

Grade 9 Electives 2021-2022

JumpstArt 9

Open to Grade 9

Note: Students register for both Visual Art 9: JumpstArt AND Sculpture & Graphic Design 9: JumpstArt

This integrated Humanities and Visual Arts Program is a unique opportunity only offered at Gleneagle that combines English, Social Studies (Humanities), and Visual Art. See program description on page 5 of the main booklet for details.

Visual Art 9

Open to Grade 9

An introductory art course designed to accommodate all skill levels. No previous experience required! Be introduced to a variety of materials and techniques. Major projects will include a formal multimedia drawing and collage. Discover new passions and learn a range of skills that will lead you to more specialized art course in later grades!

Ceramics & Sculpture 9

Open to Grade 9

Focusing on hand building techniques, students will learn pinch, slab, and coil methods of forming clay. Finishing techniques will include using oxides, underglazes, and glazes as well as unfired options. Opportunities to work in other sculptural media may also be provided.

Graphic Arts 9

Open to Grade 9

In this digital art course, create art with fast computers, industry software, cameras, scanners, and drawing tablets. Become a creative expert in digital design, drawing/painting, photo retouching, photomontage, and working with type.

Photography 10

Open to Grades 9-10

Learn introductory skills in digital and film photography, while trying traditional, new, and emerging technologies. Get prepared for interdisciplinary studies such as Media Art, and Media Design. Digital and film cameras will be made available, or you are welcome to use your own manual single lens reflex (film and/or digital) camera.

Yearbook 10/11/12

Open to Grades 9-12

Yearbook is a course that offers both the design and business side of art and is open to all students in Grades 9-12. Students will photograph, design, and document the Gleneagle community and events of the school year, meet and connect with many individuals of the school population, and attend school events as a member of the press. The curriculum includes theme development, cover design, photojournalism, editorial photography, and page design. You also learn valuable advertising, marketing, and business skills. Computers and camera equipment are provided. Join the Yearbook staff and contribute to your school's history and legacy! ***Note**—this course is offered outside the timetable.

Media Arts 9

Open to Grade 9

Develop a sophisticated set of digital skills in the areas of graphic design, Photoshop, animation, advanced video editing, desktop publishing (In-Design), 3 D architecture, Adobe After Effects and so much more.

Marketing & Entrepreneurship 9

Open to Grade 9

This introductory business course is a solid foundation for senior level classes, focusing on a variety of business concepts and principles. Learn about the risks and benefits of entrepreneurship, and the changing role of technology in marketing and promotions. Understand the importance of brand recognition, the 4 Ps of marketing, market segmentation, and the psychology of consumer wants and needs. Use online technologies to market, finance, and measure business strategies.

Keyboarding & Computer Applications 9 Open to Grade 9

Learn basic office skills to work more efficiently in a business environment but also in school. Learn touch typing and build typing speed to over 46 wpm. Apply those typing skills to the preparation of documents and presentations using a variety of business computer application programs such as MS Word, MS Excel, and MS PowerPoint.

Leadership 10

Open to Grades 9-10

For grade 9 and 10 students interested in developing leadership and team building skills. Learn about group process, communication skills, organization skills, problem solving and decision-making. Student will apply what they have learned by organizing, implementing, and evaluating student-oriented activities.

Food Studies 9

Open to Grade 9

Learn the basics behind nutritious and delicious snacks and meals. Principles of food preparation are introduced with an emphasis on healthy food choices. Practice food safety principles and proper sanitation techniques. Examine factors that influence availability and choice of food in personal, local, and global contexts.

Drama 9

Open to Grade 9

An introduction to the fundamentals of acting and performance. Rehearse and perform several scripted plays, monologues, and small scenes. Perform at public evening events including class plays.

Band 9

Open to Grade 9

Previous experience recommended, but not required. Band classes are performance-based; students learn instrumental technique, music history, and performance technique and theory. Performance opportunities include school concerts, district events, music festivals, and concerts in our community. Students must attend all scheduled performances as well as any extra rehearsals. In some years there is also an optional trip, such as Calgary, Disneyland, Cuba, San Francisco, or New York City. Band students are usually involved in the production of a compilation CD of the year's work.

Beginner Guitar 11

Open to Grades 9-12

Learn basic chord patterns in folk, pop, and rock styles, rudimentary music theory, note reading, tablature, rhythmic skills, basic finger picking patterns, various left-handed techniques, and some forms of melodic/harmonic styles of guitar playing. Emphasis on ensemble playing and performing in genres of interest. Guitars will be provided for classroom use.

Drafting 9

Open to Grade 9

An introduction to technical drawing, whether your interest is in architecture, interior design, fashion design or product development. Design skills include sketching, modelling, 2D and 3D drafting, computer animation, CADD, computer graphics and design. Course includes an opportunity to use drafting boards, AutoCAD, Fusion 360, 3D printers, vinyl cutters and other shop equipment to create models.

Power Technology 9

Open to Grade 9

Learn safe procedures for working with power tools and equipment. Explore principles of machines, introductory mechanical repair, design process and welding. Make projects with wood, metal, or plastic. The use of a CNC router or a 3D printer will be available. An introduction to 2 and 4 cycle engines or bicycle repair will also be offered.

Woodwork 9

Open to Grade 9

Create projects such as wooden puzzles, models, games, toys, and tableware. Learn safety procedures for working with tools and equipment. Includes teamwork, design, problem solving, and independent project work. After mastering basic projects, you can learn to sketch, plan and produce cutting lists to move onto more advanced projects.

French 9

Open to Grades 9-10

Suitable to beginners or students who have taken French 8. Develop reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Students will also be introduced to Francophone culture.

Japanese 9

Open to Grades 9

An introduction to writing Japanese script and having simple conversations, plus a cultural component about Japan.

Mandarin 9

Open to Grades 9

Designed for students who have no prior knowledge of Mandarin. Hanyu Pinyin and simplified characters will be introduced. The focus is on conversation and simple grammatical structures, and an introduction to Chinese culture.

Spanish 9

Open to Grades 9

An introduction to effective communication in Spanish. Students learn basic grammar and vocabulary, and the course includes the study of culture of the Spanish speaking countries.

Intro Korean 11

Open to Grades 9-12

We are one of only two high schools in BC to offer Korean! Intro 11 is an introductory but intensive course that covers the main elements of 9 and 10 at a *fast pace*. It is appropriate for motivated beginners, or students who speak a little bit but do not read or write at all. It is open to all grade levels, so you can take in in Grade 9 or wait until later if you wish.

Electives Outside the Timetable

(these are optional additional courses)

Choir 9/10/11/12

Open to Grades 9-12

*This is an additional elective as it occurs outside the timetable.

Choir 9 is an introductory choral experience for students who enjoy singing. No experience is necessary, but students should at least be able to carry a tune. This is a performance-based course and covers vocal production, music reading and part-singing, with increased opportunities for solo work in higher grade levels. Students are required to attend all scheduled performances and any extra rehearsals. Performance opportunities include school concerts, district events, music festivals, and concerts in our community. In some years, there is also an optional trip, such as Calgary, Disneyland, San Francisco, New York City and Cuba. Gleneagle music students are also usually involved in the production of a compilation CD of the year's work.

Musical Theatre 10/11/12

Open to Grades 9-12, by audition

Foundation: Students must audition for this course in September

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Learn the basics of auditioning, choral and solo singing, choreography, some history and theory, and basic stage makeup. Actors must be prepared to dance, sing, and act in one major musical. Previous experience is an asset, but not required. There will be several evening performances, so actors should be ready to make an extensive commitment.

Theatre Production 10/11/12

Open to Grades 9-12

*This is an additional elective as it takes place outside the timetable.

Be involved in producing the Musical Theatre show through lighting, sound mixing, costuming, prop creation and front-of-house duties. This is a physical course that involves the use of both power and manual equipment.

Jazz Band 9/10/11/12

Open to Grades 9-12, by audition

Foundation: Must also be registered in the Band class appropriate to their grade level

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All new students must make an appointment with Mr. Trovato (etrovato@sd43.bc.ca) for an audition before signing up. Space is limited and is only available for: saxophone, trombone, trumpet, drums, piano (jazz), electric bass guitar, electric guitar and/or string bass. Studies focus on developing technique, ensemble playing, and exploring the structures of jazz music. Opportunities for solo improvisational work will be available. Students will be required to attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances as part of the course expectations.

Vocal Jazz 9/10/11/12

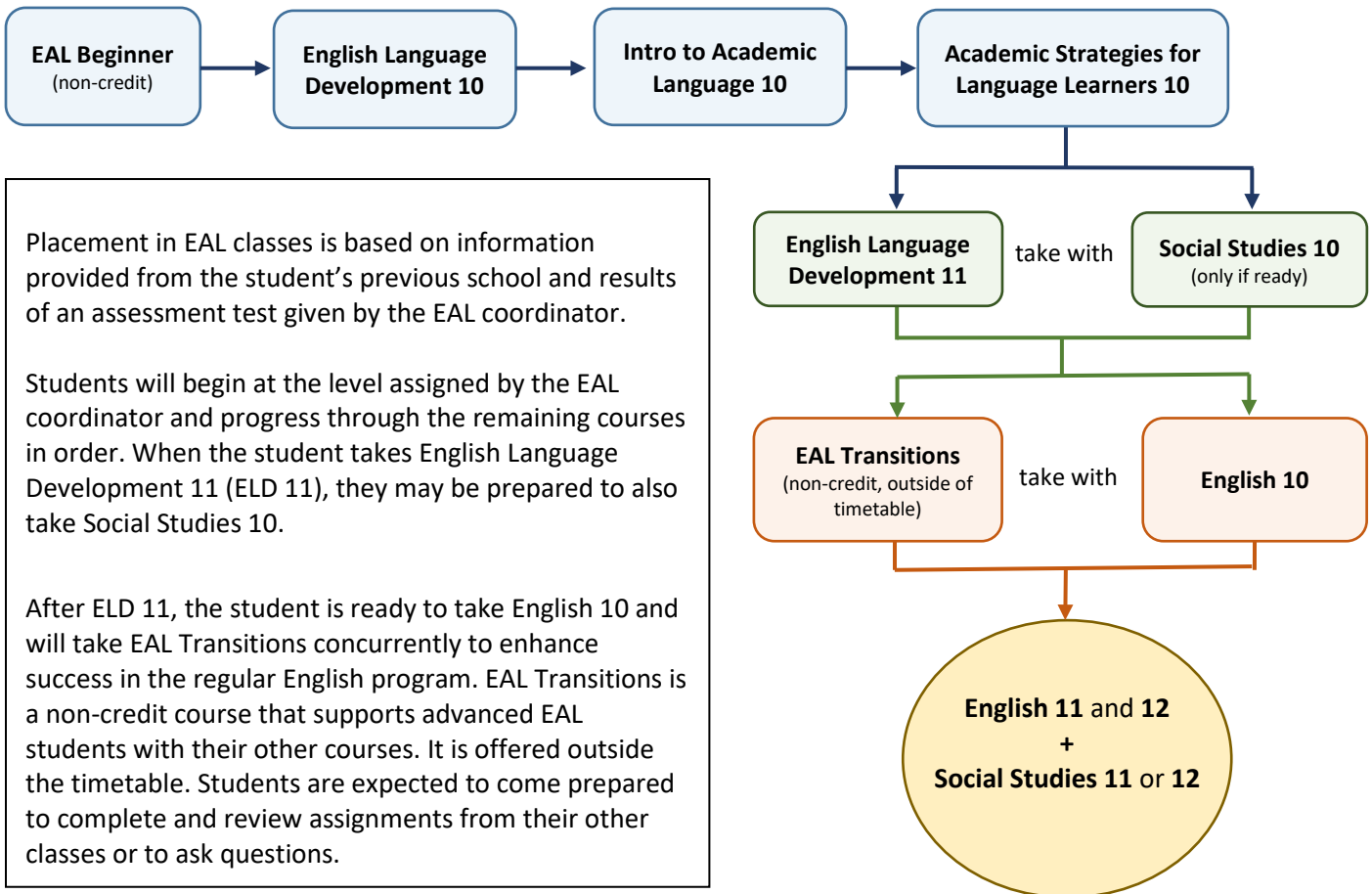
Open to Grades 9-12, by audition

Foundation: Must also be registered in the Concert Choir class appropriate to their grade level

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All new students must make an appointment with Mr. Trovato (etrovato@sd43.bc.ca) for an audition before signing up. Space is limited. Vocal Jazz is an opportunity to explore other music styles and material; it is much more challenging than in a Concert Choir class of the same level. Focus is on specific vocal production, close harmony singing, microphone technique, jazz styles, and the history and context of the jazz tradition. Students may also learn basic improvisation skills. As part of the course expectations, all students are required to attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances.

English As an Additional Language (EAL)



Placement in EAL classes is based on information provided from the student's previous school and results of an assessment test given by the EAL coordinator.

Students will begin at the level assigned by the EAL coordinator and progress through the remaining courses in order. When the student takes English Language Development 11 (ELD 11), they may be prepared to also take Social Studies 10.

After ELD 11, the student is ready to take English 10 and will take EAL Transitions concurrently to enhance success in the regular English program. EAL Transitions is a non-credit course that supports advanced EAL students with their other courses. It is offered outside the timetable. Students are expected to come prepared to complete and review assignments from their other classes or to ask questions.