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# Grad Parent Meeting 2026/27



# Welcome and Introductions

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Principal – Baljeet Gill

Vice Principal – James Maclaren (last names A to Gh)

- Counselling Partner: Trevor O'neill

Vice Principal – Bo Sidhu (last names Gi to M)

- Counselling Partner: Lindsay McAleese

Vice Principal – Soraya Rajabally (last names N to Z)

- Counselling Partner: Michelle Nyberg

Post-Secondary Advisor – Astri Solgaard

District Careers and Trades Advisor – Jason Skelton

Teacher Leader for Graduation – Karen Bowater

# Getting the Grads Organized

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All grade 12 students are asked to **join the Grad Teams classroom**, using their Abbyschools accounts.



The **Teams Classroom**, the **Graduation Handbook**, and the **WJM** website is the best place for grads and their families to stay up to date with all things grad related.

# Grad Council – Your Voice Matters

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Ms. Bowater & Mr. Sidhu meet with a small group of students who make up our Grad Council 2027. This is a full year commitment:

- Monthly meetings to share ideas, give feedback, and help organize and advertise inclusive events for the school year as well as establishing a legacy for their grad class.
- Students are welcome to post suggestions and ideas for the year in our Teams classroom or they can email: bo.sidhu@abbyschools.ca

# Graduation Requirements (ENG)

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Students require a minimum of **80 credits** to graduate. Of these 80 credits:

- **At least 16 credits** must be **Grade 12 level**, Including a required **Language Arts 12**, **Career Life Connections** and one **Indigenous Peoples** course in English or Social studies.
- At least **28 credits** must be **elective course credits.**
- **52 credits** are required from the following:
  - **Career-Life Education** (4 credits), and **Career-Life Connections** (4 credits)
  - **Physical and Health Education 10** (4 credits)
  - **Science 10** (4 credits), and **a Science 11** or **12** (4 credits)
  - **Social Studies 10** (4 credits), and a **Social Studies 11** or **12** (4 credits)
  - A **Math 10** (4 credits), and a **Math 11** or **12** (4 credits)
  - A **Language Arts 10, 11** and a required **12** (12 credits total)
  - An **Arts Education 10, 11**, or **12** or an **Applied Design, Skills and Technologies 10, 11, or 12** (4 credits total)

# Graduation Requirements Cont.

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In addition, students must also complete **three graduation assessments**:

- Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment
- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

# Grad Requirements: French Immersion

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To graduate with both diplomas, French Immersion students must meet the graduation requirements for the **Dogwood Diploma** and, of these **80 credits**, they must earn:

- **At least 16 credits** at the **Grade 12 level** (including a Français langue seconde-immersion course at the Grade 12 level)
- **Français langue seconde-immersion 10** (4 credits)
- **Français langue seconde-immersion 11** (4 credits)
- **Français langue seconde-immersion 12** (4 credits)
- **At least 12 credits** in **Grade 10, 11, or 12 courses that are in French** with at least 4 of these credits at the Grade 11 or 12 level.

In addition, students must also complete **four graduation assessments plus**

- **Évaluation de littératie de la 12 année**

# Scholarships

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- **District Scholarships**
  - 100-hour projects completed in areas of interest in passion (fine arts, community service, drafting, trades, etc.)
  - More to come in October…
- **Abbotsford Community Foundation**
  - These are available to any graduating student; one application can get you up to 10 submissions (academic, athletics, minor sports associations, fine arts, policing, trades, etc)
  - More to come in January – Counsellor Michelle Nyberg is your contact
- **University Entrance and Major Community Awards**
  - These are on-going throughout the year
  - Ms. Astri Solgaard and Counsellor Lindsay McAleese are your contacts

**Check the school website and Grad Teams classroom regularly for meetings and updates.**

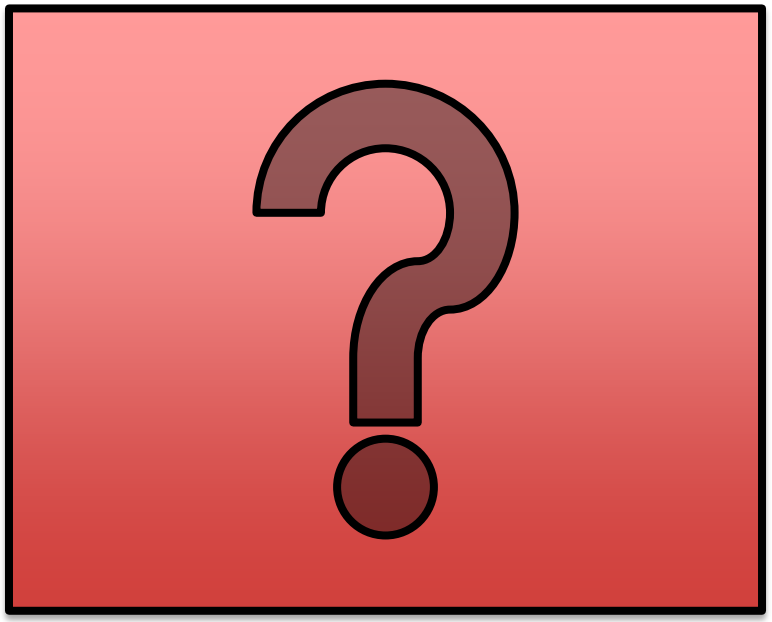
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# Important Meetings

- **Scholarship Meeting**
  - On October 1st at lunch in Learning Commons to go over all the different awards grads can apply for.
- **Transcript Verification Assembly**
  - Grads will be called to the theatre on Wednesday, October 14 to go over their transcripts to see if they have all the required courses to meet graduation requirements.

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# QUESTIONS?



# Grad Events Overview

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We are planning with the best intentions and will be ready to adjust plans if necessary.

All activities and events listed below are school organized and sponsored and therefore all school rules apply.

**Attendance to these events is a privilege, based on academic eligibility and one's behaviour at school and in the community.**

Events will be made collaboratively with staff and this year's grad council.

# Important Dates:

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## Grad Photos: January 4-14, 2026- Vibrant Photos

- *Appointment bookings will be online. All grads require a photo (free) and those wishing to purchase photo packages pay a $40 sitting fee.*

## Grad Photo Retakes: February 17th, 2027

- *Appointment bookings will be online*

## Yearbook Quotes & Baby Photos

- *Beginning of March, 2027*

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# Important Dates:

## Prom: Saturday. June 12, 2027 -Sponsor: Ms. Rajabally

- *Newlands Golf and Country Club – cost TBA*
- *Includes transportation, dinner, entertainment*

## Convocation: June TBA, 2027- Sponsor: Mr. Sidhu

- *Abbotsford Entertainment Center*
- *Grad fee is $60 and includes cap, gown, tassel, 2 grad tickets, professional photo*

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# Important Dates:

A Night to Remember- Dry Grad

Sponsor: Mr. Sidhu

- *Parent Supported Event – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for sponsorship, security, set up, clean up, décor.*
- ***Monthly meetings to organize.***
- ***1st meeting Oct 20th, confirmation email to follow.***
- ***Please email Mr. Sidhu if you want to join the organizing committee. bo.sidhu@abbyschools.ca (on website).***

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# A Night to Remember …Would you like to help?

Night to Remember Parent Volunteers

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