



CARSON GRAHAM
SECONDARY

Carson Graham Grade 12 Newsletter

Welcome to your grade 12 year. This newsletter will provide you with some essential information so please read it carefully.

Tips for Grade 12 Success

- Attend class regularly
- Complete all your work and hand it in on time
- Ask for help/attend tutorial time
- Balance your time (work, school, volunteering, sports/extracurricular activities, family & fun)

Graduation requirements

Our priority is to ensure you have the necessary credits to earn your Dogwood Diploma. You should already have received your diploma verification reports (DVR), if you did not yet collect it see your counsellor as soon as possible. It is your job to check it over carefully to ensure that it is correct. **If you notice any errors or missed classes, please bring it to your counsellor immediately.** Once you have checked for errors or omissions, sign it and return it to Counselling.

Students require a minimum of **80 credits** to graduate.

Of these 80 credits:

- Minimum 4 courses (16 credits) at the grade 12 level (including English 12 and CLC 12)
- Minimum 28 credits must be elective course credits (these are any courses/credits that are not required courses)
- You must have completed the following courses:
 - Career-Life Education 10 (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections 12 (4 credits)
 - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
 - Science 10
 - A Science 11 **or** 12
 - Social Studies 10
 - A Social Studies 11 **or** 12
 - A Math 10
 - A Math 11 or 12
 - A Language Arts/English 10, 11 and 12
 - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12





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In addition, students must also complete three graduation assessments:

- The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment
- The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment
- The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment (to be completed this year)

International Students

International students wishing to graduate from Carson Graham must see Mrs. Marshall this month (September). There are special requirements for international students wishing to graduate in BC.

Post-Secondary Information

What you need to apply to Post Secondary Institutions (PSI)

- Personal Education Number (PEN – can be found on your report card)
- An account with education planner BC (see instructions below)
- An account with Student Transcripts Service (STS) (see instructions below)
- Know your deadlines – do not be late!
- Know your program requirements

Tips for applying

- Start early - some programs have a short window for accepting applications and can be as early as October
- Create your personal responses in a word document to cut and paste into applications
- Proofread your application

How to apply

- 1) Check PSI website to confirm you have or will have met the entrance requirements
- 2) Know your PEN (can be found on your report card or DVR)
- 3) Set up an account with **Student Transcript Services**. You will need to sign up for a BCeID before registering with STS - instructions are on the STS website listed below
www.studentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

All official transcripts are issued by BC Ministry of Education.

An account with STS:

- Allows you to view your grade 10-12 completed courses





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- Order transcripts (25 transcripts free of charge for current students – those enrolled in a course within the last 6 months) to be sent directly to post-secondary institutions or to a third-party
- Order your graduation certificate once you have successfully completed your grade 12 year

Check out the videos for detailed instructions on how to register with Student Transcript Service and request your transcripts be sent to post-secondary institutions

[Help videos for STS](#)

- 4) Set up an account with **EducationPlannerBC**
 - Helps you plan your post-secondary journey
 - Search programs offered at PSIs in BC
 - Apply to many post-secondary programs directly from this site

www.educationplannerbc.ca

- 5) Request transcripts through Student Transcript Services for all post-secondary institutions you are applying for
- 6) Complete application online (either through EducationPlannerBC or directly through institution)

Entrance Requirements Post-Secondary Institutions

- **It is your responsibility to check each institutions website for up-to-date information**
- Remember that many programs are competitive, and you will need to achieve more than the minimum. **Many competitive programs will require GPA in academic courses to be 80%+**
- Some programs have unique deadlines for applications or supplemental pieces such as auditions, interviews, 2nd application etc., so be sure to check websites early
- Some post-secondary institutions require a Language 11 course (UBC & SFU)
- Most Universities have a minimal math requirement (Precalc 11 or Foundations 12 – check websites as it varies between PSIs)
- Most will look at grade 11 and 12 academic courses – English 12 is particularly important!

How to find out more information

- Google search – “University name” + “admission”+”program” (SFU+admission+criminology)
- Use www.educationplanner.bc and www.workbc.ca to search programs at colleges, universities, trade, and technical schools
- Attend virtual and live information sessions (will be posted on Class of 2023 in Teams)





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- Post-Secondary BC virtual event (PSBC) www.postsecondarybc.ca
- Canadian University Event (CUE) www.cuebc.org
- Individual Post-Secondary Institutions will hold their own virtual or in person events (some may come to Carson so pay attention to Teams)
- Contact University advisors directly
- Talk to family and friends
- Set an appointment to talk to your counsellor after you have attempted some research

Things to consider when choosing your post-secondary path

- Your interests – choose an area that creates a spark of enthusiasm for you
- Location
- Cost
- Class size
- Which prerequisites have you met?
- Campus life – do you like the layout of the campus, and do they offer activities/clubs that interest you?
- Are you interested in a Co-op program?

What to do if you are missing a required course or your grades are not high enough for the program you want to attend?

- 1) Consider starting at Capilano University or one of the local colleges to pick up required courses or improve your grades. You can take upgrading courses through Adult Basic Education free of charge, check out [Capilano University ABE courses](#) for more information on one local option. Some other local options are Douglas College, Kwantlen College, VCC, Langara College and BCIT (check their websites for more information)
- 2) Complete a 2-year Associate of Arts or Science degree at one of the schools listed above and then apply to transfer to the University of your choice. Most of your completed courses should transfer and count towards your final degree so this route is not costing you time. Have conversations with academic advisors at these institutions to help you plan your route
- 3) Some programs at certain universities have partnered up with colleges to offer specific Foundation/Preparatory programs that feed into specialized programs (e.g.: nursing, engineering)

BC transfer guide

For information about how to transfer credits between post-secondary institutions in BC, or how to plan a transfer route to a degree, visit the BC Transfer Guide at <http://www.bctransferguide.ca/>





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References

Some applications will require letters of reference.

- Consider asking adults who know you well and can speak to your strengths and accomplishments
- Give at least 2 weeks notice to the person you are requesting a reference from
- Provide the referee with details you would like included in the letter and clear guidelines for what is required and where it should be sent

Challenge for language courses

If you are fluent in reading, writing, and speaking in one of the following languages, you may be eligible to write a challenge exam to earn language 11 and/or 12 credit

- French
- Spanish
- Punjabi
- Mandarin
- Japanese
- Korean

Students wishing to participate in a challenge exam MUST attend a meeting with Mrs. Marshall prior to the deadline. Listen to the announcements and/or read the announcement on Teams, likely in mid-October.

Challenge applications are available at <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

Applications are due into Mrs. Marshall (in Counselling) before October 27th, 2022 (Tentative).

WorkBC

- Explore the trades
- Check out current employment opportunities

www.workbc.ca

Scholarship and Bursary Information

Scholarships





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Scholarships are awarded based on performance in courses and exams, community achievements, community/school service, extracurricular involvement, and leadership experience.

Bursaries

Bursaries are awarded based on financial need (proof may be required) and may or may not consider academic achievement.

Tips

- Attend workshops
- Cast your net wide – applying to many small awards can add up
- Watch deadlines
- Pay attention to messages on Teams

Major Scholarship Candidate Screening Process

Students interested in applying for major awards which require a school nomination will be required to complete an application form (will be posted on Teams).

- Applications for the Major Scholarship Candidate Screening Process will be due October 7th, 2022, at 3:15PM to Ms. Fletcher in counselling – late applications will not be accepted.
- Interviews will be scheduled for the week of October 11th during tutorial time.

Categories of Scholarships

1) Provincial Government Scholarships and Awards

- Information will be posted on Teams

2) Post-Secondary Institutions

- Awards for students entering their first year
- Some of these are scholarships based on grades on the admission application and do not require a separate application.
- Major entrance scholarships will require an application, and to be eligible students should have marks well over 80%, as well as major community and school involvement. Check application dates on websites!

3) Community Scholarships & Bursaries

- Research personal/family connections to organizations who recognize student achievement
- We will post public opportunities for scholarships & bursaries on Teams
- Start researching now as due dates will vary





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- 4) Carson Graham Scholarship Committee (updated information will be coming on Teams and the Carson Graham website)
- Awards a number of scholarships and bursaries which recognize students who have excelled in academic courses, extracurricular accomplishments, and/or Service.
 - The application is comprised of **two** parts. Both parts of the application must be completed
 - Online Form
 - Written application package
 - Applications will be available in January
 - Due February 10th at 3:15PM in Ms. Fletcher's office – no late applications will be accepted
 - You must complete an application to be considered for any Carson Graham award

Financial Support

Check out Student Aid BC for information on grants and loans

www.studentaidbc.ca

Grad Council

Grad Council is a group of dedicated Grade 12 students who are interested in making their graduation year a memorable experience for ALL students.

- Grad Council sponsors are Ms. Fitzgibbons and Ms. Sauve.
- Members must commit to meet frequently throughout the year (both in person and on teams)
- The Council will brainstorm, plan, and execute activities and events that are sanctioned by the school administration

Graduation Photographs

- January 15-18, 2023
- Book a complimentary 30-minute sitting at Artona studio. Students can scan the QR code from the Artona poster in Counselling.

Grade 12 Timeline

Sept 21	DVRs handed out (If you do not have yours yet, see Mrs. Robb)
Oct 4	Grade 12 parent night – 6:30PM
Oct 7	Application for school nomination for major awards deadline – 3:15PM deadline
Oct 6 th	Canadian Universities Event (CUE) in Surrey, registration required (6:30-8:30pm)
Oct 11 th	Canadian Universities Event (CUE) in Burnaby, registration required (6:30-9pm)
Oct 11 th	SFU visit @ Carson (2:30-3:30pm)
Oct 20 th	UVIC Gustavson School of Business visit @ Carson
Oct 27 th	Post-Secondary event (PSBC) 9- 11am at Carson Graham





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Nov 1	Grad Yearbook write up due by email – form available on Teams
Nov 1 st	Toronto Met University (Formerly known as Ryerson) Visit @ Lunch
Nov 9 th	Guelph University Visit @ Carson
Nov 14 th	University of Calgary visit @ Carson
Nov TBD	Western University
Jan 15-18	Grad Photos – book sitting online
Feb 10	Carson Scholarship applications due
June TBD	Graduation Banquet @ Westin Bayshore – details to follow
June 27	Graduation Ceremony – 7pm at Orpheum Theatre – details to follow

Local Post-Secondary Entrance Requirements

❖ Check websites for updated or changed requirements and dates

University of British Columbia

Entrance requirements

Entrance is competitive so grades should be minimally in the 80%+ range. The more competitive the program the higher your grades will need to be

1. English Language requirement
2. Basic entrance requirements
 - Graduation from high school
 - Minimum of 70% in Grade 11 or Grade 12 English (or their equivalents)
 - Language 11 or waiver
 - At least six academic/non-academic Grade 12 courses including English 12 (recommended, but not required)
3. Degree-specific requirements (see website for more details)

What UBC looks at when considering your application

- **All your academic grade 11 and 12 courses** with specific consideration to the course that relate to the degree you are applying to (your lowest mark is excluded)
- Personal profile
- Your application is considered against others who are applying for the same degree

UBC Dates and Deadlines





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- Early October 2022 - Registration opens via EducationPlanner BC (EPBC)
- December 1, 2022 (11:59 PM PST) – Deadline for first round admission and [Presidential Scholars Awards](#) and [UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards](#).
- January 15, 2023 (11:59 PM PST) – deadline for applications for Sept 2023 start.
- June 30, 2023 - deadline for course completion for online courses (50% of class must be completed by March 15th)

See you.ubc.ca for more information

Simon Fraser University

General entrance requirements

- English language requirement
- Quantitative and analytical skills requirement (minimum of 60% in senior Foundations of Math or Pre-calculus)
- A minimum of five approved Grade 12 courses, including English Studies 12 (min 70%) or equivalent.
- Language 11 or waiver required
- **Course requirements vary depending on degree you are applying to**

Use the [Admission Compass](#) as a guide to determine what program(s) you are eligible for

What SFU looks for when considering your application

- Admission is based on an evaluation of all approved Grade 11 and 12 courses, with greater emphasis on List A courses. (See SFU.ca for detailed lists) **Courses not included: applied design, skills, and technologies*; career education; physical and health education; faith-based (exception for entrepreneurship and engineering)**
- Your lowest non required mark will not be counted if you have taken 6 or more courses from list A OR If you have taken 5 or fewer courses from list A your lowest course from list B will not be counted

Dates and Deadlines for SFU

- SFU applications open October 1, 2022, through EducationplannerBC
- SFU application deadlines:
 - Entrance scholarships: Dec. 15th
 - Beedie supplemental application: Feb. 7th
 - SFU (all other programs): Jan. 31st





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- SCA audition/interview/portfolio: tbd (connect with SCA advisor for program-specific deadlines)
- Online courses must be completed by June 30, 2023

University of Victoria

Entrance requirements

General requirements

- English 12 (Minimum 67%)
- GPA must be high to be competitive 80% + (varies by program and year)
- Check specific programs for admission requirements

Dates and Deadlines

- September 15, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) registration opens (apply through www.educationplanner.bc.ca)
- January 31, 2023 (11:59 PM) – registration closes

Capilano University

Entrance requirements

- Graduation from BC Secondary School
- Minimum GPA of 2.0 (60%) calculated on English 12 and 2 grade 12 academic courses

Check the program you are interested in carefully as they may have unique requirements

Dates and Deadlines

- Apply through education planner BC through to August 2023

