



Garibaldi Secondary

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Jan 28 2026

7PM - GSS Library

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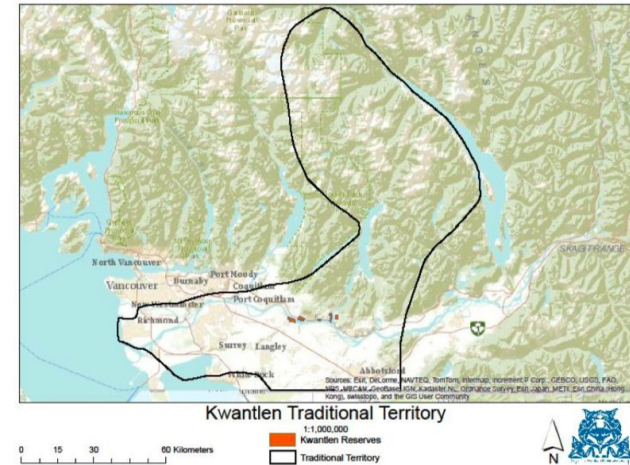
Gr 11 and 12
IB Diploma Programme
Parent Info Night
GSS Library - 7 PM
Approx one hour



I would like to acknowledge that we are having this meeting on the shared traditional and unceded territories of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation.

I also welcome and recognize all of our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and families in our schools and community.

As well, I want to welcome and recognize the many different cultures that are represented in our schools and community.



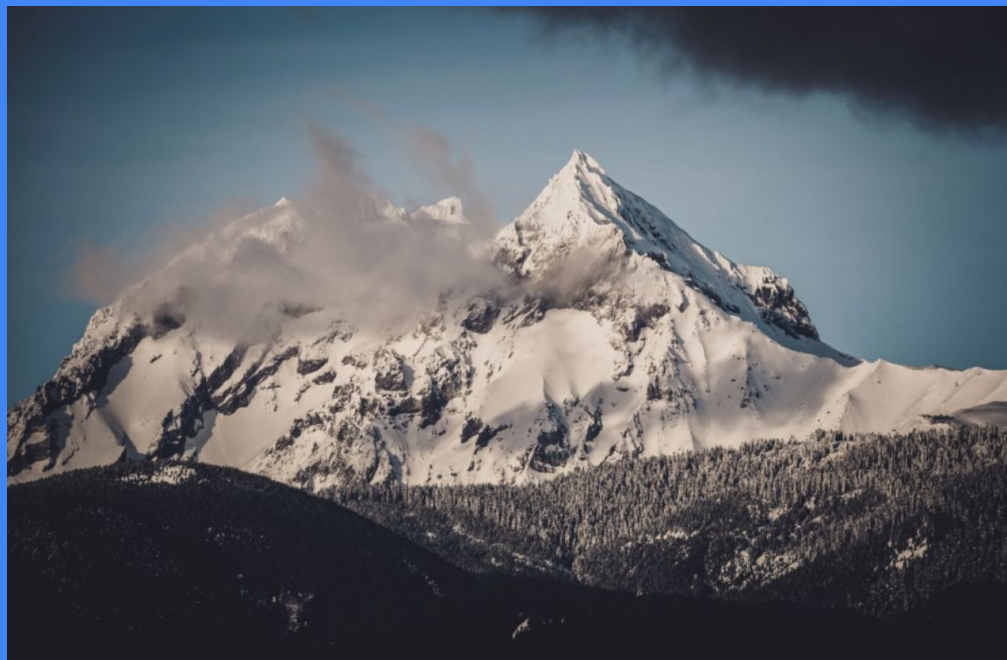
First People

FIRST NATION CEMETERY 96 Avenue

On Whonnock Reserve lands just east of the municipal cemetery are the remnants of a small Roman Catholic burial ground dating back to 1874. Only one or two grave markers have survived.



A Boat and the Nch'kay'



Garibaldi History



DEDICATION

R. E. G. Langton



The first principal of Garibaldi School was a man who inspired confidence and respect in everyone who knew him - the late Mr. Eric Langton. His teaching and efficient administration have helped establish the school for generations of students yet to come.

He was born and raised in Maple Ridge; later he attended U. B. C., where he received a Master's degree in Physics. During World War II, he served in the Physics Department at this same university.

Among his great variety of interests were gardening, the sciences, and, of course, education. Always, he had an unflinching enthusiasm for life and for everything it held. It is to this man that we respectfully dedicate our annual.



Garibaldi Grads

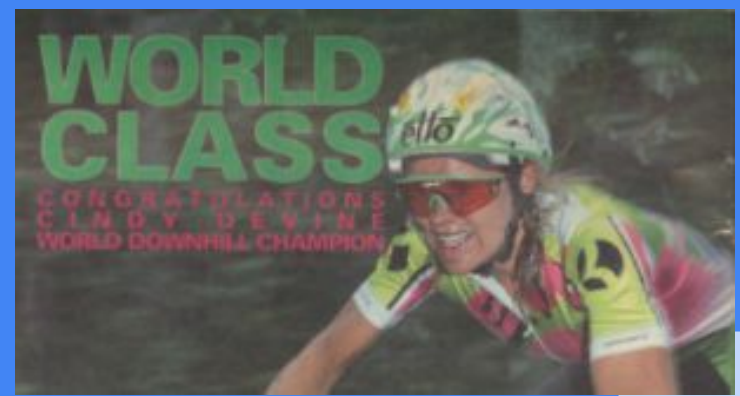


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About GSS



Debbie Brill – World Champion, World Record Holder, High Jumper

Phillip Borsos – Genie Award Winning Director, Academy Award Nominee

Cindy Devine – Canadian National and World Downhill Champion – Inducted into World Mountain Bike Hall of Fame World Champion. She was the FIRST female World Champion in 1990.

Kim Eagles – Olympic and Commonwealth Games Athlete – pistol shooting

Gary Folka – Award winning actor

Greg Hart – World record holder in tree climbing

Stirling Hart – Canadian record holder and a World record holder in tree climbing and Springboard chop

Brian Malfesi – National Canoe / Kayak Team. Multiple National Championship. Represented Canada at the Senior World Cup Events and **Olympic Games Tokyo 2021**

Tyler O'Neill – Canadian National Baseball team, and Major League Baseball (St Louis Cardinals)

Jonathan Poh – Author 2020 CBC Nonfiction Award Winner

Linus Sebastian – YouTube personality, presenter, and producer focusing on computer tech

Lance Uggla – International Business Leaders – Philanthropist

Cam Waldbauer – Academy Award nominee for Best Visual Effects – X-Men: Days of Future Past.



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About GSS

IB Diploma Programme Website



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IB PROGRAMME

COMMUNITY HISTORY

IB – Middle Years
Programme (MYP)

IB – Diploma Programme
(DP)

All information from today is accessible on our IB DP website:

<https://gssib.sd42.ca/>

Linked on our GSS website under Top tab IB Programme, sub tab IB - DP Programme (DP)

Why IB?

- An enriched approach to education that challenges our students to immerse themselves in their learning
- Preparation for academic life after high school – we continually hear that our IB students are successful and ready for the realities of University
- The IB DP goes beyond academic learning, develops well-rounded students with creative and critical thinking skills, ethical decision-making and a passion for inquiry and learning.



MYP to DP Continuum

- Although there is no pre-requisite to study the DP, the IB's Middle Years Programme (MYP) does align closely with the DP, ensuring a smooth transition for students.
- MYP's focus on approaches to learning continues through to the DP.
- MYP prepares students for the DP by reflecting the depth, breadth and balance that is characteristic of all IB programmes.
- Students benefit from consistent and shared approaches to teaching of the MYP and DP.

Why IB?

- Community building – students and teachers spend their time constructively supporting each other and continuously learning - a “School within a School”
- Today’s world is increasingly global, and IB places developing an international perspective at its core
- Students are encouraged and expected to be active and engaged citizens - both locally and globally.

Education for a better world



IB DP Curriculum Framework

- Students take 6 subject area courses along with the 3 Core over 2 years (nine total)
- Students need 3 Higher Level (HL) and 3 Standard Level (SL) courses
- The Core consists of:
 - Creativity, Action and Service (CAS)
 - Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
 - Extended Essay (EE)



HL vs. SL

- Higher Level courses require more instructional hours and generally cover more topics than Standard Level courses.
- The curriculum covered is not necessarily harder.



IB Core - Theory of Knowledge

- Dedicated course in student's schedule
- Explores how we know what we know - the nature of knowledge across disciplines
- Fosters a global perspective
- It demonstrates the ways in which the student can apply their knowledge with greater awareness and credibility



IB Core - Extended Essay

- Independent, self-directed piece of research ending with a 4,000 word paper
- Practical preparation for undergraduate research
- Highly supported by Garibaldi teachers and teacher-librarians
- Additional “points” for final Diploma
- 2025 Cohort EEs (password = “rebels”) →



IB Extended Essay GSS Student Examples

Balancing Coexistence: How does economic activity affect the sustainability of the southern mountain caribou population residing in British Columbia?

Architecture and Apartheid: To what extent did architecture and urban design promote the ideals of Apartheid in South Africa?

Power and Protest in Hip-Hop: How do Ye and Kendrick Lamar use lyrical devices in *Yeezus* and *To Pimp a Butterfly* to portray contemporary African American exploitation?

IB Core - Creativity, Activity and Service

- Students make a plan in Grade 11 to incorporate all three components in their Grade 11 and 12 year
- CAS is not formally assessed but is a required component of the Diploma Programme
- Information and support for completing CAS is delivered during the TOK class



Courses offered at Garibaldi

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Core
<u>MANDATORY</u>	<u>MANDATORY</u>	<u>CHOOSE 1</u>	<u>CHOOSE 1</u>	<u>MANDATORY</u>	<u>CHOOSE 1 or 2nd Course from Group 3 or 4</u>	<u>MANDATORY</u>
English ^{HL}	French ^{SL}	History ^{HL}	Biology ^{HL/SL}	Math ^{SL}		TOK
	French	Business	Chemistry ^{SL}		Visual Art	EE
	Ab Initio	SL/HL	Computer		SL/HL	CAS
	SSST -	Philosophy	Science ^{SL/HL}			
	home language	SL/HL			Film ^{SL/HL}	
					Music	
					SL/HL	

Science Focus

Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Course 4	Course 5	Course 6	Course 7	Course 8
English HL	French SL	History HL	Biology HL	Math SL	Chemistry SL	Core TOK/EE CAS	Ministry Courses Physics 11/12

Humanities or Arts Focus

Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Course 4	Course 5	Course 6	Course 7	Course 8
					<u>CHOOSE 1</u>		Ministry Courses
English HL	French SL	History HL	Biology SL	Math SL	Visual Art ^{HL} , Music ^{HL/SL} , Business ^{HL} Philosophy ^{HL}	Core: TOK/EE CAS	Room in timetable for 1 more course

Hybrid Schedule

Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Course 4	Course 5	Course 6	Course 7	Course 8
					<u>CHOOSE 1</u>		Ministry Courses
English HL	French SL	Business* HL	Biology HL	Math SL	Chemistry SL Comp Sci SL/HL History SL/HL	Core: TOK/EE CAS	Room in timetable for 1 more course

Does not fulfill BC Ministry Social Studies credit (it's an ADST course). Students must complete SS credit through IB History, IB Philosophy, or a non-IB SS course.

Block	Grade 11 IB DP Course (Group)
A	➤ English A Literature HL (Group 1)
B	➤ French B SL (Group 2)
C	➤ Chemistry SL (Group 4)
D	➤ History HL (Group 3)
E	➤ Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL (Group 5)
F	➤ Biology SL or HL (Group 4) ➤ Computer Science SL or HL (Group 4)
G	➤ Economics SL or HL (Group 3) (or Business Management SL or HL from 2025 – onward) ➤ Philosophy SL or HL (Group 3) ➤ Visual Arts SL or HL (Group 6) ➤ Music SL or HL (Group 6)
H	➤ <u>IB Diploma Core</u> (TOK, EE, CAS)
Outside Timetable	➤ Language A Literature – SSST (School Supported Self Taught) SL (Group 2) ➤ French Ab initio (Group 2) ➤ Optional online fee-based Pamoja courses (see GSS IB DP website for explanation)

SSST - Language A Support - Ms. Elphick

- School-Supported Self-Taught
- Replaces French B for students whose mother-tongue is not English
- Allows students to earn Language A in their mother-tongue and a Bilingual Diploma
- With support from a teacher students access an online course that has their material in their home language

French Ab Initio

- Ab Initio is for students who have never studied French before. In timetable goal for 2025
- Replaces French B for students who may have studied a language we do not offer, but still want the in-class experience
- Depending on enrollment, is taught as a cohort within a FSL course over 2 years, or can be a stand alone course

New courses

Business Management

- Group 3
- does not get provincial Social Studies credit
- Learn practical business concepts and skills (marketing, finance, operations, HR)
- Assessed via case study analysis and exam.

Film

- Group 6
- Watch, analyze, and create films
- explore roles like director, editor, screenwriter, etc
- Assessment: comparative study, written analysis, film portfolio
- IA: Research and analyze a real business problem

Certificate Courses

- Students who do not want to take the full Diploma Programme can opt for taking single or multiple courses
- It is recommended that Certificate courses are taken as HL when possible in order to have the best chances of receiving first year credit at post secondary institutions

IB vs Provincial Courses

	IB	Provincial
Assessment	Externally assessed at end of course, globally benchmarked	Teacher assessed throughout the course
Recognition	Respected worldwide; possible transfer credit	Fully recognized; well aligned with Canadian universities
Workload	Faster pace; more concurrent projects; academic focus	Solid subject knowledge and strong foundational skills
Feedback	Criterion referenced, rubric driven	Teacher directed, often marks based

Assessment in IB

- The IB Diploma has a maximum of 45 points - each course is marked on a scale of 1(low) - 7 (high)
- 42 points are determined through the 6 subject area courses and 3 additional points through the Core (TOK and EE)
- Minimum 24 points are needed for the Diploma to be awarded
- Final marks are released in July of Grade 12 after all IB Final Exams are externally marked
- Exams are in May of Gr. 12 year

GSS results compared

- GSS top scores = 43 (2021), 42 (2025), 41 (2018, 2020)

2025 results statistics

	Worldwide	GSS
Average diploma score	30.6	30.3
Average score per course	4.7	4.8
# of candidates	202,102 (128,398 diploma) in 153 countries	43 (19 diploma, including 1 bilingual diploma*)

IB SL Assessment - Conversion Scale

7	96%	A
6	90%	A
5	86%	A
4	76%	B
3	70%	C+



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IB HL Assessment - Conversion Scale

7	98%	A
6	96%	A
5	90%	A
4	86%	A
3	76%	B



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IB Internal Assessments (IA) GSS student examples

Philosophy - Is personhood temporary or eternal?

Math - To what extent is spending money on education a viable way to increase national wealth in future decades?

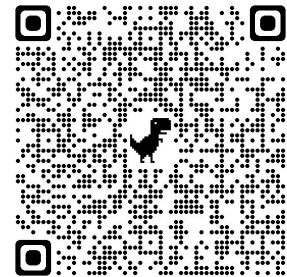
History - Did the “War in the Woods” change forestry practices in Clayoquot Sound and British Columbia?

Biology - The Impact of Different Urea Concentrations on Radish Stem Growth Over One Week

Post Secondary and IB

- Universities access IB Diploma marks via the IB secure website.
- IB is recognized in 150+ countries and 2,000 universities worldwide, but admissions policies vary—**conducting your own research is key**.
- Some universities offer scholarships or first-year credit for IB Diploma courses, but rules differ by institution.
- Check how institutions recognize IB here:

<https://recognition.ibo.org/>



Where recent grads are studying now.

U of T
University of Calgary
University of Ottawa
UBC SFU
Carleton
Queens BCIT Emily Carr
Southampton
University of Amsterdam
University of Florida

Key findings from IB research

- 2022 UBC/UofT study shows that, when compared to Dogwood and French Immersion students, IB students:
 - are more likely to complete their degrees (less likely to drop out of university)
 - have a higher GPA throughout their undergraduate program
 - are more likely to participate in co-op programs
 - are more likely to enter STEM fields
- Results of this and other studies found here:
<https://www.ibo.org/research/outcomes-research/diploma-studies/>
- Completing the IB guards against “academic shock”
(UBC Admissions Presentation, 2024)



Diverse learners

- Students with IEPs have access to exam accommodations, including:
 - Extra time
 - Use of word processor
 - Access to spell checker
 - Use of four function calculator
- Paperwork (Psych Ed Assessment, IEP, etc) must be submitted to and approved by the IBO.
- In school accommodations are also provided to students with IEPs.

IB Diploma is for everyone

According to a 2012 study of Chicago Public Schools, IB students were 40% more likely to attend and 50% more likely to persist in post-secondary education than similar peers.

The study shows IB successfully serves racially, ethnically, and socioeconomically diverse students, challenging the idea that IB is only for elite or affluent families.

“IB students... describe a confidence in their academic ability rarely seen... They not only felt they could keep up with more advantaged peers—they felt they could eclipse them.” (Working to My Potential, 2012)

IB Fees

- Students enrolled in the full Diploma:
 - \$600 per year (totalling \$1200)
- For students taking Certificate courses only:
 - \$120/ Certificate course (1 time cost of the exams)
- The School District funds the majority of the cost associated with running the Diploma Programme
- For families, the cost for IB can be offset by tuition fees saved at post secondary

Deadlines

- Applications can be submitted anytime before Spring Break.
- Recommended score of 3 on provincial assessments, and teacher recommendation.
- All applications considered.
- Application forms found here:

<https://gssib.sd42.ca/apply/>



School Contacts

- Kyle Ludeman - IB DP Coordinator
- Ian Liversidge - Principal

GSS IB Graduates (2025)

Anthony Balaj-Coroiu

UBC - International
Economics

Marcus Ludgate

UBC - Computer Science

Olivia Neal

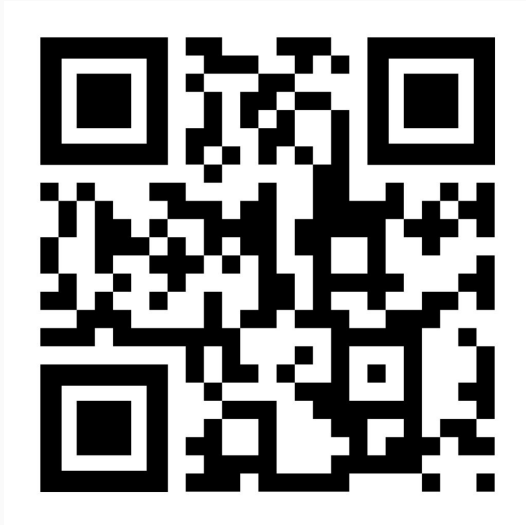
Queens - Smith School of
Business

Questions?

- There are IB teachers here this evening to answer questions.
- www.ibo.org is the IB website, which has all the information on the Diploma Programme
- Please feel free to email the IB Coordinator, Mr. Ludeman, at Kyle_Ludeman@sd42.ca
- Call the school and arrange a meeting with Ian_Liversidge@sd42.ca

IB Graduates

See more testimonials here:



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