



Britannia
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Grade 8 Handbook

B.R.I.T.

Bravery

Responsibility

Integrity

Tenacity

“The Brit Way”

2018 - 2019



Your Support Team

Administrators:

Principal - Mr. MacInnes
Vice-Principal - Mr. Despotakis

Counsellors for Grade 8:

Ms. Kenny, Mr. Wiskar, TBA

Indigenous Support Team:

Teacher - Mr. Ross
Support - Tori Johnston Ayi-Bonte

The Office Staff:

Ms. Elizabeth Holmes, Ms. Libby Vogt, Ms. Tanya Petterson, Ms. Michele Rae

Community Schools Team:

Coordinator - Ron Scott, Youth & Family Worker – Julie Hunter,
Programmer - Erin de Sousa, Office - Mitra Tshan



Teachers & Support Staff & Custodians

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">The BRIT Way</h2>				
	TO SELF	TO OTHERS	TO COMMUNITY	TO LEARNING
BRAVERY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stand up for what you believe in Be an individual Try something new, take a risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept difference Be friendly & encouraging of others Stand up for what is right Be the friend you wish you had 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer, start a club Stand up for others who are being victimized Demonstrate pride in your school, community & on teams Be friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak up, ask questions, ask for help Risk being less than perfect Take classes that challenge you
RESPONSIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be safe emotionally, physically & sexually Take responsibility for your actions/behaviour and accept consequences Make amends by apologizing, repairing or replacing Take responsibility for your online presence, protect your personal information Pick up after yourself Attend your classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use language that is acceptable for all Respect the privacy & reputation of others by only posting positive, truthful & encouraging information Report aggressive or socially unacceptable behaviour Know emergency procedures Encourage your friends to attend and not to skip! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent Britannia with pride & encourage others to do the same Keep your community & environment clean Participate fully when you join teams or clubs – attend all games, practices, meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do your fair share of the work in groups Be prepared & on time for class Do your homework Complete assignments on time Do your part to create a positive learning environment
INTEGRITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be honest with yourself Be a good listener Follow school rules Bring a positive attitude to all that you do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect different cultural, ethnic & religious groups Respect personal space Respect personal & school property Respect other points of view 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show care for your community Respect private property & the environment Treat all community members with respect Practice good sportsmanship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice academic honesty Respect the school policy on electronics use Always make your best effort Use the internet for legitimate/ positive purposes
TENACITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believe in yourself Keep trying Look for ways around obstacles Advocate for yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believe in others Help your friends Advocate for others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stand up for your community Play your best until the whistle blows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep asking until you understand Learn from your mistakes Strive to reach goals Know that good work takes time

TIME	DAY 1	DAY 2
8:30-9:00	TUTORIAL	TUTORIAL
9:00-10:12	1.A	2.A
	Subject: Teacher: Room:	Subject: Teacher: Room:
10:12-10:25	break	break
10:25-11:37	1.B	2.B
	Subject: Teacher: Room:	Subject: Teacher: Room:
11:37-12:25	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:25-1:37	1.C	2.C
	Subject: Teacher: Room:	Subject: Teacher: Room:
1:37-1:50	break	break
1:50-3:02	1.D	2.D
	Subject: Teacher: Room:	Subject: Teacher: Room:

Regular School Day Schedule

8:30-9:00	30 minute Tutorial/Seminar
9:00-10:12	72 minutes
10:12-10:25	13 minute Break
10:25-11:37	72 minutes
11:37-12:25	Lunch 48 minutes
12:25-1:37	72 minutes
1:37-1:50	13 minute Break
1:50-3:02	72 minutes

****Britannia Instruction Planning Day Schedule - “BIP day” schedule**

8:30-9:00	30 minutes of TEACHER PREP
9:00-10:00	BIP one hour
10:05-10:08	3 minute transition
10:08-10:50	42 minutes
10:50-10:55	5 minute Break
10:55 -11:37	42 minutes
11:37-12:25	Lunch 48 minutes
12:25-1:37	72 minutes
1:37-1:50	13 minute Break
1:50-3:02	72 minutes

Tutorial Time



8:30-9:00AM everyday

Tutorial Time explained!

While our regular class start time is **9:00 AM for 2017-2018**, teachers may call students in at 8:30 AM for make-up work, special seminars and events, or a variety of other reasons. Students are expected to attend at 8:30 AM when a teacher has requested they come in early, or whenever the student is seeking additional teacher help with studies.

Britannia provides this extra tutorial time for students to access teacher help in order to better serve the needs of our students.

Attendance

All Britannia students are expected to arrive in class **on time** and our staff will be following up on students who are late or absent.

If you are absent a parent or guardian must contact the school:

britabsences@vsb.bc.ca.

Include first and last name, student number, dates and times missed, reason for absence and a parent/guardian phone name and phone number. If you are unable to email you must bring a note to school that provides the necessary information regarding your absence.

Lunch

Brit cafeteria is open every day providing healthy snacks and hot and cold food. Prices are reasonable. Students can also opt to be in the Lunch Smart Program. A card will be issued if you choose to be on the program. The cost is \$6.50 a day. Forms are available in the office. Payment is due each month. If a card is lost, report to the office as soon as possible. If you forget your card, a temporary card can be issued.

Lockers

You will be assigned a locker to keep all of your belongings in for safekeeping. You are responsible for keeping your locker clean and tidy. Please keep your locker locked and your locker combination secret. It is recommended that you purchase locks from the school as they are difficult to break into and we will have a copy of your combination if you forget it. We are not responsible for items stolen or missing from your locker. The locker is school property and can be searched at any time.

Textbooks and School Supplies

If specific supplies are needed your teachers will let you know. Pens, pencils, eraser and lined paper and binders is a good way to start. Teachers will provide your textbooks and workbooks as necessary.

Learning to Study!

You are starting at a new school and you can be successful with support from your teachers **and** by developing good work habits:

Write down your assignments and homework in your **agenda** or on the **MySchoolDay** app.

Do your homework.

Read for fun every day.

Communicate with your teachers.

Find a good place to study at home, in the Learning Commons or in Homework Club!

Get enough sleep, eat well, exercise and have fun!

Do it! Don't put off your work to the last minute.

Britannia Code of Conduct and VSB Policies

School Expectations for Britannia students:

1. **Participate in the school community.**
2. **Be respectful and kind to others.**

3. **Contribute to a safe and secure school environment.**
4. **Attend school regularly, be punctual and take responsibility for your studies.**
5. **Respect the learning environment**

The school forbids:

Physical violence, intimidation or threats including cyber-bullying.
 Possession and/or use of illegal or restricted drugs including alcohol and cigarettes.
 Carrying or possessing weapons or simulated weapons.
 Verbal abuse, profanity, racist or sexist language.
 Plagiarism, vandalism and theft.
 Defiance of school authorities.

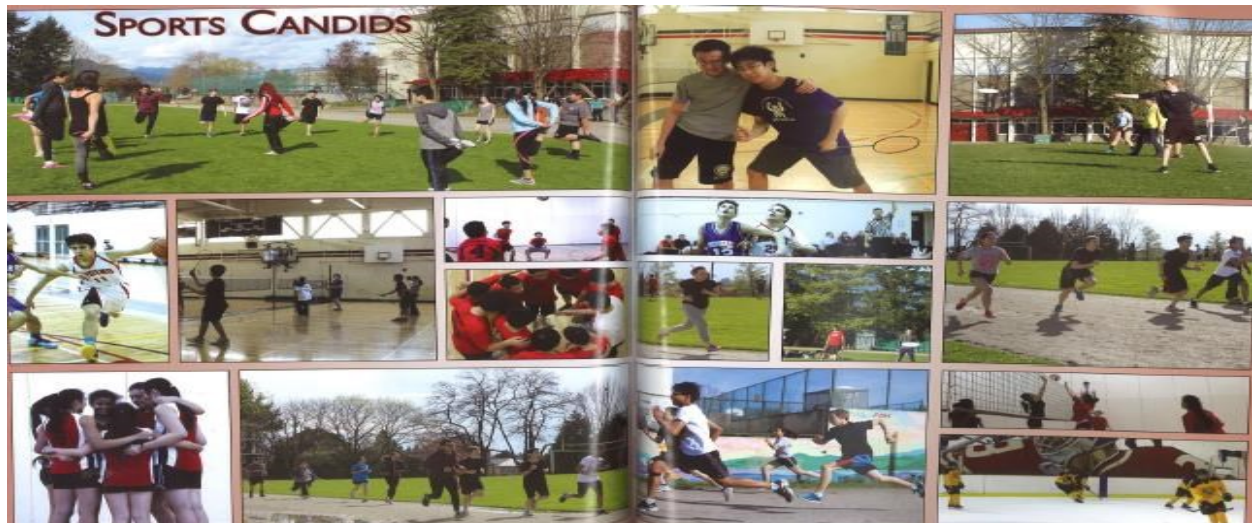
Consequences and Disciplinary Procedures:

A breach of these rules, including the defiance of school authority, will be viewed seriously. It may result in a disciplinary record, suspension, transfer or a combination of these consequences. In some cases, it may be appropriate for the school to involve the participation of parents/guardians, subject teachers, counsellors, administrators, VBE officials, community agencies, and the Police. Discipline can take a variety of forms, including: reprimand, detention, service work and loss of privileges. The school will treat seriously behaviour or communication that discriminates the values in the BC Human Rights Code.

Rising Expectations and Consequences:

Disciplinary action, wherever possible, is restorative, rather than punitive. As students become older, more mature and move through successive grades, they will assume increased personal responsibility and self-discipline. **Notification:** School officials have a responsibility to advise other parties of serious breaches of the code of conduct. These parties may include: staff, parents/guardians of a student, offender, parents/guardians of a student victim, school district officials, police and/or other agencies as required by law.

Get Involved!!



*Britannia has lots of clubs and
 amazing athletic programs.
 Get involved in school life!! Britannia is your school!*

TO DO LIST

PRIORITY	DUE DATE	WHAT	WHO	IN PROGRESS	DONE

