



BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

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Hello Britannia Families,

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1. Transition in Secondary School Reporting

Following the transition to proficiency scale reporting for Kindergarten to Grade 7, the District is transitioning Grade 8 and 9 Secondary school courses to the District standard proficiency scale for reporting. The transition in Secondary schools is taking place after the completion of a pilot and implementation at the Elementary level and after the completion of a pilot at the Secondary level. Most Elementary schools are currently using the District standard proficiency scale for reporting. For the 2020-2021 school year, all Elementary schools will be using the District standard proficiency scale. The transition in Secondary school reporting:

- Aligns with reporting practices with the redesigned curriculum
- Aligns with the current Provincial Interim Student Reporting Order
- Aligns Kindergarten to Grade 9 to the [District standard proficiency scale](#) (Beginning > Developing > Applying > Extending)
- Is supported by long-standing educational research

For the 2020-2021 school year, the following transition will take place at the Secondary level:

- All Grade 8 courses will use the District standard proficiency scale for reporting student achievement
- Use of the District standard proficiency scale will be optional for grade 9 courses.
- All student achievement reporting for Secondary school courses (grades 8-12) will be based upon cumulative grading practices.
- During the school year, parents/guardians will receive the following formal reports that will be issued based on a District reporting window: an interim report in November, and two formal reports (at the end of January and end of June) instead of three formal reports.
- Student learning will also be communicated through a minimum of two additional informal reports. These may include but are not limited to interim progress reports, conferences, meetings, portfolios, etc. School administration will decide on the type of informal communications and the reporting window for these additional informal reports.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the following transition will take place at the Secondary level:

- All grade 9 courses will use the District standard proficiency scale for reporting student achievement

Letter grades and percentages will continue to be used for reporting achievement for all Grade 10-12 courses. To facilitate post-secondary applications, Grade 12 students will receive a letter grade and percentage for all three of their formal reports, including the November Interim Report.

2. Graduation 2020

The Class of 2020 Walkthrough will take place on **June 23, 2020 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.**

As mentioned previously, the grads will enter the school at the entrance by the ice rink, put on their cap and gown and walk through the school to the auditorium. The halls will be decorated and transformed to celebrate and inspire the grads and make this a memorable event. The graduates will enter the auditorium where they will receive their graduation certificate and any awards and scholarships they may be receiving. Photos will be taken of the grads along the way and will be made available to them at a later date.

Ms. Kenny, the grade 12 counsellor has sent the [following message](#) to all grads. This message and [a map of the route](#) is also posted on [the Britannia website](#). The message contains details of the walk though and parents are encouraged to read it.

Students have been given a time to enter the school in the message from Ms. Kenny and it is very important that this schedule is followed.

We will also send out further messages about the walkthrough next week. This will be an event that grads will not want to miss!

Congratulations Class of 2020!

3. Year End Procedures for Student

Textbooks / Library materials: Students are reminded to return their textbook and library books during the weeks of June 8-12 and June 15-19 to their teacher's classroom. There is also a drop box available outside the main office from 8:30am – 2:45pm. Please put a note inside the book with the book with your name and student number.

Lockers: All lockers are to be cleared out and locks removed by Friday, June 19th. Students are encouraged to clean out their locker during scheduled class times. After June 19, locks and contents will be removed.

Laptops: Students may keep the loaned laptops until June 19th. Laptop returns will take place June 17-19 from 1:00 to 1:30pm in the main hall. Students wishing to return the laptop prior to June 17 may do so at the main office.

If you are unable to come into the school to return items and clean out your locker, please try to arrange for a classmate who would be able to help out.

Jersey Return

Please return your athletic jerseys by June 19, failure to do so will result in a \$100 replacement fee. The jersey return box is located outside Gym A.

4. Health and Safety

- Ensuring health and safety is our top priority as we all work to support our students.
- Should you have any pressing concerns or needs including food and groceries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's grade counsellor or program teacher.

5. Continuity of Learning

Classes will continue next week, our final week of face to face classes, with our day 1 classes meeting. Teachers have been contacting their students and informing them of the times the classes are meeting. If your child is unsure of when their class meets, please contact the teacher. Families choosing to have their student(s) attend in-class instruction are asked to complete a health check before the student arrives at the school. The following outlines the [Daily Health Check for Students Attending In-Class Instruction](#)

6. Year End Report Cards

Due to the Covid-19 response, there will be no Third Term Mark on this report card. The final mark on the report card is based on progress prior to Spring Break plus assessment of learning opportunities that students engaged in after the Spring Break. Final grades are the same or higher than the cumulative grade the student would have attained on March 13, 2020 if the school year ended on that date. Report cards will be available on the [MyEd Family Portal](#) on Thursday June 25 by 3:00 pm. There is only one account for each student and parents/guardians to share. For any student/family who has yet to login to MyEd, please go to the [Britannia Secondary website](#) and click on the [MyEducationBC link](#). Please use the following for your initial login:

- Login ID: student number
- Password: Brit\$2019

For more detailed instructions about signing in to MyEd, please refer to [the MyEd Page of the Britannia Website](#).

Paper copies of report cards will be **also** available for pick up from the school on Thursday, June 25. Students will be invited to pick up according to a schedule which will be communicated next week. Students will only be able to pick up their report cards at certain times due to physical distancing protocols. Stay tuned for the schedule. Student Awards will be distributed with report cards at the school and both report cards and awards will also be available in September.

7. Resources during COVID-19

- [Daily Health Check for Students Attending In-Class Instruction](#)
- [VSB Guidelines for the Assessment and Reporting of the Learning](#)
- [VSB Resource Hub](#)
- VSB [Tips for Parents](#)
- VSB [COVID-19 Updates](#)
- VSB [SACY Program: Community, Connection & Support for Students and Families](#)
- VSB SACY Program: Resources for Families of Teens
- BC Ministry of Education [Keep Learning](#)
- BC Ministry of Education [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- [VSB Summer School Information](#)
- [Vancouver Learning Network](#)
- [BC's Restart Plan](#)
- [Measured approach to phasing in a return to learning in classrooms](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Go-Forward Management Strategy](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Go-Forward Management Checklist](#)
- [Vancouver Coastal Health COVID-19 Information](#)

- Once again, we would like to pass on a link to an online resource, created by one of our teachers, that gathers info about supports for our students and their families <https://careerlifeclass.com/pandemic-support>

8. Staff Contact Information

- If you would like to contact a teacher, counsellor or administrator, their emails may be found [here](#)

Take care,

The Brit Admin

Britannia Website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/britannia-secondary/Pages/default.aspx>