

Grade 9 Electives 2022-2023

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

This hands-on foundation course teaches basic beginner skills in digital photography, composition rules, depth of field with apertures, shutter speeds with movement, and emerging technologies. Students will have a chance to develop a magnitude of skills in camera settings, special effects, how to create dynamic photographs and artwork. Digital cameras will be made available; however, you are also welcome to use your own 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 one of your 8 classes for the year but is offered outside the timetable (full-year), so you will have a spare block within the timetable in one semester.

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 efficiently in a business environment but also in school. Learn touch typing and build typing speed to over 46 words per minute. 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.

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 is recommended but not required for entrance into Band 9; joining Band once in a higher grade is by teacher permission. Band classes are performance-based courses and involve instrumental technique, performance technique and theory and history as they relate to the music being studied. 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. During the springtime, every other year, there are opportunities for an optional international trip! The Music Department has travelled and performed in Disneyland (California), New York City and Cuba to name just a few.

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.

Weight Training 10

Open to Grades 9-10

A co-educational course for an introduction to fitness-based training and enhancing fitness knowledge. Train using various strength and cardiovascular training techniques. A great opportunity for junior students to improve and maintain their physical fitness outside of their required PHE classes! (Students who take Weight Training 10 must still take PHE 9).

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

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.

*Note—students in the **Mandarin Bilingual Program** will choose Mandarin 11(MB) in their course selection.

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.

Electives Outside the Timetable

(Note: these are optional extra courses before/after school, that may be taken in addition to the 8 required courses within the regular timetable)

Optimizing Athletic Performance 11 Open to Grades 9-12

*This is an additional elective as it occurs outside the timetable and will be scheduled before school throughout the year. This course is designed for both novice and experienced high school athletes who wish to develop their fitness and skills specific to basketball. Students will focus on a variety of introductory basketball skill development (ball-handling, shooting, passing) and athletes will be introduced to developing their physical conditioning (agility, balance, coordination) through sport-specific exercise programs (running, weight-training, & interval training). Students will also have classroom work related to leadership development and character through sport.

Choir 9/10/11/12 Open to Grades 9-12

*This is an additional elective as it occurs outside the timetable, typically after school. Classes are performance-based courses and cover 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. During the springtime, every other year, there are opportunities for an optional international trip! The Music Department has travelled and performed in Disneyland (California), New York City and Cuba, to name just a few.

Musical Theatre 10/11/12 Open to Grades 9-12, by audition

Foundation: Students must audition for this course in September

*This is an additional elective as it takes place outside the timetable, typically after school. It is an auditioned course. Learn the basics of , 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, typically after school. 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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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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English As an Additional Language (EAL)

