



L'École Secondaire Oak Bay High

Subject: New Student Transition

Date: June 4th, 2021

Hello Families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as our school system has navigated an unprecedented year. It seems hard to believe that there are only a few weeks left in the current school year. As previously communicated, due to COVID restrictions we deeply regret having missed the opportunity to welcome, in-person, our incoming students into our building for transition meetings and school tours this spring. We have, however, continued to meet regularly with middle school staff in the hopes of providing the best possible transition for each of our incoming students.

Transition Video:

In lieu of the previously scheduled Transition Afternoon, our staff has created the video linked below. The goal of the video is to introduce incoming students to some of the key people in our building, help familiarize them with the building layout and identify some of the extra-curricular opportunities that await them. We hope that families are able to watch the video together, and engage in conversations about next year. It is very normal for students to have feelings of both excitement and nervousness around their transition to high school. We hope that the video gives them a general sense of what they can expect. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you or your child may have regarding their experience next year at our school. We are happy to address logistical questions and/or help direct students and families to appropriate supports as required.



[Oak Bay High Transition Video](#)

Planning for 21/22 School Year:

Current direction from the Ministries of Health and Education indicate that COVID restrictions are likely to evolve over the summer and may look different when school reopens on September 7th. We expect to receive further direction and clarification over the summer, and in the weeks leading up to the reopening. We hope to see a safe and gradual return to normalcy, with the return of many of our valued student activities.

We had begun planning for another year in a Quartered timetable, but given recent direction we have pivoted and are now building a Semester System timetable for next year. This will see students taking 4 classes September-January (Semester 1) and another 4 classes February-June (Semester 2). Some elective classes will continue to run outside of the regular school day. Our staff are currently refining our new bell schedule and plan to communicate it to families by the end of June. As is our standard practice, students will receive their course timetable when they arrive in September.

Please expect to receive additional communication from us in the coming weeks regarding school start-up plans. We are mindful of the need for an enhanced September transition for our incoming students, given the limitations this spring. As we receive further direction from the Ministries, we will look to build the best possible opportunity for students.

Please reach out anytime if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

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