



# Yale Secondary

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Welcome back Yale Lions!

We are excited to welcome students back to Yale for our first day of school on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to another year of providing exceptional academic experiences in a caring learning environment while supporting the success and well-being of ALL Yale students.

In preparation for this start, we have a few information items to help make this a smooth beginning for everyone. We encourage you to visit our [Yale Secondary](#) and [Abbotsford School District](#) websites for up-to-date school information. You can also read more about what Yale has to offer along with our policies in our [Student Handbook](#).

We have adjusted our [block schedule](#) this year to include four 80-minute classes. There will also be ten late starts for students on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. Students will begin school at 9:35 am on these late start dates to accommodate Yale staff who are participating in Staff Learning Opportunities (SLO Time) from 8:10 am -9:30 am.

As of this date, COVID-19 health and safety protocols will remain the same from where we ended the school year in June. We will continue with enhanced cleaning and ventilation, encourage good hand hygiene practices, and masking will continue to be optional depending on personal choice. If at any time students begin exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms that are not typical of an underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) or a physician's alternate diagnosis, it is recommended that they be tested using a rapid antigen test. Should Provincial Health Orders change for schools, we will inform you.

We are looking forward to a great year with you, and reconnecting with our students and families!

Rob Sloboda  
Principal

## When do I get my timetable?

Student timetables will be available on the [Myed Student Portal](#) beginning Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Access to the student portal is not available until this date. Your password will be the same one which you used previously. If students require a password reset for their MyEd account, please email: [yalerecords@abbyschools.ca](mailto:yalerecords@abbyschools.ca) using your Learn34 email account.

Instructions on how to access your timetable are on the Yale website under "Students > Student Portal Instructions". The second page of that document shows you how to access different views that might help make more sense of your timetable. **Hard copies of timetables will not be handed out.** Students must go onto the MyEd Student Portal to find and print their schedule. On the first day, Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, the block order is BADC. Here is a [map](#) of the school to help you find your classes in advance of the first day.

## Grade 9 Link Orientation

Grade 9 students are invited to a LINK Orientation on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. **This day is for Gr 9 students only** where they will receive a school tour, their course schedule, meet their classmates and their grade 11 mentors, and have a chance to have some fun while getting first day nerves out of the way!

## New student Tours

If you are new to Yale in grades 10, 11 or 12, you can join a student lead school tour on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am.

## Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school

The first day of school is a half day for students where you will attend all your classes on the Tuesday schedule (BADC) beginning with Block B at 8:10 am. You will be dismissed for the day at 10:50 am, but we invite all students for a free Welcome Back BBQ. Please join us!

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| 8:05          | Warning Bell |
| 8:10 – 8:35   | Blk A        |
| 8:40 – 9:05   | Blk B        |
| 9:10 – 9:35   | Blk C        |
| 9:40 – 10:05  | Blk D        |
| 10:05 – 10:50 | Assembly     |
| 10:50 – 11:30 | BBQ          |

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## **School Supply List**

Yale Secondary does not offer a supplies list like middle or elementary schools. Students are asked to come to school with a binder, paper, pens, and pencils. As students meet their teachers, they will be told if they need anything special in the way of supplies for that class.

## **BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)**

Students are encouraged to continue bringing a laptop or Chromebook to school to use as a learning resource. Teachers are designing their courses with an inquiry focus that leverages new online technologies that go beyond the limitations of textbooks. BYOD benefits students by having easy and regular access to information for research, inquiry, projects, and more. If you do not have access to a Chromebook or laptop, not to worry, teachers will have some available for classroom use. To connect to the District Wi-Fi, bring your device to Mr. Dekleva in the Library Learning Commons.

## **Attendance and Lates**

A reliable indicator of student success is consistent attendance at school and being on time for class. First period begins at 8:10 am. When students arrive late, it is disruptive to the learning environment, their peers, and they miss out on activities that have already begun.

This year, one of our goals is to decrease the number of late arrivals by students in the morning, and we need parental help in achieving this. If your child is going to be late or absent, let us know through the District's SafeArrival system with a phone call to 1-844-487-3701, or by using the [App](#). If your child needs to leave school early for any reason, please send a note or email to their teacher. You should also enter the absence in the SafeArrival app or call 1-844-487-3701.

## **Photo Day**

Photo day is Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding opportunities to purchase a photo package will be emailed home to families.

## **Lockers**

Online locker registration ([yalesecondary.lockerassignment.com](http://yalesecondary.lockerassignment.com)) will be available to students starting on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> after 4:00 pm. Information regarding how to do this is attached.

## **What if I want to make a course change request?**

We have done our best to accommodate first choice electives for all students, but if that was not possible, we have used alternate course selections. It is possible that you did not receive all the courses you asked for due to timetable conflicts and constraints. Please look over your timetable to ensure that you have a full schedule in the regular school day for both semesters.

**Grade 12 and 11 students:** Please review your timetable carefully. Course changes will be made to ensure you meet graduation requirements, or if you are missing a course in your schedule. Changes cannot be made based on teacher preference. Changes in elective courses will be made as space permits. Every attempt will be made to balance the most difficult of your courses over the two semesters.

Counsellors will be available to see **Grade 12 students ONLY** on a first come-first serve basis from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Counsellors will be available to see **Grade 11 students ONLY** on a first come-first serve basis from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Grade 9 & 10 students:** Course change requests will be considered starting after school on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. **No changes will be made before this date.** Students will fill out a course change request form and counsellors will only call students when a request can be accommodated. Students must go to the classes on their timetable until an official course change has been made.

## **Timetable Balancing**

We are still in the process of balancing grade 9 to 12 timetables to meet class size mandates. Therefore, any timetables viewed before September 9<sup>th</sup> are subject to change. Please **re-check** your schedule on September 8<sup>th</sup> to view any changes. If changes are made after September 9<sup>th</sup>, you will be notified.

## **Who is my counsellor?**

Note that counsellors are on summer vacation and will return on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Students are assigned a counsellor based on their surname as follows:

[Mrs. Perry](#) A-G

[Mr. Smith](#) H-N

[Mrs. Wickman](#) O-Z

### **A Reminder to Grade 10, 11 & 12 Students**

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure their course selections meet all British Columbia graduation requirements, as well as the entrance requirements to the post-secondary programs or institutions of choice.

**Attachments:** [SafeArrival Information](#)  
[SchoolCash Information](#)  
[Student Portal Information](#)  
[MyEd – How to log in](#)  
[Locker Registration Online Information](#)

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