

**ADVISORY/FOCUS BLOCK TIMETABLE
CHANGE OAK BAY HIGH 2017/2018**

ADVISORY BLOCK - MONDAYS ONLY (FORMER TAG: REQUIRED TO PLAN FOR TUTORIALS)

- ▶ Monday Advisory is a mandatory, multi-graded class students attend for their 4 years at Oak Bay.
- ▶ The purpose of Advisory is to take care of organizational matters, build relationships, and for students to consult with staff re the best use of tutorial time
- ▶ Advisory teachers keep track of tutorial attendance, student marks and work effort, and advise/support students re the use of their tutorial blocks accordingly
- ▶ At Grad, Advisory teachers give speeches about their Advisory students.

FOCUS BLOCK - TUESDAY TO FRIDAY (FORMER TAP: PARTIAL STUDENT CHOICE)

- ▶ The purpose of the Advisory/Focus Block system is for students to increasingly develop their ability to take responsibility for their own learning by choosing how to spend their Focus Block time in order to meet their school-related learning goals and responsibilities (Focus Block time is not social time or time to leave the school).
- ▶ Focus Blocks are opportunities for students to focus on their own learning needs and interests, to get extra help/coaching, to make up tests or assignments, to get ahead in course work, and to work on projects. Attendance is required.
- ▶ Where a student goes during this time will depend upon their progress in their school work. In consultation with their Advisory teacher and their course teachers, if they are struggling, they will be expected to go to their teachers for extra help. If they are doing well, it can be a time to complete homework or project work, or to spend more time with areas of personal excellence (eg: a performing or visual art, a tech area, a science, or a service project such as C4C).