

Yale Secondary Grad Handbook 2019



Grad Council

The grad council is made up of several members who will be responsible for the following:

- Meeting once a week to update each other on progress.
- Planning each of the grad events.
- Communicating information to the grad class via posters, announcements and the website.
- Distributing tickets for events.
- Checking in on a regular basis with sponsor teachers to ensure all tasks are completed.
- Working with the community to coordinate sponsorship, advertising and prizes.

Valedictorian



Choosing a Valedictorian

What does it mean to be the Valedictorian at our school?

A Valedictorian is a representative of a graduating class who speaks on behalf of the graduates at the Grad Ceremony. This honour is usually bestowed on an outstanding

representative of the graduating class.

Students may nominate themselves or be nominated by other students or staff. Applications will be available in the counselling office at the beginning of April. Completed applications will be due on April 18th. Staff will short-list the candidates and students will vote in May.

Criteria for the Valedictorian:

- Minimum average of 86%
- Demonstrated excellent citizenship
- Documented involvement in a minimum of two of the following areas: service, leadership, athletics, or fine arts
- An excellent communicator, speaks well in public

Counsellor Assemblies/Forms

Do you want to graduate? Would you like to attend post-secondary of any kind after you graduate? Do you want to apply for scholarships that will financially assist you with the cost of post-secondary education? WE NEED TO MEET!

September

BC Transcript Verification (are you graduating?) See your counsellor:

Mrs. Susanna Perry A-G

Ms. Cindy Baldwin H-N

Mrs. Jennifer Wickman O-Z

Parents/students are encouraged to attend the September 18, 2018, 6:00 pm Post-Secondary Information Night at Robert Bateman Secondary School.

October

District Scholarship Applications due – See Ms. Baldwin
October 1, UFV applications are open for grade 12s

February

Distribution of Abbotsford Foundation Scholarship booklets/application forms

March

Post-Secondary Institutions Selections Form; must be completed online at the

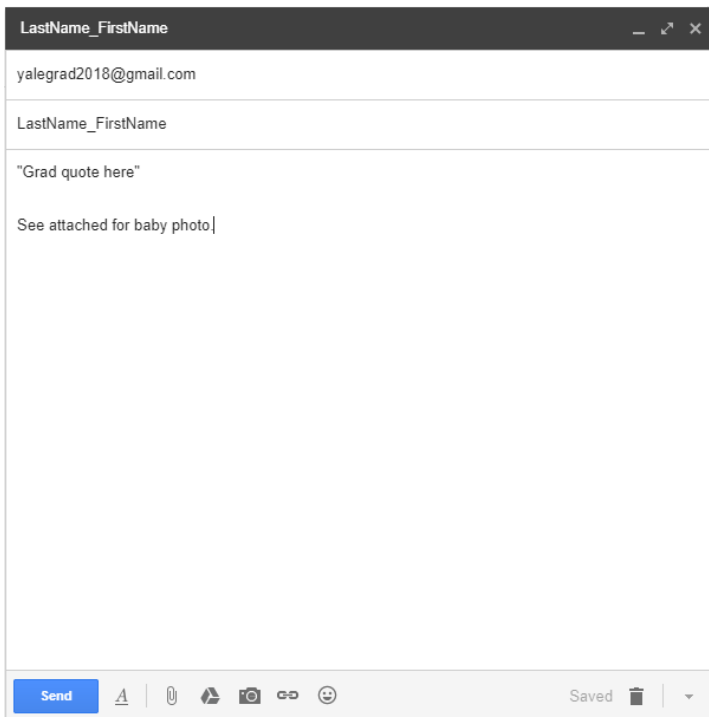
Ministry of Education website if a student is attending any post-secondary institution in September. This ensures that final transcripts are received by individual institutions.

Make frequent visits to www.yale@abbyschools.ca or the Abby Schools App for updates on post-secondary and scholarship info.

Yearbook

Yearbook

Grads, you will leave a memorable grad quote and may submit a baby photo in the yearbook. Email your grad quote and baby photo to yaleliongrad2019@gmail.com by **October 19, 2018**. See below for an example of how to format your e-mail. It is important that you include your LAST AND FIRST NAME in the subject line of the email. Paper photographs will not be accepted.



The image shows a screenshot of an email composition window. The window title is "LastName_FirstName". The recipient field contains "yalegrad2018@gmail.com". The subject line field contains "LastName_FirstName". The body of the email contains the text "Grad quote here" and "See attached for baby photo|". The bottom of the window shows a "Send" button and various icons for text formatting, attachments, images, links, and emojis. The word "Saved" is visible in the bottom right corner.

Grad Application

This form was completed in class last year (when you were in Grade 11) in June. If you did not fill one out, pick a form up from the Counselling Centre. It is important that you fill it out and return it to the Counselling Centre ASAP (right at the beginning of the school year). Keep in mind that most grads participate in all the events, so get your form in!

Grad Photos

Grad Photos are separate from the regular school photos and will occur November 13th – 15th & November 20th – 23rd. The sign-ups for a sitting will be the week prior to the photo week. Retakes are available December 10th & 11th. There is a \$45 sitting fee if you want grad pictures for friends and family.

You MUST have your picture taken here at the school to be on the grad composite and in the yearbook – this is a FREE service.

Grad Rings

Grad ring sales will be held September and February. Visit the Abby Schools App for dates.

Final Assessments, Exams and Graduation Status

Exams will be held at the end of each semester for courses that require them (January and June). Some courses may also provide exam opportunities in November (rewrites) and April. Go to yale@abbyschools.ca to keep updated on exam information. Advanced Placement Exams (separate from the provincial exams) will be administered in May. If you have any questions about the provincial exam for a specific course, please see the teacher for that course. If you have any questions about your graduation

status, please see your counsellor immediately to ensure you have all the credits necessary to graduate.

SAT Prep and SAT Exams

If you are considering attending college or university in the United States, you must write SAT exams. If there is sufficient interest, Yale offers SAT prep sessions as well as the opportunity to write the SAT exams. Please check the Yale website for registration of the SAT Prep sessions, but in order to write the SAT exam, **you must register on the College Board/SAT website.**



Grad Ceremony - Convocation

If you have completed the requirements necessary to graduate, you will be participating in the Graduation

Ceremonies. If you are not sure if you have completed the requirements, please see your counsellor. **Students enrolled in courses outside of Yale that are required for graduation must have 80% completed by May 1 to be eligible to participate in the ceremony.**

Grad Ceremony

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019

Time: 3:00 pm (Doors open at 2:30pm)

Place: Abbotsford Centre

Grads, please be there by 2:45pm. Do NOT be LATE! Traffic is heavy and parking is limited, plan accordingly. (Believe it or not it takes 30 minutes to get 300 grads ready!)

Things to know:

Come to the ceremony already dressed in your gown with clothes underneath. Guys: black dress pants and black dress shoes look nice with a white dress shirt. Girls: skirts or dresses with black dress shoes look best. *You will not need to return the gown*, so you will have plenty of time for pictures before and after the event.

Convocation Invitations

Family and friends will require invitations to watch you cross the stage. Each student will receive four invitations included in the grad fee.

Here is the procedure for obtaining invitations:

- Pickup your four invitations in early May at lunch; listen for the announcement. You must have paid your grad fees and all other school fees. If you do not want some or all of your invitations, please tell us at that time.
- Return any invitations you don't need.
- If you need more invitations, they may be purchased online for \$5 each.



Convocation Gowns

You need a gown for this formal ceremony, so we need to order you one. Please ensure you have filled out an Application to Graduate which was discussed earlier in this handbook. Please return it to the main office ASAP. This form will tell us your height (with shoes on) which will help us order you the right length gown. Grad fees must be paid for us to finalize your order in April.

Stage crossing quote

All grads planning to attend the ceremony are required to submit a quote or anecdote that will be read as they cross the stage. It should be 20-25 words or less and will be pre-approved by Yale Administrators. Listen to announcements for where and when to submit your quote.

Grad Ceremony Rehearsal – you need to be there

Date: Friday, June 7th, 2018

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Abbotsford Centre

- You need to see where to go, what line-up you are in and who you are standing beside. We also need all the bodies there so we can see how you will fit in the rows.
- You will receive your cap and gown.
- You will also have to learn the procedure for crossing the stage. You will be nervous enough as it is, so let's practice!

GRAD EVENT SCHEDULE

Grad Welcome Back BBQ

Date: September 12, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Yale

Grad Dinner Cruise

The grad cruise is scheduled for September 19, 2018 with the busses departing Yale at 4:30pm.

Dinner and cruise around Vancouver Harbour. Tickets will be available online Monday, September 10.



Fright Night

Date: October 24 – to be confirmed

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Busses depart from Yale

Grad Fashion Show

Date: Date To Be Announced

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Yale – C127, Studio
Theatre

Grad Winter Formal Dinner

Date: December 20 - tentative

Time: Dinner (Grads Only) 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Dance (Grades 9 – 12) 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Location: Yale

Dry Grad

Date: Friday (Final Date to be announced – tentatively November)

Time: 8:00 pm start – end time TBA

Location: Yale

There are plenty of fun things to do! There will be casino games, live entertainment, caricature artists, food and drinks. Grads should wear comfortable clothes.

Students are NOT required to bring any money or pay for anything during the evening.

This is an alcohol and drug-free all night grad event that goes until 3:00 or 3:30 am Saturday morning. There are no in and out privileges. Students who need to leave early must inform an administrator during the week BEFORE the event, who will verify the request with a parent. Pick-up arrangements (who will be picking you up) must be included in the request to leave early as you will only be allowed to leave when the designated ride arrives. If a student chooses to leave, they may not re-enter.

Convocation Rehearsal – All grads crossing the stage must attend.

Date: Friday, June 7, 2019

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Abbotsford Event Centre on King Road

Convocation (Formal Graduation Ceremony)

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Abbotsford Event Centre on King Road

Grand March

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019

Time: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Yale

The Grand March starts at the school at 2:30 pm on June 15, 2019. Grads attend with family and friends. Photographers will be there to take photos during the celebration. Pictures are made available on after the event, free of charge and will be available on the school website.

Prom - Dinner and Dance

Date: Saturday,
June 15, 2019

Time to be at

bus: 4:00pm

Where to meet

the bus: Yale

Secondary

Location:

Vancouver Hyatt

Hotel

Buses arrive back at Yale at 12:00 am. Please have pick up arranged!



Prom is a formal event where students get dressed up and spend a very memorable evening together. Grads will share in a beautiful buffet dinner, listen to a few speeches, watch a slide show, and then dance the night away! ALL grads are bussed to and from the event. There are no exceptions. All grad and school fees must be paid in order to reserve your table. There is an application process for guest passes:

- Guest pass applications are available in the office and must be submitted before the cut off date of May 3th.

- You **must** have your guest approved before you pay for him/her.
- Prom table sign-up will be announced. Get a prom table sign-up sheet from the office, fill it out with the names of 10 friends and take it to the sign up. **Only those grads that have paid will be allowed to sign up a table.** Remaining grads and guests will be assigned to tables. Please listen to the announcements and check the APP for more info.

Grad Fees:

Grad Ceremony \$60 – due October 30

This includes the purchase of your grad gown, cap, tassel and any other grad ceremony costs. The first four (4) invitations are free; any additional are \$5, available online.

Dry Grad \$75 – due October 30

This covers all the costs of the dry grad including food, entertainment and grad t-shirt.

Prom Dinner and Dance Ticket \$160 – due May 10

This includes your dinner, bus ride, and all the costs of putting on the event.

Prom Dinner and Dance *Guest Ticket* \$160 – due May 10

A guest refers to anyone not in grade 12 at Yale. This cost includes the dinner, bussing and all the costs of putting on the event.

Message to Parents



We know you are extremely proud and excited for this BIG year! We strongly encourage you as parents to get involved and help out with grad activities. There are lots of

places help is needed and your input is always appreciated. There will be a Grad Parent Meeting on September 18th at 7:00 pm in the gym and we look forward to seeing you there. Subsequent Grad Parent Planning Committee Meetings will be planned by the committee.

Important Note: In order to participate in grad activities including Dry Grad, prom and other activities planned by the Grad Council, grade 12 students must demonstrate good conduct and be a good example to their classmates and underclassmen. As a grade 12 student, if they choose to make a poor decision with regard to drugs, alcohol or other serious conduct they will forfeit their privilege to participate in grad events. Grade 12 students are expected to be leaders at school and set good examples by the choices they make.