



August 25th, 2021

Welcome back Yale Lions!

We are excited to welcome our students back to Yale for the first day of school on Tuesday September 7th. In preparation for this start, we have a few information items to help make this a smooth beginning for everyone. We encourage you to regularly visit our [Yale Secondary](#), [Yale Secondary FAQ](#) and [Abbotsford School District](#) websites for up-to-date school information.

We will email you our District's specific Covid-19 Safety Protocols once the district has them finalized. In the meantime, we are looking forward to a great year with you, and we are looking forward to reconnecting with all our students and families!

New Block Schedule

We are introducing a new schedule this year that will combine a longer block for learning once a week with our regular 80 minute blocks. The benefit of the longer blocks will allow time to dig into a topic and to extend learning through course projects, labs etc. Every Friday, students will attend all four of their classes. Approximately once a month (Sep 17, Oct 8, Nov 5, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 4, Apr 8, May 13, and Jun 3) we will have a late start for students beginning at 9:35 am to accommodate Yale staff who are participating in Staff Learning Opportunities (SLO Time) from 8:10 am -9:30 am. If students need to arrive early, no problem they can attend Homework Club in the Library Learning Commons for extra academic support.

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		SLO Friday	
8:10 to 10:50 160 m	A	B	C	D	8:10 to 9:30 80 m	A	8:10 to 9:30 80 m	SLO
Lunch 10:50 – 11:30					Lunch 10:55 – 11:35		9:35 to 10:35 60 m	A
11:35 to 12:55 80m	C	D	A	B	11:40 to 1:00 80 m	C	10:40 to 11:40 60 m	B
Lunch 10:50 – 11:30					Lunch 11:40 – 12:20		Lunch 11:40 – 12:20	
1:00 to 2:21 81m	D	C	B	A	1:05 to 2:26 81 m	D	12:25 to 1:26 61 m	C
							1:31 to 2:31 60 m	D

When do I get my timetable?

Student timetables will be available on the [Myed Student Portal](#) beginning Monday, Aug 30th. 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: yale@abbyschools.ca. Instructions on how to access your timetable are on the Yale website under "Students > Student Portal Instructions > [How To Log On](#)". Hard copies of timetables will not be handed out. Students must go onto the MyEd Student Portal to find and print their schedule.

Grade 9 Link Orientation

Grade 9 students are invited to a LINK Orientation on Thursday, September 2nd from 9-11. This day is for Gr 9 students only where they will receive a school tour, their course schedule, meet their classmates, meet 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 Gr 10-12, you can join a student lead school tour on Thursday September 2nd 11 am.

School Supply List

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

Tuesday September 7th is the first day of school

The first day of school is a half day for students where you will attend all four blocks beginning with Block A at 8:10. You will be dismissed for the day at 10:45.

Schedule for the duration of the first week

As this week is a shortened week, we will have all four blocks each day (ABCD). Monday we will begin with our new schedule.

What if I want to make a course change request?

We have done our best to accommodate first choice electives for all students, but when that was not possible, we have used alternates or substitutions. 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 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 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug 31st.

- Counsellors will be available to see Grade 11 students on a first come-first serve basis from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept 1st.

Grade 9 & 10 students: Course change requests will be considered starting after school on Thursday, Sept. 9th. 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 10th are subject to change. Please **re-check** your schedule on September 9th to view any changes. If changes are made after the 9th, you will be notified.

Who is my counsellor?

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.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Students are encouraged to continue bringing a Chromebook or laptop 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 a traditional textbook. BYOD benefits students by having easy and regular access to information for research, inquiry, projects, and more. This in conjunction with the use of Google Suite of apps also helps to keep students organized and on-task, resulting in more effective collaboration among students and the teacher. Our district has partnered with Staples to offer some options, but you are welcome to use any vendor. If you do not have access to a Chromebook or laptop, do not to worry, teachers will have we have some available for classroom use. To connect to our district Internet, bring your device to Mr. Dekleva in the Library Learning Commons.

*For the latest updates and information about school go to the website - <https://yale.abbyschools.ca/>