

Handsworth Secondary

Course Programming 2025/2026

Students entering Grade 12

**The Handsworth community develops empowered,
innovative, and compassionate learners who serve and
lead with curiosity and integrity.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, on whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides. I value the opportunity to learn, share, and grow on this traditional territory.

OVERVIEW

- Introductions
- Overview of grade 12
- Review of graduation program
- Courses and programs offered
- Post-secondary planning - brief

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THE WORLD OF THE GRADE 12 STUDENT

- ↩ Final year of the graduation program
- ↩ Growing independence and self-advocacy
- ↩ Juggling responsibilities
- ↩ Increased academic and social expectations
- ↩ Future considerations
- ↩ Grad year at a glance
 - ↓ Council
 - ↓ Sanctioned vs. unsanctioned events
 - ↓ Ceremony and banquet
 - ↓ Parent committee
 - ↓ Scholarship process



BC GRADUATION PROGRAM



- ↪ Dogwood Diploma
- ↪ Begins with grade 10 courses
- ↪ Minimum of **80 credits** in grades 10, 11, and 12
 - ↪ **52 credits** (13 courses) are required courses
 - ↪ **28 credits** (7 courses) are elective courses
 - ↪ Minimum **16 credits** (4 courses) must be at the Grade 12 level

BC GRADUATION PROGRAM



Required Courses

52 credits

Language Arts 10, 11, *and* 12

12 credits

Social Studies 10

4 credits

A Social Studies 11 *or* 12

4 credits

Science 10

4 credits

A Science 11 *or* 12

4 credits

A Math 10

4 credits

A Math 11 *or* 12

4 credits

PHE 10

4 credits

Art Ed. *or* ADST 10, 11, *or* 12

4 credits

Career Life Education 10

4 credits

Career Life Connections 12

4 credits

Course with Indigenous content

No credits associated



Elective Credits

28 credits

 **Total**

80 credits minimum

BC GRADUATION PROGRAM CONT'D



← Provincial Graduation Assessments

- Literacy 10
- Numeracy 10
- Literacy 12
- (French Literacy 12 – for French immersion students only)

← Capstone Project

- Completed through CLC
- Presentations in Spring 2026

← 30 Hours Work/Volunteer Experience

- Due **March 1, 2026**
- Paid or volunteer experience over grades 10-12
- See Files tab in CLC Team or Handsworth website for document ("Community Connections")
- Submit paperwork and proof to the black box in the main counselling area
- To be completed outside of Handsworth
- Reach out to Ms. O'Connor with questions

PROVINCIAL GRADUATION ASSESSEMENTS

- ← Marked on a 4-point proficiency scale
 - Emerging (1) / Developing (2) / Proficient (3) / Extending (4)
- ← Reported separately on transcript – not blended with any course
- ← Universities are not interested in the Numeracy assessment at this time
- ← Only UBC has made a statement about using the Literacy 12 assessment*
- ← [Assessment information](#)



*UBC requires “Proficient” (3) on the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment to maintain your offer of admission. BC high school applicants who do not meet this level of proficiency will have their admission offers reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

- Opportunity to honour our responsibility for and commitment to Truth, Reconciliation, and Anti-Racism
- Minimum one four-credit course with an Indigenous focus
- Embedded within current 80-credit graduation requirements
- How to fulfil this requirement at Handsworth:
 - **English First Peoples 11: Literary Studies & Writing 11** (+ English 11 credit)
 - **English First Peoples 12** (+ English 12 credit)
 - **BC First Peoples 12** (+ Social Studies 11 or 12 credit)

3-YEAR OVERVIEW ENGLISH PROGRAM

| GRADE 10 | GRADE 11 | GRADE 12 |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|
| English 10 (Lit Studies + Composition or Creative Writing) | English 11 | English 12 |
| Social Studies 10 | Socials 11 or 12 | Career Life Connections 12 |
| Science 10 | Science 11 or 12 | Elective |
| Math 10 (Workplace or Foundations & Pre-Calculus) | Math 11 or 12 | Elective |
| Physical & Health Education 10 | Elective | Elective |
| Career Life Education 10 | Elective | Elective |
| Elective | Elective | Elective |
| Elective | Elective | Elective |

3-YEAR OVERVIEW FRENCH IMMERSION

| GRADE 10 | GRADE 11 | GRADE 12 |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| English 10 (Lit Studies + Composition or Creative Writing) | English 11 | English 12 |
| Sciences Humaines 10 | Histoire 12 | Career Life Connections 12 |
| Science Naturelles 10 | Science 11 or 12 | Français Langue 12 |
| Math 10 (Workplace or Foundations & Pre-Calculus) | Math 11 or 12 | Elective |
| Physical & Health Education 10 | Français Langue 11 option | Elective |
| Career Life Education 10 or Carrières 10 | Elective or Français Langue 11* option | Elective |
| Français Langue 10 | Elective | Elective |
| Elective | Elective | Elective |

WHERE AM I ON MY GRAD PATH?

Use myBlueprint

Mail **NVSD Portal** Parents NVSD

Search

nvsd District OneDrive
My NVSD Microsoft 365
École Handsw... BC Digital Cla...
myBlueprint Public Site

Home
Who Am I
High School
Post-Secondary
Work
Money
Guides
Favourites

High School

Plan Courses

Handsworth Secondary

[View Plans](#)

| Grade 10 Completed | Grade 11 Current Year | Grade 12 Next Year | Additional Plan Ahead |
|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| COMPOSITION 10 MCMP510 • 2 Credits | MEFLS11 MEFLS11 • 4 Credits | English First Peoples 12 MENFP12TP (MENFP12) • 4 Credits | + Course |
| LITERARY STUDIES 10 MLTST10 • 2 Credits | FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEM... MFOM-11 • 4 Credits | CAREER LIFE CONNECTIONS MCLC-12 • 4 Credits | + Course |
| FOUNDATIONS OF MATH A... MFMP-10 • 4 Credits | EXPLORATIONS IN SOCIAL S... MEPSS11 • 4 Credits | CHEMISTRY 12 MCH--12 • 4 Credits | + Course |
| SCIENCE 10 MSC--10 • 4 Credits | CHEMISTRY 11 MCH--11 • 4 Credits | ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOG... MATPH12 • 4 Credits | + Course |
| SOCIAL STUDIES 10 MSS--10 • 4 Credits | LIFE SCIENCES 11 MLFSC11 • 4 Credits | PHYSICS 12 MPH--12 • 4 Credits | + Course |
| PHYSICAL AND HEALTH ED... MPHED10DNC (MPHED10) • 4 Credits | FRENCH 11 MFR--11 • 4 Credits | BA PSYCHOLOGY 12 YPSYC2A • 4 Credits | + Course |
| CAREER LIFE EDUCATION CLE-10 • 4 Credits | LAW STUDIES 12 MLST-12 • 4 Credits | FRENCH 12 MFR--12 • 4 Credits | + Course |
| ADST – FOOD STUDIES 10 MFOOD10 • 4 Credits | + Course | + Course | + Course |
| FRENCH 10 MFR--10 • 4 Credits | | | |
| + Course | | | |

Graduation Indicator

80/80

REQUIRED CREDITS

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 50 Planned | 30 Earned | 88 Total |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|

[View Progress](#)

Pathway Eligibility

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[Refresh Eligibility](#)

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Apprenticeship | 68 |
| College | 264 |
| University | 0 |
| Workplace | 32 |

COURSE OPTIONS



COURSE OPTIONS – LANGUAGE ARTS

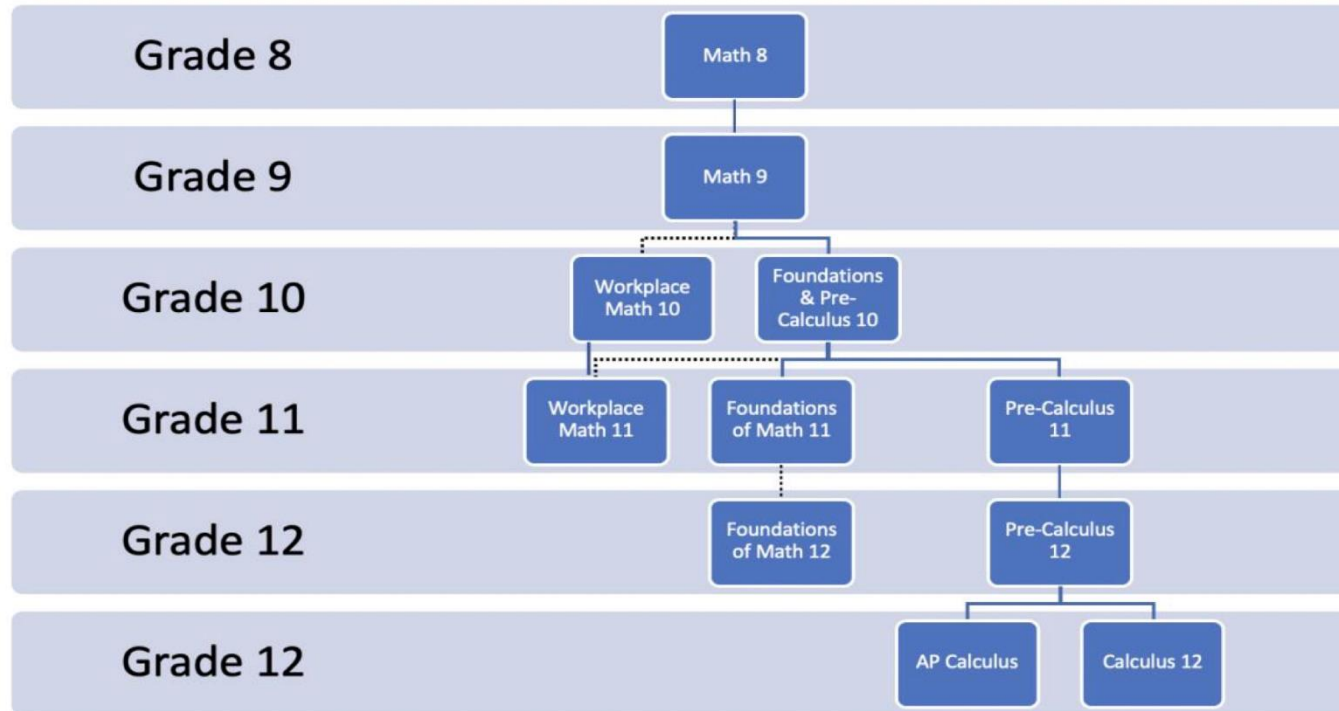
Grade 12

- ← English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 (**required**)
- ← Literary Studies 12 (**elective**)
- ← Creative Writing 12 (**elective**)



COURSE OPTIONS – MATH PATHWAYS

Math Courses Flow Chart



Note:

- Solid lines represent the most common pathways
- Dashed lines represent common variations to these path ways
- See the grade counselor to discuss any alternate pathways

COURSE OPTIONS – SOCIAL STUDIES

Students must take a minimum of one Social Studies 11 or 12 level to meet the graduation requirement

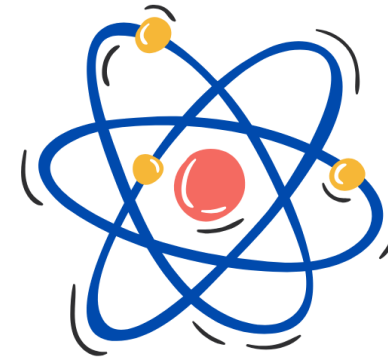
- ← Explorations in Social Studies 11
- ← 20th Century World History 12
- ← Physical Geography 12
- ← BC First Peoples 12 (also satisfies Indigenous-focused graduation requirement)
- ▶ Social Justice 12
- ▶ Comparative Cultures 12
- ▶ Genocide Studies 12
- ▶ Law Studies 12
- ▶ Psychology 12*

* Please note: Psychology 12 does not meet the Social Studies graduation requirement

COURSE OPTIONS – SCIENCE

Students must take a minimum of one Science 11 or 12 level to meet the graduation requirement

- Chemistry 11, 12
- Physics 11, 12
- Life Science 11
- Anatomy and Physiology 12
- Environmental Science 12
- AP Chemistry



COURSE OPTIONS – MODERN LANGUAGES

- ← French 11, 12
- ← French 12 Enriched
- ← Intro Spanish 11
- ← Spanish 11, 12



LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT– EXIT VS. ENTRANCE

EXIT – High School Graduation

- ← A language other than English is **not** required for graduation

ENTRANCE – Post-Secondary

- ← Sept 2026 admission: Canadian universities no longer have a second language entrance requirement for undergraduate programs

COURSE OPTIONS – ELECTIVES

- **Applied Skills, Design, & Tech** (Textiles, Foods, Drafting, Woodwork, Engineering)
- **Business Education** (Marketing and E-Commerce, Accounting, Economics)
- **Computer Science** (Comp. Info Systems, Comp. Science, Media Design, Digital Media Development (Yearbook))
- **Music** (Band, Strings, Choir)
- **Performing Arts** (Drama, Dance, Theatre Tech, Improv, Musical Theatre)
- **Physical & Health Education** (Active Living, Athletic Leadership, Fitness & Conditioning)
- **Visual and Media Arts** (2-D, 3-D, Art Studio, Photo, Graphic Arts/Design, Film Production)



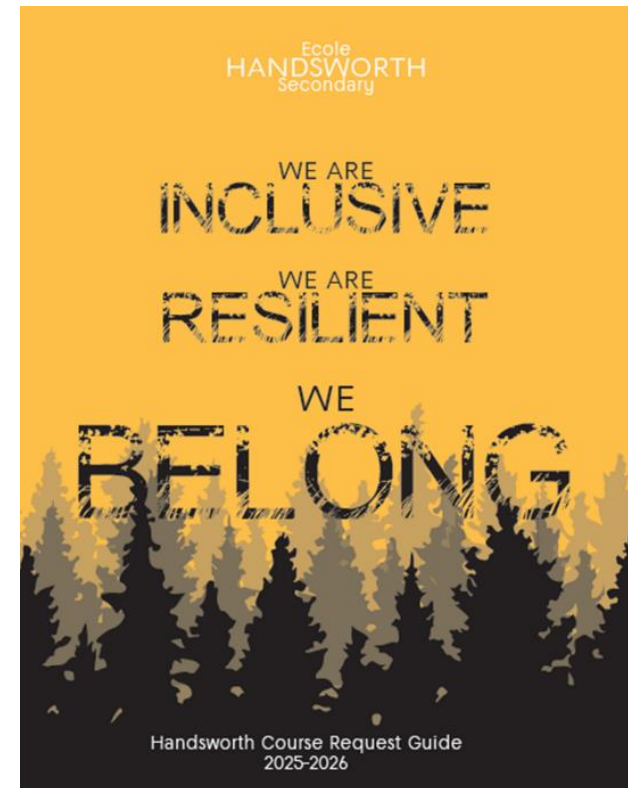
COURSE OPTIONS – ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- ← Offered in some subject areas – see Handsworth Course Guide
- ← Successful completion of an AP course earns credit toward graduation
- ← Successful completion of an AP course and/or exam may earn university credit
 - Check with university directly
- ← Impact on post-secondary applications
- ← Course results appear on student transcripts; AP exam results *do not*
- ← Exam schedules are set by the AP college board – typically May
- ← [College Board](#) has more information

The logo for Advanced Placement (AP) consists of the letters 'A' and 'P' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The 'A' is blue and the 'P' is green.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

- ← For detailed course descriptions, please refer to the [Handsworth Course Request Guide](#), available on the Handsworth website
- ← Discuss with your teachers for more info about best fit for you



FLEXIBLE OPTIONS FOR CREDITS

← External Credits

← Delta Language Challenge Exam

- Farsi, French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin (simplified & traditional), Punjabi, Spanish

← North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL)

- ↳ Many post-secondary schools require online courses to be completed by end of January

← North Vancouver Summer Learning (Summer School)

FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

- ← **Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launch Pad (YELL)** – learn keys to success in business; earn credits, off timetable, Grades 11-12
 - ↓ Info night: Feb 24, 6:30-7:30 at the ESC (2121 Lonsdale Ave)
 - ↓ Applications close March 7
- ← **Skilled Trades BC** – Grades 10, 11, & 12 (Work Experience Coordinator)
- ← **Work Experience** – unpaid internship, real-world work experience, earn credits, Grades 11-12
- ← Contact Ms. Pan and/or Ms. Johnson on Teams for more info

More information available on the [North Vancouver School District website](#)

NVSD ACADEMIES

← Basketball

← Digital Media Academy
(Light)

← Volleyball

← Field Hockey

← Hockey Skills

← Soccer

□ Rowing

□ Robotics, Mechanics, &
Digital Fabrication

□ Dance

□ AFK Studio Art

Applications open Jan. 16

More information available on the [Academies website](#).

NORTH VANCOUVER SUMMER LEARNING

Who is it for?

- Students enhancing their skills
- Students wanting to earn credit towards graduation
- Final year of eligibility, unless a graduation requirement

Registration & Info

- Opens May 1, 9 am
- Closes June 23, 12 pm
- Register through school Cash Online
- [Summer Learning](#)



Good to Know:

- July 2-July 31 at Argyle Secondary
- 8:30 am-12:30 pm
- Summer Learning courses are intensive: 80 hours+ in 4 weeks @ Argyle
- Daily attendance is mandatory
- Academic integrity expectations are high
- Courses fill up quickly; register early to avoid disappointment

SUMMER LEARNING COURSE OPTIONS

| Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| English Composition & Spoken Word | Chemistry 11 | Anatomy & Physiology 12 |
| Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus | Literary Studies 11 | BC First Peoples 12 |
| Physical & Health Education 10 | Foundations of Math 11 | Chemistry 12 |
| Science 10 | Life Sciences 11 | English Studies 12 |
| Social Studies 10 | Physics 11 | English Studies First Peoples 12 |
| | Pre-Calculus 11 | Physics 12 |
| | | Pre-Calculus 12 |

NORTH VANCOUVER ONLINE LEARNING

What is NVOL?

- ← Online courses with instruction & resources delivered online by a NVSD teacher
- ← Self-paced
- ← Continuous registration throughout school year
- ← Engage with teachers virtually

Course Offerings

- ← Grade 8-12 courses
- ← Academic and elective courses
- ← Full list available on the NVOL website

More information available on the [NVOL website](#).



WHAT COURSES SHOULD I REQUEST?

CONSIDER:

- ↪ What graduation requirements do I still need?
- ↪ What post-secondary programs interest me and what are the entrance requirements?
- ↪ What electives do I enjoy?
- ↪ What career directions interest me?
- ↪ Do I want to take any District Programs?
- ↪ Where do my strengths lie?
- ↪ How do I balance my aspirations with what I can realistically take on right now?



HOW TO ENTER MY REQUESTS

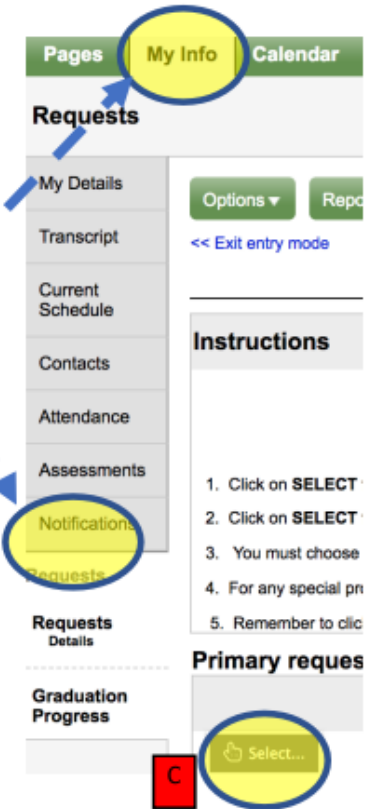
MyEducation BC

- ← Login ID and recovery email are on your course request sheet
 - ↓ Password is *not*
- ← Instructions for login and course request entry were sent to parents and are on the Handsworth website

1. Login to MyEd www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn
2. Enter your user ID (pupil number followed by nv ex. '123564nv') and password - your user ID and is on the white sticker on your course sheet!
 - a. You may immediately get a "**Password has Expired**" pop-up; click **OK**
 - b. Re-enter your password and then create your new password
 - i. Passwords must have 8 characters, 1 upper case letter, 1 numeral and a symbol
 - c. You may be prompted to enter an 'Email' for password recovery. Your email will be your SD44 email (ex. 012345s@sd44.ca)
 - d. You may be prompted to choose a security question and enter a response (choose something you will remember)
3. Please see next page for more specific password reset instructions.

Now you are in and can do the following...

- A. Click on the "**My Info**" tab along the top of the screen **A**
- B. Click on the "**Requests**" side tab; check you are in Entry Mode **B**
- C. Read the general instructions then click on the first "**Select**" button **C**
- D. Use your sheet to choose the correct courses
- E. Select your alternate courses in "Alternates" section only
- F. When you are done selecting courses Click on "**Post**"
- G. **Log out!**
- H. **Return Signed/Completed Course Request Sheet to Office by March 3rd**



NOTE: **if you can't seem to see a course**, but it should be there to choose, **CLICK THE 'NEXT' ARROW** to see more items on the list of courses.

| Select | CourseNumber | CourseDescription | Academic level | Credit | Pr |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MMU--09BCB | MUSIC 9 BEGINNERS CONCERT BAND | Regular | 0.0 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MMU--09-CB | MUSIC 9 CONCERT BAND | Regular | 0.0 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MMU--09-CC | MUSIC 9 CONCERT CHOIR | Regular | 0.0 | |

STUDY BLOCK

- ← First study block from CLC
- ← Second study block requires an application – pick up and submit form in counselling suite
- ← Criteria
 - Challenging course load and/or significant extra-curricular commitments
 - Strong record of good attendance and engagement
 - Strong record of school and/or community citizenship
- Responsibilities
 - Actively working during the study block in the library, breakout spaces, grand commons, or in a classroom with a teachers permission or are off campus under a parent's supervision
 - Maintain a minimum number of courses (6 courses + CLC)
 - Understand how reduced numbers of courses may affect post-secondary applications
- Placement of study blocks in the schedule done at random

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ← We build the timetable based on the courses *you* request
- ← Take time to carefully consider your options
- ← Request courses based on *your* interests, *your* capacity, and *your* future
- ← Course changes must be requested before mid-September deadline
- ← Course withdrawals will affect scholarship/award, references, and athletics opportunities



PROGRAMMING TIMELINE

| Time | Tuesday, Feb 18 | Wednesday, Feb 19 | Friday, Feb 21 |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Day 2 (5678) | Day 1 (2314) | Day 1 (3124) |
| 9:11-9:25 | Johnson (p. 5) | | |
| 10:05-10:21 | | Primrose (p. 2) | |
| 10:25-10:40 | Reble (p. 6) | Donald (p. 3) | |
| 11:20-11:35 | | Primrose (p. 3) | |
| 11:40-11:55 | | Reble (p. 1) | Johnson (p. 2) |
| 12:35-12:50 | Ferreira (p. 7) | Donald (p. 1) | |
| 1:50-2:05 | | | |
| 2:45-3:00 | Ferreira (p. 8) | Donald (p. 4) | |



Parent info night – **Week of Feb 4**



Grade assembly – **February 13 @ 8:30am** in the Theatre



Counsellor class visits – **February 18-21**



Course request entry for senior students at home – **Feb 14-28**

- Information and instructions will be sent to families

- Support will be available



Forms Due to Main Office – **March 3**



Enhanced programs and Academy registrations due –

March 7

POST-SECONDARY – ADMISSION

- Entrance requirements change over the years
- Education Planner – Gov of BC-funded resource for BC post-secondary institutions
- ★ □ MyBlueprint – connected to your SD44 account, housing all completed/in-progress courses; helps you to plan
 - Determine your eligibility, compare programs and costs, related programs and occupations
- University visits to Handsworth – keep an eye out on the Grad 2026 & Grade 12 page of the Handsworth website
- Grade 12 support night early Fall 2025 – Date TBD



THANK YOU

Questions?

