



**ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE
WINDSOR
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Student Services E-Bulletin – February 2025

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General Information

1. Course Programming is happening! All **grade 9-11 students** will input the courses **on their own by Fri Feb 28th**. The window for course selection input online opens on **Feb 3rd**. **Grade 8's** will use class time during Period 6 from Feb 24, 26 and 28 to input their courses to the computer, with support from the counsellor. All students need to hand in their Course Request forms AFTER they have input their own course selections into the computer, by Feb 28th at the latest. If students need help, they can bring their forms to the Review/Completion Day on March 4th and staff will help them input courses in the Library Lab from 10 am – noon. We keep the forms on file for reference. Instructions to input are located on the Windsor Website: [MyEd Course Request Input Letter to Families.pdf](#) on the 2nd page.
2. Looking for a place to start for course planning or post secondary options? Try the Career Compass link that offers 3 self interest quizzes. [WorkBC - Career Compass](#) . You can then link to Education Planner BC to check out post secondary programs: [EducationPlannerBC - B.C. Post-Secondary](#)

[Program Information and Application Service](#) . If you are looking at universities across Canada, try www.schoolfinder.com

3. Wondering about Windsor courses? Here is the link to the Courses Guide. *Just click on the department for specific course descriptions:* [Course Descriptions - École Windsor Secondary](#)
4. All students at Windsor have access to My Blueprint, a versatile program where you can see careers, post-secondary programs and how it matches your courses at Windsor. Look ahead to university or careers to help plan your Windsor courses! Free to Windsor students, accessed through their portal. See “My Blueprint” on the ‘waffle’ when you log into the Portal.
5. Excellent Resources: How to talk to your teenager about Suicide: [Suicide-How to Talk](#) How to talk to your teenager about Self-Harm [Self Harm - How to talk](#)
6. There is now a National help line for suicide crisis situations: similar to 911, youth can now call **9-8-8**. This free service is offered 365 days a year, 24/7.
7. School District 44 offers a variety of Career Education Programs and opportunities; find out more at [Career Pathways - Career Pathways 44](#). Information includes: Work Experience 12A, Youth Train in Trades, Youth Work in Trades, Early Childhood Education Assistant, and Health Care Dual Credits (Health Care Assistant and Medical Lab Assistant). Deadline to apply is March 1st. Another great site is the Windsor Work Experience Blog for volunteer and paid job opportunities as well as open houses and job fairs. [WINDSOR WORK EXPERIENCE BLOG](#),

Opportunities:

1. Experiences Canada is a nationally registered charity that helps young Canadians explore their country through reciprocal exchanges, forums, conferences, etc. Please see www.experiencescanada.ca

2. The Rotary Club of Canada is offering selected students to attend Ottawa from May 24 – 28, 2025 to meet leaders, gain understanding of our country. Applications due Feb 17th. Please see attached poster*
3. Study and Go Abroad Fair – For students thinking about studying, volunteering, working or travelling abroad: **Sunday March 9th**, free and in person. 1:00 – 5 pm, visit [Event Registration - Study and Go Abroad / SchoolFinder Fairs](#) Held at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

Post-Secondary Visits and Scholarships:

1. The University of Calgary representative will be at Windsor on Tues Feb 25th at lunch in the 400 floor conference room. Find out more about this great school.
2. BCIT Big Info Night: Wed Feb 19th, 2025, 4:00 – 7:00pm, live at the Burnaby Campus. Check out all 300 programs! Each of the 4 nights will cover different specific industry sectors and key student services. Please register here: [Big Info - BCIT](#) To book an appointment with a Program Advisor, contact [Contact Us – BCIT](#) .
3. Capilano University Info Night: **Wed Feb 26th**, 5:30 – 8 pm. Discover 100 programs, including a NEW Bachelor of Environment and Society. The deadline for Cap U's Entrance Awards is approaching on **March 1st**, 2025. [Future Students - Capilano University](#). There are 2 Zoom meetings set if you wish to have a guide through the financial options with Cap U's financial team on Feb 7th or 13th: [Financial Aid & Awards Events - Capilano University](#). Cap U actually has a scholarship specifically for a *Windsor student*! They asked us to promote it!
4. Capilano University is hosting 2 online sessions for their Outdoor Recreation Management Program, a 2 year diploma program with Paid Work Experience. Feb 20th at 7:30 pm, [Register here](#). For March 20th [Register here](#).
5. UVIC is offering webinars for applicants who would like to plan their next steps. Please see link: [Next steps for current applicants - Undergrad - UVic](#)

6. If you are considering attending university in the U.S.A, there is a free “Understanding Art & Design Schools in the U.S.” webinar on Feb 13th. Join EducationUSA here: [Register here](#)
7. If you would like to do a 2.5 week summer exchange program to the United States, you could be one of 12 students selected as a Youth Ambassador. The application process is provided in a free webinar with the Program Team: [Register here](#) by Feb 9th.
8. UBC is hosting an Ambassador program for high school students interested in UBC Sauder School of Business, who want to participate in a case competition through interactive workshops. Sunday March 2nd, register by Feb 8th : [\[CAP\] Sauder Youth Case Competition - Birmingham Hall - Vancouver - Mar 2, 2025 · Showpass](#)

Graduates:

9. Scholarships: students can continue to check out the list of upcoming scholarships on our Counselling website. Please see our Scholarships page on the Counselling website: [Scholarship Resources - École Windsor Secondary](#)
10. Save the dates: Graduation Ceremony at the Orpheum is Friday **June 20th** and the Grad Banquet is **Saturday June 21st at 6 pm.**
11. Grads will be presenting their capstones May 7th and 8th. More information for them will be given at the mandatory **Feb 5th meeting at 8:30** in the multipurpose room.
12. Ensure that you have given “CONSENT” to the post secondary institutes you have applied to. Refer to this link to do so, and to get your transcripts: [Post-Secondary - École Windsor Secondary](#)