

# Grade 9 and YOU ... at GCVI



*A presentation for grade 8 students and their Parents*

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# Land Acknowledgement

From the Anishinaabe to the Haudenosaunee and the Métis, these treaty lands are steeped in rich Indigenous history and modern traditions. As a community, we have the responsibility to honour and respect the four directions, land, waters, plants, animals and ancestors. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinaabek Peoples, on whose ancestral and treaty lands we teach, learn and live.



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# IB Preparatory Program

Cohorted in English (ENL1WB), Math (MTH1WB) and Science (SNC1WB)

- follow the same curriculum as 1W de-steamed courses
- some aspects tailored to preparing students for the IB Diploma.

IB Coordinator Ms Alexandra Zahnd (Class 2023, 2025 and incoming grade 9s):

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Global Citizenship (HZB3MB)

- Prepares students for Theory of Knowledge and Creativity, Activity Service
- Drop by rm 256 during your tour to learn more!

Contact Evan Howie ([ehowie@ugcloud.ca](mailto:ehowie@ugcloud.ca)) or Angela Snell ([asnell@ugcloud.ca](mailto:asnell@ugcloud.ca)) until Feb 3rd.

# Summer school courses, eLearning, Community Service, OSSLT.



1. **Summer School reach ahead credits**
  - a. **Taking a course prior to entering grade 9**  
**Common courses:**
    - i. **Careers and Civics**
    - ii. **Grade 10 History**
2. **eLearning Courses**
  - a. **Taking a course prior to entering grade 9**
    - i. **July or August options**
  - b. **Taking eLearning courses during the school year.**
  - c. **2 eLearning courses required by Graduation.**  
**(Opt Out Form is available)**
3. **Other things to consider as you prepare for grade 9**
  - a. **Community Service Hours**
  - b. **Literacy Test Requirement**
  - c. **Credits required for graduation**
    - i. **One Art course**
    - ii. **One Physical Education course**



# The School Day



Students will take 4 courses per semester.

Semester 1: September – end of January

Semester 2: February – end of June

**Period 1** 8:55 am – 10:15 am

**Period 2** 10:22 am – 11:37 am

LUNCH 11:37 am – 12:33 pm

**Period 3** 12:38 pm – 1:53 pm

**Period 4** 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

# Grade 9 Courses – Compulsory

- **English** (ENLIW, ENLIWB OR ENGIL)
- **Math** (MTHIW, MTHIWB or MATIL)
- **Science** (SNCIW, SNCIWB or SNCIL)
- **French** (FSFID)
- **Geography** (CGCID)



**De-streamed in grade 9**

# Grade 9 Courses – Optional (Choose 3)

- Phys. Ed (must take 1 before graduation)
- Arts (must take 1 before graduation)
  - Instrumental Music  
(Beginner or Experienced)
  - Vocal Music
  - Art
  - Drama
- Tech
  - Integrated Tech  
(Mixed or females only)
- Family Studies
- Business
  - Intro. to Business
  - Information and Communication  
Technology in Business





# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – AMI-10, 10N



*GCVI Sr. Symphonic Band performing at the Nationals Arts Centre in Ottawa 2019*

- Studies in Instrumental Music at both the advanced and beginner level.
- Explore and develop skills on traditional concert band instruments; woodwind, brass, and percussion .
- Practice performances techniques, repertoire, tone development, and music notation.
- Also explore composition, arranging, improvisation, and digital composition.

# VOCAL MUSIC – AMV10



*GCVI Chamber Choir with rock band **Foreigner** on their 40th Anniversary Tour in 2019*

- Singers of all levels of experience welcome!
- Techniques for happy, healthy and sustainable singing are learned throughout grade 9.
- Group singing featuring many different types of repertoire.
- Opportunities to sing on stage with some of North America's most notable musicians.

# Guitar – AMG20



Student learning will include participating in creative activities and listening perceptively. Students will also be required to develop a thorough understanding of the language of music, including the elements, terminology, and history. This course is designed for the beginning guitar student who will learn how to tune the guitar, read chord charts and melodic notation.

Introduction to:

- Folk
- Rock
- Pop
- Blues
- jazz



# DRAMA – ADA10



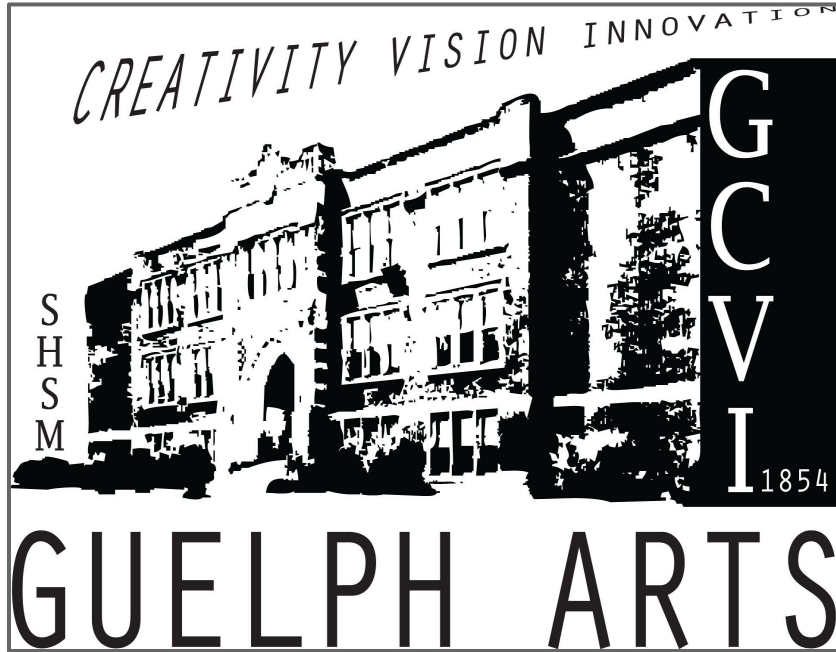
- Develop skills through games & activities
- Gain confidence & presentation skills
- Perform with friends in a safe space
- Write, create, direct & design your ideas
- Collaborate with other creative students
- Practice critical thinking & problem solving
- Develop your innovation & creativity

# MUSICAL THEATRE – AMT20



- Rehearse and produce a Musical at GCVI!
- You choose to **perform** (sing, dance, act) or be on the **production team** (design and build props, sets and costumes) once the course begins.
- This course includes extra rehearsals outside of class time. More information will be provided in June.
- Past productions include Shrek , Matilda and Rock of Ages.
- Runs every other year. (Take it in 2023 as AMT20 and in 2025 as AMT4M)

# VISUAL ARTS – AVI10



- This course is exploratory in nature, offering an overview of visual arts as a foundation for further study.
- Students will become familiar with the elements and principles of design and the expressive qualities of various materials by using a range of media, processes, techniques, and styles.
- Students will use the creative and critical analysis processes and will interpret art within a personal, contemporary, and historical context.



# ARTS – NACIO



**Expressions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Cultures:**

**Painting**

**Sculpture**

**Storytelling**

**Dance and Music**

# Media Arts – Grade 10 option (ASM20)



This course enables students to create media art works by exploring new media, emerging technologies such as digital animation, and a variety of traditional art forms such as film, photography, video, and visual arts. Students will acquire communications skills that are transferable beyond the media arts classroom and develop an understanding of responsible practices related to the creative process.

# GRADE 9 INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY

## TIJIO OR TIJIOX (FEMALES ONLY)



- Explore and develop technological knowledge and skills introduced in the elementary science and technology program.
- Opportunity to design and create products.
- Working with a variety of tools, equipment, and software commonly used in industry.



Various Shops available at GCVI

Hospitality and Tourism- Cafeteria

Green Industries

Computer Tech Room

Communications Tech Room

Manufacturing

Woodworking

Auto

Tech Design



GREEN INDUSTRIES



# GCVI Technological Education Grade 10 options for Grade 9's

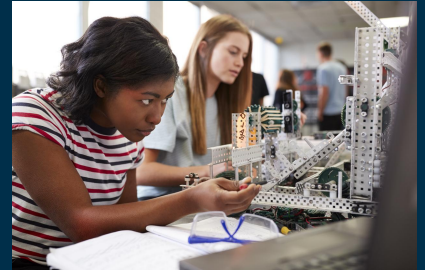
TRANSPORTATION



TECHNOLOGICAL DESIGN



COMPUTER ENGINEERING



HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM



CONSTRUCTION TECH



MANUFACTURING



COMMUNICATIONS TECH



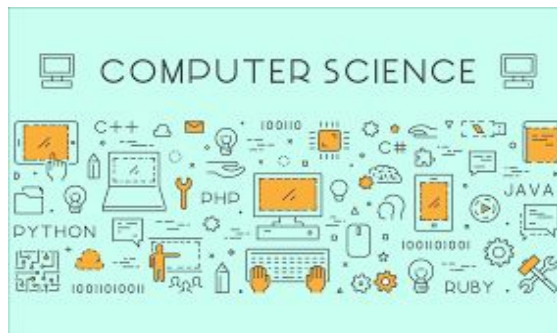


# Computer Science – Grade 10 Option (ICS20)

Computer Science is one of the fastest growing fields of study, and the skills learned in Computer Science can serve you in many pathways, including medicine, engineering, geography, tech and more!

If you enjoy challenges, solving problems, and combining logic with out-of-the-box thinking, try taking a Computer Science course!

At GCVI, we offer a Grade 10 Open course which introduces students to programming concepts using the Python programming language, and Grade 11 and 12 University courses which continue programming in Java. Anyone can take the Grade 10 course and no programming experience is required!



# EXPLORING FAMILY STUDIES – HIF 10



Connects to everyday life and prepares you for real world relationships and experience.

- Explore ways to get along better with your family and friends
- Discuss adolescent issues of today
- How to eat and prepare healthy food
- How to improve your communication and decision making skills
- How to spend your money wisely
- How to deal with peer pressure
- Build healthy relationships
- Basic sewing and decorating skills

# Food and Nutrition – Grade 10 Option (HFN20)

Students will investigate factors that influence food choices, including beliefs, attitudes, current trends, traditional eating patterns, food-marketing strategies, and individual needs. Students will also explore the environmental impact of a variety of food choices at the local and global levels. The course provides students with opportunities to develop food-preparation skills and introduces them to the use of social science research methods in the area of food and nutrition.



## THE HEALTHY EATING PYRAMID

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION, HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH



# HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING – PPL 10

Healthy Eating

Substance Use



**World games, weight training, pickleball, crossnet, spikeball, rock climbing, ringette, basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, ultimate frisbee, tchoukball, CPR/AED training and so much more!**

- Experience lots of different traditional and non-traditional games/activities
- Safe and inclusive environment
- Accommodate for ALL to have equal opportunity (regardless of athletic ability, body size and interests)
- There is an expectation to be prepared on a daily basis with a change of clothes appropriate for activity

Health 2x/week  
Activity 3x/week

Sexual Health

Personal Safety





# INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL FITNESS – PAF20

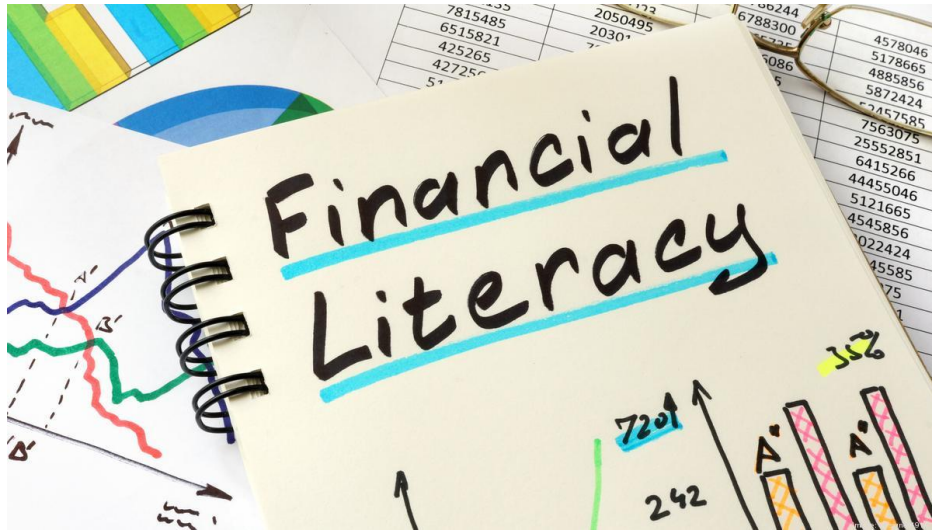


**Movement skills, fitness training methods and principles, varied methods of improving and maintaining personal fitness and physical competence, safety and injury prevention, nutrition**

- **Introductory level course that will help prepare students to take future fitness courses and participate in personal fitness programs outside of school with confidence**
- **Participation in highly challenging physical activities that promote lifelong healthy active living and personal physical fitness.**
- **Exploring fitness based activities that can be explored later in life, such as outside gyms, yoga or Crossfit**
- **Fitness workouts three/four days a week (fitness center and circuits in the gym) & health awareness and education one-two days a week (classroom)**
- **There is an expectation to be prepared on a daily basis with a change of clothes appropriate for activity/workouts**



# INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS – BBI10



You'll learn about two main areas of study:

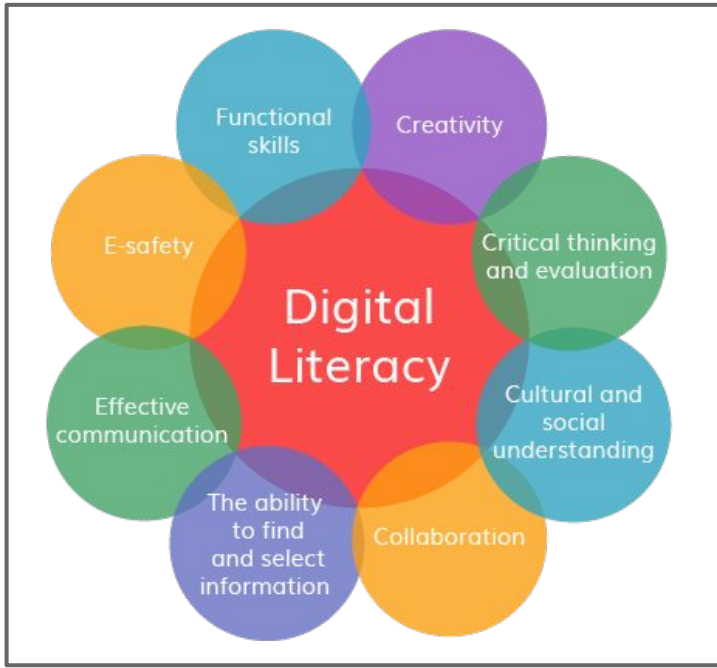
## 1. Personal Finance

- Identify theft prevention, budgeting, credit, investing and savings.
- Participate in an online Stock Market Game.

## 2. Business Fundamentals and Entrepreneurship

- Business ownership, Business development, Marketing and Accounting.
- Students create a business plan for a new Guelph based small business.

# Introduction To Business Communications: BTT10



Learn important skills that will benefit you in this digital age

## 1. Digital Literacy

- Microsoft Windows, Internet Terminology, Media Smarts

## 2. Computer Hardware

- Internal/External Components

## 3. Productivity Software

- Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel

## 4. Design Software

- Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher, Google Sites



# Grade 10 course options for Grade 9 students



1. Art - Media Art
2. Computer Studies
3. Musical Theatre
4. Guitar
5. Food and Nutrition
6. Personal Fitness
7. Construction Technology
8. Technological Design (Architectural Design)
9. Computer Technology
10. Hospitality and Tourism
11. Communications Technology
12. Manufacturing
13. Transportation Technology
14. Green Industries



# Getting involved with Clubs and Sports



FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

&

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

7 PM

The tickets for the streaming event are \$20 and will be available for purchase on [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com)

You only need to purchase 1 "ticket" per screen

#### EVENT LINK:

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-detail/60424>





# Important Course Selection Steps:

## 1. Course Selection

- MyBlueprint is currently Open
- Have conversations with Teachers and Parents
- Research courses through MyBlueprint
- Select your optional courses for grade 9

**Click submit for your selections on or before February 8th**



# School Tours

- Option 1 – Group tours

Students holding coloured paper over their head are available for small (10-12 person tours around the school

- Option 2 – Self-Guided Tours

Please explore the school on your own to experience the amazing spaces at GCVI. If you see an open room, please feel free to go in and check it out.



# Thank you!

Enjoy your Tour

Staff will be available for questions in the following areas:

Student Services - Rm. 103  
Guidance - Guidance Office  
Administration - Main Office  
Drama - Auditorium  
Music - Auditorium  
Art - Rooms 15 and 16  
English - Rm. 208  
Technology - Rm. 131  
Science - Rm. 18  
Math - Rm. 109  
Geography - Rm. 104  
Global Citizenship - Rm. 256  
Physical Education - Gym and Weight Rm (#39)  
Languages - 251  
Business - 153

