



BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 2020

Hello Britannia Parents and Guardians,

Our counsellors, admin and office staff have been hard at work this week getting everything ready to go for next week. As you are aware, students will return to school on Thursday September 10 or Friday September 11 for a Student Orientation session. On Monday September 14th, they will begin classes.

MyEd

The [MyEd family portal](#) will be open on Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00am, at which point students and families will be able to see their class schedule and rooms. Information about logging into MyEd is found [here](#). We will be sending out additional communication next week to further explain how to tell which time slot students will come in on the 14th and 15th.

All students will receive their student timetables and handouts on September 10th or 11th in their 1.1 class. If you need timetable changes, please complete a course change form or make an appointment with your grade counsellor:

Grade 8 I-P surname and Grade 12 Ms. Kaitlee Simonson ksimonson@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 8 A-H surname and Grade 11 Ms. Joann Liu jsliu@vsb.bc.ca

International students and Grade 10 Mr. Mike Wiskar mwiskar@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 8 R-Z surname and Grade 9 Ms. Michelle Roberts mroberts@vsb.bc.ca

Office 365

Students should also make sure they can log into their Microsoft Office 365 account. To access Office 365, students will need to use their vsb email. Information regarding logging into Office 365 and email may be found on the [Britannia Website](#). If your child needs to reset their student VSB email password, please **do not telephone or email the school or the VSB service desk**. Students should go to <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/>. This site will ask for the student's birthdate and PEN. Students may obtain their PEN using **one** of the following options:

- Look on the top bar (banner) of their report card.
- Email their counsellor
- [Download and complete as per the instructions on the Student PEN Request Form \(PDF\)](#)

Schedule of Classes for the 2020-2021 School Year

The following schedules outline how classes will be operating at Britannia this year as the main school follows the quarter system. Students in specific programs at Britannia, including Grade 13, LALS, Outreach, Pacific Storm and Streetfront, will be contacted by their program teacher(s) regarding the schedule for their program.

The quarter system involves dividing the year into four quarters. The students take 2 of their 8 courses in each of the four quarters of the year. In each quarter one course will be taken remotely and the other will meet face to face. They will alternate between face to face and remote throughout the quarter as outlined in the following documents:

[2020-2021 Quarter and Class Schedule](#)

[Face to Face and Remote Class Yearly Calendar](#)

Face to face classes are divided into two groups, A and B. Students will be able to see which group they are in when they look at the section number of their class on their schedule in MyEd. Teachers will also be contacting students in grades 9 to 12 to let them know what group they are in. Group A will meet in the morning and group B in the afternoon according to the following daily schedule:

Session One (A) 8:40am to 10:25am

Flex time A 10:30am to 11:30am

Flex time B 12:15pm to 1:15pm

Session Two (B) 1:18pm to 3:03pm

Further Information (has been emailed previously)

Regarding general information about the first day of school for students:

[Grade 8 August Letter 2020](#)

[Grade 9-12 August Letter 2020](#)

Regarding School Fees:

[Brit Fee Schedule 2020-21](#)

[Cash Online - Information Sheet for Parents](#)

[Cash Online Step-by-Step Registration for Parents](#)

*Updated Message from PAC:

[PAC - Come Participate With Us](#)

Regarding Student Daily Health Assessments:

[Student Daily Health Assessment](#)

Not returning or returning late?

Please notify your counsellor as soon as possible if you are not planning to return to Britannia or if you will be returning late.

Health and Safety Reminders

- Please use the hand sanitizer provided at each entrance to the school.
- Use the entrance closest to your 1.1 class.
- Stay home if you are not feeling well.
- Maintain physical distance (2 metres) at all times outside the building and in the hallways.
- You will be provided with a reusable mask in your 1.1 class. For the first day, students are encouraged to bring a mask from home to wear in the hallways.

We are looking forward to seeing our Britannia students next week.

Take care,

The Brit Admin

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