

WELCOME TO QUEENSMOUNT'S HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION

GRADE 8 - 9 PROCESS + TRANSITION



HOW IS HIGH SCHOOL DIFFERENT THAN QUEENSMOUNT?

QUEENSMOUNT

- YOU TRAVEL FROM CLASS TO CLASS WITH THE SAME KIDS
- YOU HAVE A LOCKER
- YOU TAKE 8 CLASSES ALL YEAR LONG
- YOU GET GRADES IN ALL SUBJECTS BUT YOU GO ON TO THE NEXT GRADE BASED ON YOUR PERFORMANCE AS A WHOLE

HIGH SCHOOL

- YOU TRAVEL FROM CLASS TO CLASS BUT YOU WILL HAVE DIFFERENT KIDS IN EACH CLASS
- YOU HAVE A LOCKER AND CAN USE THE SAME LOCK AS THIS YEAR
- YOU TAKE 4 CLASSES ONE SEMESTER AND 4 CLASSES THE NEXT
- IF YOU "FAIL" A COURSE, YOU MUST TAKE IT AGAIN TO GO ON

DIPLLOMA REQUIREMENTS

OSSD

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL

DIPLLOMA

30
CREDITS

18

COMPULSORY

12

ELECTIVES

PLUS

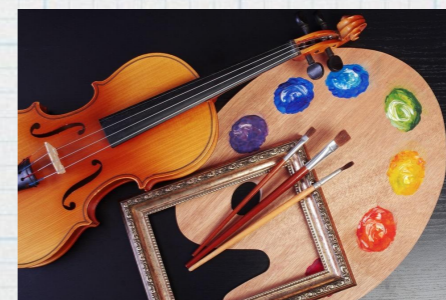
40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF LITERACY REQUIREMENT

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

- 4 CREDITS IN ENGLISH
- 3 CREDITS IN MATHEMATICS
- 2 CREDITS IN SCIENCE
- 1 CREDIT IN CANADIAN GEOGRAPHY
- 1 CREDIT IN CANADIAN HISTORY
- 1 CREDIT IN FRENCH
- 1 CREDIT IN ARTS
- 1 CREDIT IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- 1/2 CREDIT IN CIVICS
- 1/2 CREDIT IN CAREER STUDIES

... THAT
MAKES A
TOTAL OF 15
OUT OF THE
REQUIRED
CREDITS.
THREE MORE
CREDITS IN
SPECIFIC
AREAS ARE
REQUIRED.



TAKE ONE CREDIT FROM EACH GROUP

1

- ENGLISH
- THIRD LANGUAGE
- SOCIAL SCIENCE
- CANADIAN + WORLD STUDIES
- GUIDANCE + CAREER EDUCATION
- COOPERATIVE EDUCATION *
- FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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- HEALTH + PHYS. ED.
- ARTS
- BUSINESS
- COOPERATIVE EDUCATION *
- FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

3

- SCIENCE, GR 11 OR 12
- TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION, GR 9 - 12
- COOPERATIVE EDUCATION *

***NOTE: A MAXIMUM OF 2 COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COURSES MAY BE TAKEN**

12 ELECTIVES

. DRAMATIC ARTS

. MUSIC - INSTRUMENTAL

. MUSIC - VOCAL

. VISUAL ARTS

. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

. BUSINESS

. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

. INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES

. INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY LIVING

. AND OTHER OPTIONS . . . MORE MATH, SCIENCE,
LANGUAGES . . .



COURSE TYPE + DESTINATION

GRADE 9 AND 10

- . ACADEMIC (D)
- . APPLIED (P)
- . ESSENTIAL/FAST FORWARD (L)
- . OPEN (O)

GRADE 11 AND 12

- . UNIVERSITY (U)
- . UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE (M)
- . COLLEGE (C)
- . WORKPLACE (E)
- . OPEN (O)

MAKING COURSE CHOICES

ACADEMIC OR APPLIED

- ENGLISH
- MATHEMATICS
- SCIENCE
- FRENCH
- GEOGRAPHY
- FOR ESSENTIAL COURSE PROGRAMMING CONTACT THE HOME SECONDARY SCHOOL.

ACADEMIC COURSES

- OFFERED IN CORE AREAS: ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND FRENCH
- STUDENTS WILL LEARN THE ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS OF A SUBJECT AND EXPLORE RELATED MATERIALS
- EMPHASIS WILL BE ON THEORY AND ABSTRACT THINKING AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE LEARNING
- LEAD TO SENIOR COURSES PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE
- GUIDELINE BENCHMARK: **CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE STUDENT'S ABILITY**
- GENERALIZATIONS:
 - 70% AND OVER
 - STUDENTS SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT LEARNERS WITH LEARNING SKILLS IN THE GOOD TO EXCELLENT RANGE

APPLIED COURSES

- OFFERED IN CORE AREAS: ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, FRENCH
- EMPHASIS WILL BE ON THE PRACTICAL AND HANDS-ON APPLICATIONS OF THE CONCEPTS
- THE COURSE FOCUSES ON THE ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS OF A SUBJECT
- LEAD TO SENIOR COURSES PREPARING FOR COLLEGE, APPRENTICESHIP, SKILLED TRADES, AND THE WORKPLACE
- GUIDELINE BENCHMARK: **CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE STUDENT'S ABILITY**
- GENERALIZATIONS:
 - 50-70%
 - STUDENTS SHOULD BE OR STARTING TO BE INDEPENDENT LEARNERS

ESSENTIAL COURSES

- LOCALLY DEVELOPED COMPULSORY COURSES DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS FUNCTIONING BELOW GRADE LEVEL

- LEAD TO SENIOR COURSES PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE WORKPLACE

FAST FORWARD APPLICATION

- IN WRDSB, OFFERED THROUGH THE MAGNET PROGRAM FAST FORWARD
- FAST FORWARD OFFERED AT SJAM OR KCI
- APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION
- EMPHASIS WILL BE IN THE PRACTICAL AND HANDS-ON APPLICATIONS THAT WILL HELP STUDENTS TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS FOR FUNCTIONING IN EVERYDAY LIFE AND IN THE WORKPLACE
- STUDENTS WHO ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN AN ENVIRONMENT WITH ADDITIONAL TEACHER DIRECTION AND VARIED INSTRUCTION FIND SUCCESS IN THESE COURSES
- HANDS ON LEARNING, SMALLER CLASS SIZES
- LEAD TO SENIOR COURSES PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE WORKPLACE

OPEN COURSES

- SET OF EXPECTATIONS THAT IS SUITABLE FOR ALL STUDENTS AT A GIVEN GRADE LEVEL
- PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH A BROAD EDUCATIONAL BASE

OPTIONAL OPEN COURSES

- THE ARTS: DANCE, DRAMA, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, VOCAL MUSIC, VISUAL ARTS
- BUSINESS STUDIES: INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY IN BUSINESS
- HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION: HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING
- SOCIAL SCIENCES: FOOD AND NUTRITION, INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY LIVING
- TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION: INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES

SAMPLE GR 9 STUDENT TIMETABLE

SEMESTER 1

SEPT - JAN

ENGLISH

SCIENCE

FRENCH

ELECTIVE (PHYS.ED.)

SEMESTER 2

FEB - JUNE

MATHEMATICS

GEOGRAPHY

ELECTIVE (ART)

**ELECTIVE (INTEGRATED
TECH)**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- IN ORDER TO GRADUATE FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
- STUDENTS CAN BEGIN THIS THE SUMMER BETWEEN GRADE 8 AND GRADE 9. THEY MUST FINISH IT BY THE END OF GRADE 12 IF THEY WISH TO GRADUATE.



WHAT IS COMMUNITY SERVICE?

- **BABYSITTING**
- **COMMUNITY GROUPS**
- **LAWN CARE**
- **SENIOR'S HOMES**
- **COUNSELLOR-IN-TRAINING**
- **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**



ONTARIO LITERACY TEST

- USUALLY TAKEN IN GRADE 10
- TESTS READING AND WRITING SKILLS UP TO THE END OF GRADE 9
- THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE TEST CAN BE RETAKEN
- STUDENTS UNSUCCESSFUL ON THE LITERACY TEST, DESPITE EXTRA REMEDIATION, MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY COURSE
- SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE LITERACY COURSE IS THE EQUIVALENT OF PASSING THE TEST
- STUDENTS CANNOT RECEIVE A DIPLOMA UNLESS THEY PASS THE LITERACY TEST OR COURSE, AS WELL AS COMPLETING ALL CREDITS AND THE 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

SPECIAL EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

- QUEENSMOUNT SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS MEET WITH HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS TO SHARE INFORMATION, STRATEGIES AND IEPs
- ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE IEP ARE MAINTAINED
- GRADE LEVEL MODIFICATIONS ARE MANAGED BY THE PROGRAM THE STUDENT CHOOSES - ACADEMIC, APPLIED OR FAST FORWARD/ESSENTIAL

IS THERE A CHOICE OF SCHOOLS?

YES AND NO

- ALL QUEENSMOUNT STUDENTS GO TO FHCI OR CHCI DEPENDING ON WHERE THEY LIVE
- STUDENTS MAY APPLY TO MAGNET PROGRAMS OFFERED AT DIFFERENT SCHOOLS
- TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED TO ANY MAGNET PROGRAM EXCEPT FAST FORWARD AND ESL - FOR THESE PROGRAMS, BUS PASSES ARE PROVIDED FOR CITY BUSES, NOT ACTUAL BUSES.
- ALL STUDENTS AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED IN FHCI OR CHCI
- APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ALL MAGNETS: JAN. 18, 2019 (TO MS. PHILLIPS BY JAN. 14TH)
- ACCEPTANCE TO MAGNET PROGRAMS HOPEFULLY BEFORE COURSE SELECTION AT THE END OF FEBRUARY (SHOULD BE FEB. 8)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE AT CAMERON

- A VERY ACADEMIC PROGRAM
- EXAMS THAT MEET THE IB PROGRAM
- STUDENTS SHOULD LOVE SCHOOL
- HEAVY WORKLOAD
- \$50 APPLICATION FEE PLUS ANNUAL FEES
- MUST HAVE MOST MARKS IN THE 80%+

INTEGRATED ARTS AT EASTWOOD

- FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE PERFORMING, VISUAL AND MEDIA ARTS
- REGULAR APPLIED OR ACADEMIC PROGRAM PLUS MORE ELECTIVES IN THE ARTS AVAILABLE
- STUDENTS MUST AUDITION OR HAVE A PORTFOLIO—THEY MUST ALREADY DEMONSTRATE SOME TALENT
- APPLICATION FEE OR FORMS : SEE MS. PHILLIPS

FAST FORWARD AND ESL

- FAST FORWARD MEETS THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE A HANDS-ON LEARNING STYLE AND WILL PROBABLY BEING ENTERING THE WORK PLACE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
- ESL PROGRAM IS AT FOREST HEIGHTS AND IS FOR STUDENTS STILL LEARNING FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH
- WE WILL CALL YOU IF WE FEEL THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT BUT YOU MAY ALSO ASK US IF YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE A GOOD FIT

INNOVATE AT FHCI

- ONLY AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WHOSE HOME SCHOOL IS FHCI
- MAXIMUM OF 30-60 GRADE NINE STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED EACH YEAR
- PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO FOSTER INTELLECTUAL CREATIVITY
- FOCUS ON CRITICAL THINKING, INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES AND LEADERSHIP
- 75% MINIMUM AVERAGE
- APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 14, 2019

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A STUDENT OR PARENT CHOOSES A COURSE TYPE OTHER THAN WHAT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE TEACHER?**

THE ULTIMATE CHOICE IS WITH THE PARENT AND STUDENT. PARENTS ARE URGED TO DISCUSS CONCERNS WITH TEACHERS AT QUEENSMOUNT.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **WILL THERE BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SWITCH COURSES DURING GRADE 9, E.G., ACADEMIC TO APPLIED?**

RARELY. SOMETIMES THIS CAN HAPPEN IF A COURSE IS NOT TOO FAR UNDERWAY, BUT MAY MEAN A FULL CHANGE IN TIMETABLE.

- **IS IT POSSIBLE TO CHANGE COURSE TYPES FROM GRADE 9 TO 10?**

YES, IN ALL CORE COURSES EXCEPT MATH FROM APPLIED TO ACADEMIC. BRIDGE COURSES ARE A POSSIBILITY IN MATH.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**DOES A STUDENT HAVE TO TAKE ALL THE
SAME COURSE TYPES?**

**NO, STUDENTS CAN SELECT DIFFERENT TYPES
FOR THE CORE COURSES ACCORDING TO THEIR
STRENGTHS, WORK HABITS, AND LEARNING
STYLE. E.G. ACADEMIC ENGLISH, APPLIED
SCIENCE**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **I AM REALLY NERVOUS ABOUT GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL. HOW CAN I FEEL BETTER ABOUT THIS?**

THERE ARE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GO AND VISIT THE HIGH SCHOOLS (PARENT NIGHTS, GALA, GR. 8 VISITS IN MAY, SPORTING EVENTS, GR. 9 BBQ IN AUGUST, ETC.). IF YOU BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE BUILDING IT BECOMES LESS INTIMIDATING. YOU CAN ALSO TALK TO YOUR TEACHERS OR GUIDANCE ABOUT YOUR WORRIES AND WE CAN HELP.

IMPORTANT DATES

- DEC. 6, 6:30PM - INFORMATION NIGHT AT FHCI
- JAN. 18 - MAGNET PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE
- JAN. 15, 7PM - INFORMATION NIGHT AT CHCI

PICK UP AN IMPORTANT DATES FLYER!

NEXT STEPS?

- DECIDE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR A MAGNET PROGRAM, IF SO, FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS
- GO TO THE INFORMATION NIGHTS AT THE SCHOOLS
- BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY - TEACHERS WILL FILL OUT A RECOMMENDATION FOR EACH STUDENT ON WHETHER THEY SHOULD TAKE ACADEMIC OR APPLIED COURSES IN GRADE 9. STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A PAPER COPY OF THE COURSE SELECTION FORM WITH THIS INFORMATION AND TAKE IT HOME TO DISCUSS COURSES
- IN FEBRUARY WE WILL WORK WITH STUDENTS TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE ONLINE REGISTRATION
- IN MAY WE WILL TAKE STUDENTS TO VISIT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL FOR NEXT YEAR

QUESTIONS???