A few things to note about applications:
  - Applications remain open until programs are full. There are a handful of exceptions including [Veterinary Technology](#) (January 15) and [Sports Science](#) (May 1st).

- Many of Douglas' programs are first-qualified, first-admitted so applying early is crucial. Douglas' [Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants](#), (the pathway into Bachelor of Science in Nursing) fills up quickly so we recommend students apply first thing on **Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**
- All students who are interested in getting to know the College more can visit the [Future Students](#) page to schedule virtual campus tour visits, register for online info sessions, learn more about the admissions process and programs Douglas offers, and more.

### **Vancouver Island University**

- VIU is now offering a Bachelor of Kinesiology degree
- Bachelor of Science admission requirements have changed: minimum "B" in either Pre-Calculus 12.
- Applications open **October 1** for academic programs.
- **October 3** – [virtual online event](#)
- **January 31** – B.Sc. in Nursing application deadline
- **March 31** – application deadline for most academic programs, scholarship and award and bursary profile

### **University of Manitoba**

#### **Online Info Sessions**

- UManitoba is pleased to introduce a new virtual information session for students and their families which can be viewed from the comfort of their home.
- Info Sessions: **September 21 – November 26**
- [Register](#) for these 20-minute live sessions or view recordings of any info session they missed.
- Additional info: [Link to more info](#)

**Unique UManitoba Program: University 1**

High school students can take the direct entry route into a faculty or program, which means either beginning in **University 1 (U1)** or applying to a program that offers a direct entry option. U1 is UManitoba's most popular first year program, which allows students a great deal of flexibility in their first year.

**University 1 features:**

- Flexibility for students to take first year courses in one or more different subject areas.
- Access to first year courses for all UManitoba degree programs.
- Dedicated academic advisors who specialize in the transition from high school to university, and who will help students with all their academic planning and support needs.

University 1 does not add extra time or cost to a degree and serves as year 1 of any 3 or 4-year degree program. In addition to the flexibility it offers, U1 is also ideal for students who do not meet the higher admission requirements required for other direct entry options, or for students who are interested in a program that requires one or more years of prior university experience (e.g., Nursing, Environmental Design, etc.). [UManitoba U1 link](#)

## Up-coming Learning Opportunities

**University of Victoria Information Session**Date: **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**Time: **4:00 – 5:00 pm**Place: **Virtual**Info: [Information and Registration](#)

- These events are focused on students applying for September 2021, but we welcome everyone who is thinking about studying at UVic in the future.

**Workshop: How to Write a Scholarship Essay**Date: **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**Time: **4:00 pm**Place: **Virtual**Register: [Registration Link](#)

- Jonathan from TWU will explain the process of finding and applying for scholarships. This workshop will be beneficial for all Grade 12 students who are preparing to write their first scholarship essay.

**Canadian University Event (C.U.E.)**

The Canadian Universities Event (CUE) is a consortium of 50+ post-secondary institutions across Canada. This year they will be hosting a unique virtual experience for students and families interested in learning about post-secondary options. CUE will have live events which feature representatives from a variety of universities.

Students will be able to register and login for the CUE virtual events on the day that suits their schedule. Each attending CUE institution will be hosting online sessions during the times listed below. Students are encouraged to explore the virtual booths with curiosity and an open mind. Student events are scheduled for:

Monday	Sept. 28	4:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday	Sept. 29	4:00 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday	Sept. 30	4:00 – 8:00 pm
Thursday	Oct. 1	4:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 3	10 am – 2 pm
Tuesday	Oct. 6	4:00 – 8:00 pm
Thursday	Oct. 8	4:00 – 8:00 pm

- This is your opportunity to speak directly with advisors.
  - [Scheduled events](#)
  - [Registration link](#)

### **SFU On-line Info Session for Prospective Students**

Date: **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Time: **8:00 am – 9:00 am**

Place: **Virtual**

Info: [Information and Registration](#)

#### ***Registration Required***

- Interested in studying at SFU? Join this online information session to get a comprehensive overview of SFU and to find out more information about their faculties, academic programs, admission requirements, and campus life.
- Each session will include a presentation followed by a live chat with a Student Recruitment representative.

### **University of Saskatchewan Virtual Open House**

Date: **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **1:00 – 5:00 pm (3:00 – 7:00 pm CST)**

Place: **Virtual**

Info: [Information and Registration](#)

- Students will [need to pre-register](#) in order to attend the event
- Students and their supporters are invited to explore USask's academic programs and student experiences through:
  - Live-streamed demonstrations and presentations starting every half hour during the event
  - One-on-one chats with representatives from programs and services across USask in their virtual information fair
  - Digital materials and videos you can check out during the event or save for later
- USask application for Fall 2021 intake will be open on Sept 24
- Students who register for USask Open House and attend will be entered to win one of 30 Shop USask gift cards valued at \$100

### **Education & Career Fairs (ECF)**

Date: **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **3:30 – 4:30 pm**

Place: **Zoom**

Info: [Information and Registration](#)

- The Education & Career Fairs (ECF) is a virtual event that provides opportunities for individuals to connect with universities, colleges, career training institutions, employers, and industry associations. ECF is the perfect fair for secondary students planning for higher education, young adults looking to transfer their work experience and skills to a different industry, and new immigrants seeing employment and further training to settle in Canada.

### **Study and Go Abroad Fair**

Date: **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

Place: **Virtual**

Time: **11:00 am – 5:00 pm**

- Meet virtually with universities from Canada and around the world from the comfort of your home.
- Chat live with representatives from universities and professional schools during the fair. Learn about undergraduate degrees, diplomas, and certificate programs at home and abroad. Ask about admission requirements, and available scholarships.
- Taking a gap year? Visit the student travel booths to find out more about gap year options, including work abroad.
- The fair webinar schedule is on their [website](#). You can see which institutions are attending [here](#).
- Pre-register for the fair for FREE [here](#)

**University of Victoria Parent Info Night**Date: **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**Time: **5:00 – 7:00 pm**Place: **Virtual**Info: [Information and Registration](#)

- This is for parents/guardians of high school students (teens are welcome to join). UVic reps will share all of the information they provide in their visits to schools, including admission requirements, scholarships and upcoming application deadlines. They will also offer advice on helping your children successfully transition to life at university.

**JIBC - Law Enforcement Studies Information Session**Date: **Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**Time: **7:00 – 8:30 pm**Place: **Virtual**Info: [Information and Registration](#)

- Register for this virtual information session for information on Law Enforcement Studies diploma and degree programs
- A limited number of free tickets are available. A link to the online event will be provided on the day of the event to the email address provided when registering.
- To learn more about the Law Enforcement Studies Diploma program, visit [www.jibc.ca/lesd](http://www.jibc.ca/lesd).
- To learn more about the Bachelor of Law Enforcement Studies, visit [www.jibc.ca/bles](http://www.jibc.ca/bles)

**Future Teachers: UVic Info Session**Date: **Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**Place: **Virtual**Time: **4:00 – 6:00 pm**Info: [Information and Registration](#)

- Considering a career as a teacher? Join Dr. Carmen Rodriguez from the Faculty of Education to explore the various pathways to becoming a teacher, not just in relation to the programs at UVic, but also in terms of the attitudes, dispositions, and other values that are necessary to develop your knowledge, understanding, and support of our world.

**KPU Virtual Open House**Date: **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**Place: **Virtual**Time: **12:00 – 2:00 pm**Info: [Information](#)

- Join KPU for demos and presentations from faculty and staff to learn more and pick up some cool tips and tricks along the way.
- Take a virtual tour from the safety and comfort of home at your leisure.
- There are FOUR chances to win free tuition. Stay tuned throughout the virtual open house to see how you can enter to win a waiver worth \$500.
- Throughout the virtual event you'll also have the opportunity to join in Q&A sessions.
- Contact the [Future Students' Office](#) with more questions, anytime, via phone, email, or video.

**University of Calgary Open House**Date: **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**Place: **Virtual**Time: **10:00 – 3:00 pm**Info: [Information](#)

- U of Calgary is opening their digital doors to future students and their families to learn about their world-class faculties and services, chat with faculty members, current students, and staff members.
- You will also have the opportunity to learn more about admission requirements and explore campus in a virtual 360 live guided campus tour.

**Canada Ivy Plus Student Sessions**

- Canada Ivy Plus Student Sessions will include very brief introductions from the schools in attendance (Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Stanford, University of Pennsylvania, Yale), a discussion around the liberal arts, residential life, admissions, and financial aid, as well as the impact of COVID-19 on the admissions process this year

- There will be ample time for questions submitted by the audience either prior or during the event. There are three options, all geared towards Canadian students:
- [Canada Ivy+ Student Session 1](#), Sunday, October 4th, 5:00–6:00 PM EDT
- [Canada Ivy+ Student Session 2](#), Monday, October 5th, 8:00–9:00 PM EDT
- [Canada Ivy+ Student Session 3](#), Wednesday, October 7th, 8:00–9:00 PM EDT

### **BCIT Program Info Sessions**

Date: **October 1 through December 31**  
 Place: **Virtual**  
 Time: **Various**  
 Info: [Information](#)

- Information Sessions are a simple way to learn more about a program, related careers, and to get your questions answered by faculty and staff.
- To find and register for an information session, you can browse BCIT's info sessions by category or [view them all](#).
- *BCIT Watch and Win contest*: Join BCIT at any info session between October 1- December 31, 2020 and you'll be given a chance to enter and win one of five \$1,000 tuition prizes. For full contest details visit [bcit.ca/win/](http://bcit.ca/win/)

### **BCIT – Big Info Session – At-home Edition**

Date: **Tuesday - Thursday, October 6-8**  
 Place: **Virtual**  
 Time: **4:00 – 7:30 pm**  
 Info: [Information](#)

- Big Info is the largest program expo and information session at BCIT. You will find out about all of BCIT's programs – from [business](#), [computing](#), and [health](#) to [engineering](#), [trades](#), and [applied sciences](#).
- This fall, BCIT is hosting **Big Info on Zoom** over three nights. Join them from the comfort of your home to explore multiple areas of study, learn more about what it's like to study at BCIT, and find a program that's right for you. Each night will cover specific industry sectors as well as key student service areas.

- Sessions will run for 50 minutes, unless otherwise noted, with 10-minute breaks scheduled between each presentation.

### **Experience VCC – Open House**

Date: **Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 6-7**  
 Time: **9:30 am – 4:00 pm**  
 Place: **Virtual**  
 Info: [Information](#)

- Attend webinar-style sessions and demos hosted by VCC instructors from over 130 different programs, get a taste of online and on-campus learning at VCC, and ask all the questions you want.

### **G(irls)20 Global Summit**

Date: **Saturday, October 24**  
 Time: **9:00 am – 4:00 pm**  
 Place: **Virtual**  
 Info: [Information](#)

- Since 2010, the G(irls)20 Global Summit has served as the only platform for young women to influence the G20. Every year, G(irls)20 has hosted a week-long summit for delegates from 20+ countries in the same country as the G20 Presidency. In 2020, Saudi Arabia will host the G20.
- In October 2020, 27 young women from around the world will meet online for the 11th Global Summit. They will have access to world-class leadership training, social enterprise development and mentoring by female leaders in the business and public sectors.

### **The summit for delegates will include:**

- Workshops building valuable leadership skills
- An online-event, made public for thousands of young women around the world, to learn from inspirational speakers and policy experts about young women's inclusion in the economy and society!
- This year, G(irls)20 is welcoming all young women from around the world to the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Global Summit. We invite you, from wherever you are in the world, to attend, get inspired and connect with other Global Summit participants and attendees.

**The summit for attendees will look like:**

- Ask questions in provoking discussions with leading experts on young women and the global economy.
- Visit the spotlight on Saudi Arabia, host of the 2020 G20 Summit, and hear how young women are creating social change.
- Network with leaders and young women who are changing the status quo from every region around the world.

**Explore Capilano University Open House**Date: **Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19 - 21**Time: **8:30 am – 9:00 pm**Place: **Virtual**Info: [Information](#)

- Learn if CapU is right for you.
- You can explore:
  - Discover 90+ programs
  - Connect with faculty in interactive info sessions
  - See samples of student work
  - Meet alumni and current students
  - Take part in a live chat
  - Get your questions answered
  - Learn about next steps

**TWU Preview Weekends**Registration: [TWU Link](#)

- TWU Live is an immersive, next-level virtual experience.
- Explore campus, meet professors, win prizes, and more – all from the comfort of your home.
- All you need to participate is a laptop, desktop computer or mobile device.

## Applications

Students who are wanting to stay in BC for their future studies, can begin the application process through this website:

[apply.educationplannerbc.ca/](http://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/)

On this site, many institutions have direct links to their program requirements and/or videos demonstrating how to complete their on-line application.

Similar application services are available for students applying to [Ontario](#) and/or [Alberta](#) institutions.

The majority of the following institutions are accepting applications at this time for September 2020 (a few will open October 1<sup>st</sup>):

- Emily Carr
- McGill
- Queen's
- SFU
- TWU
- UBC
- UVIC
- U of Alberta
- U of Calgary
- U of Toronto
- Waterloo
- All USA Institutions

Kwantlen, Douglas and BCIT have limited intake entry programs. When they open the morning of **October 1<sup>st</sup>** some of their programs will fill on a first applied, first enrolled basis, and thereby fill within the first 30 min – two hours. Check [Grads New #1](#) for specific dates and links to websites.

Note: Students applying to BCIT on **October 1<sup>st</sup>** will need to have a PDF of their transcript which they up-load on the morning they apply. Request for a PDF of interim marks (e.g. your Diploma Verification) can be sent to Ms. K. Kalynn in the Counselling Centre. Please allow four days for the processing of your request. Ms. Kalynn's email address is: [KKalynn@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:KKalynn@sd35.bc.ca)

**University of Toronto – Dates and Deadlines**

- **November 7<sup>th</sup>**: Early consideration OUAC application deadline
- **November 15<sup>th</sup>**: Early consideration document submission deadline
- *The grades uploaded at this time can be final grades for past years and current grades for courses in progress. However, applicants should update this information when they receive their December grades. These can all be uploaded and self-reported; they do not need to be official documents.*
- **January 15<sup>th</sup>**: Final application deadline

# Scholarships

## Basant Motors Scholarship

- \$2,600 (x10)
- The Basant Motors Scholarship is developed to honour the belief of giving back to the community. This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors going to further their education at a post-secondary institution
- Please see Basant's [website](#) for complete information and the application
- **Deadline: September 27<sup>th</sup>**

## Loran Scholars

- Leadership, Character, Service
- 36 Loran Awards, valued at up to \$100,000 each for students studying at 25 partner universities
- The Loran is Canada's most comprehensive competitive merit award. It comprises of a living stipend, tuition waiver, summer program, mentorship and annual scholar forums.
- WGSS is able to sponsor up to three applicants; other applicants are welcome to submit to the "direct pool"
- Students who wish to be considered as a '*sponsored applicant*' must have their fully completed application and a copy of their Comprehensive Resume to Ms. Kifiak by **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**
- Minimum cumulative average of 85%
- Sponsored application due date: **October 15<sup>th</sup>**
- WGSS will have informed the chosen sponsored applicants by Friday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Direct pool applicants Due Date: **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- [Loran Scholar Info](#)
- This year there are also two webinars for students to watch if they are interested in applying for the Loran Scholarship:  
[Student Webinar 1: Sept. 29 @12pm ET](#)  
[Student Webinar 2: Oct. 6 @6pm ET](#)

## Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarship

- Awarded to BC students pursuing full-time studies with critical financial need (\$65,000 or less net family income or extenuating circumstances)
- Student must have demonstrated integrity and *perseverance in overcoming adversity*; strength of character, a good academic record, a commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, and a desire to contribute to society.
- **Deadline: October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
[Horatio Alger Scholarship Info](#)

## U of T Book Award

- The University of Toronto National Book Award Program recognizes and rewards the very best Canadian secondary school students, regardless of which university those students choose to attend.
- These winners are students who demonstrate superior academic performance, original and creative thought, and exceptional achievement in a broad context. They excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and have a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities.
- It is not necessary that the student intend to apply for admission to the University of Toronto.
- Award recipients receive a National Book Award recognizing their achievements, and as a symbol of their academic potential. It is a non-monetary award. The book will be presented to the student at their secondary school graduation ceremony at the end of the school year.
- Students nominated for this award are invited to submit an application to the U of T National Scholarship Program.

**Eligibility for U of T Book Award:** Recipients must be:

- Nominated by their high school
- Must be attending a post-secondary institution next September
- Canadian citizens or permanent residents or protected persons
- Demonstrate superior academic performance, original and creative thought, and exceptional achievement in a broad context
- Students who excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and have a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities
- Students who wish to be considered need to submit their Comprehensive Resume to Ms. Kifiak for the Scholarship Committee to review by **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**
- [More information](#)

#### **TD Leadership Scholarship**

- TD Leadership scholarship is looking for applicants who have demonstrated **outstanding** and **consistent** dedication to solve a community problem or make their community better.
- Require 2 letters of support from community groups, 1 letter from school, essay and transcript
- **Deadline: November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
[TD Canada Trust Scholarship Info](#)

#### **P.E.O. STAR Scholarship**

- \$2,500
- Recognizes young women of stellar achievement
- Must be used for the academic year following high school graduation or it will be forfeited
- Candidates must exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success
- Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Must be a Canadian or US Citizen
- Students who wish to be considered for nomination of this award need to contact Patricia at 778-298-5579 [pattishak@shaw.ca](mailto:pattishak@shaw.ca) **as soon as possible** so that a virtual interview time can be scheduled.
- [P.E.O. Star Scholarship Info](#)

## **ENTRANCE EXAMS**

### **SAT**

- Those students who are considering attending an American Institution, or who will be playing on an NCAA team (e.g. SFU) may want to consider writing the SAT and have those results by December
- **School Code is: 821161**  
Register at: <http://sat.collegeboard.org>
- **NOTE:** *The majority of US institutions are not requiring students to have written the SAT or ACT for admission for 2021 due to COVID.*

### **PSAT Exam**

The PSAT is a preparation test for the SAT and “on average, students who take the PSAT score 136 points higher on the SAT than those who do not. “

- Generally, this test is done by Grade 11 students in preparation for writing the SAT in June of their Grade 11 year or in the fall of their Grade 12 year
- To register for the PSAT, please visit: [PSAT Registration and Payment Link](#)
- The cost is \$45
- *Due to limited spaces, exams will be available for the first students who pay in full*

#### *Exam Details:*

Date: **Wednesday, October 14**  
 Time: **3:30 – 8:00 pm**  
**\*\*Arrive by 3:15\*\***  
 Place: **R.E. Mountain Secondary**  
**7633 202A Street, Langley**  
**Rooms 0112/0114/0116**

- This is a timed test
- For more information contact:  
[Ms. S. Docherty](#) at WGSS or  
[Mrs. T. Springenatic](#) at REMSS.

### Language Challenge Test Information

- “Challenge Tests” are available through the Delta School District primarily for students who have a second (or third) language but who do not have the equivalence or external language credits on their high school transcript.
- A student is eligible for Equivalency if they have studied the language in their home country up to Grade 8 and/or 9 level.
- If a student wishes to write a Challenge Test, they are able to participate in a formal evaluation of a Grade 11 and/or 12 Language course in order to receive credit with a percentage mark on their transcript. It is a strong recommendation, given the mature level of understanding required in the challenge activities, that students challenge the grade 11 course while they are in grade 10 and **not** before.
- Note: The Language Challenge Exam will meet the Language Entrance requirement for university. However, not all institutions will use it in the calculation for your entrance GPA (e.g. UBC and U of T will not use it as an academic course).
- The student registration packages for 2020/21 are available online. WGSS students who wish to write the test should complete the fillable registration package. They then print pages 9-11, and bring those pages with a passport photo, and cheque, made payable to Delta School District. ISP students will bring their completed package to Mr. Cai (ISP Coordinator), non-ISP students will bring their completed package to Ms. Kifiak in the Counselling Centre for signature. We would like to have all application packages before Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> so we have time to process them and get them to SD35 who in turn sends them to [Delta School District](#).
- We encourage students not to wait until the last moment as in the past, when there were errors with how cheques were written, the student had to take their application to the School Board office themselves.

## Career Education Opportunities

Hello Grads, my name is Cherise McGee. I am the Career Advisor at WGSS this year and I am here to assist all students with anything career related. I have a diverse background, connections within the community and creative ways to ensure you are set up for success when you transition from high school into the next phase of your life, whatever that looks like! If you haven't done so already please do the following

- Follow us on Instagram [@WGSSCareers](#)
- Connect with me on TEAMS or by email [cmcgee@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:cmcgee@sd35.bc.ca) or drop in to Room 120 where there is room for physical distance in-person meetings!

### **Current Opportunities:**

[WAVE](#) – Work and Volunteer Experience – If you are currently working, we want to hear from you. Mr. Dickson (WAVE Teacher) and I are hunting down any Gator who might be able to ***gain credits while working***. Does your job align with your future career aspiration? Come and find us! If you are interested in finding out more about the WAVE program, please complete the following [link](#)

[Youth TRAIN in Trades](#) – There is currently room in the Hairstylist and Piping and Plumbing programs. If you missed the application deadline there is still an opportunity for you to get in book an appointment ASAP.

