



Britannia
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Grade 8 Handbook

B.R.I.T.

Bravery

Responsibility

Integrity

Tenacity

“The Brit Way”

2016-2017



Your Support Team

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Teachers & Support Staff & Custodians





The BRIT Way

	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 	<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 	<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	1.1	2.1
	Subject:	Subject:
	Teacher:	Teacher:
	Room:	Room:
10:12-10:25	break	break
10:25-11:37	1.2	2.2
	Subject:	Subject:
	Teacher:	Teacher:
	Room:	Room:
11:37-12:25	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:25-1:37	1.3	2.3
	Subject:	Subject:
	Teacher:	Teacher:
	Room:	Room:
1:37-1:50	break	break
1:50-3:02	1.4	2.4
	Subject:	Subject:
	Teacher:	Teacher:
	Room:	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

While our regular class start time is **9:00 AM for 2016-2017**, 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...naturally, students don't need to be called in for tutorial time-If your child wants any extra help they should show up at 8:30!

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 email the school:

britabsences@vsb.bc.ca , or bring a note to the front office.

Please 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 Program. A card will be issued if you choose the Lunch Program. The cost is \$5.00 a day. Forms are available in the office. Payment is due each month.

Lockers

Students will be assigned a locker to keep all of their belongings safe. They are responsible for keeping lockers clean and tidy. Please keep lockers locked and locker combinations secret. It is recommended that students purchase locks from the school as they are difficult to break into and we will have a copy of combination codes if they forget. We are not responsible for items stolen or missing from lockers. 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.

Do your homework.

Read for fun every day.

Communicate with your teachers.

Find a good place to study at home, at the library 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.

Gain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become a responsible and successful citizen.

Conduct yourself in a manner that brings credit to your school.

Support the democratic process through student elections.

2. Be respectful and kind to others.

Respect differences among people, including their ideas and opinions.

Treat others with respect and dignity regardless of race, ancestry and place of origin, citizenship, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, colour and disability.

Resolve conflicts and differences with respect in a non-violent way.

Involve a mediator if necessary.

Demonstrate honesty and integrity.

3. Contribute to a safe and secure school environment.

Keep people and property safe and secure.

Know the school safety procedures for fire, earthquake evacuation or school lockdown. Be familiar with the location of safety equipment.

Promptly report any situation or behaviour that could put people and property at risk.

Place litter in garbage receptacles for re-useable items.

4. Attend school regularly, be punctual and take responsibility for your studies. Maintain a positive attitude by communicating in the language of instruction.

Use personal entertainment or communication devices, electronic dictionaries only when allowed by a teacher.

Follow computer and on-line policies.

Dress safely and in a manner that does not distract, disturb or offend others.

5. Respect the learning environment

Remain in class during instructional time.

Do not interfere with classes that are in session.

B. 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:

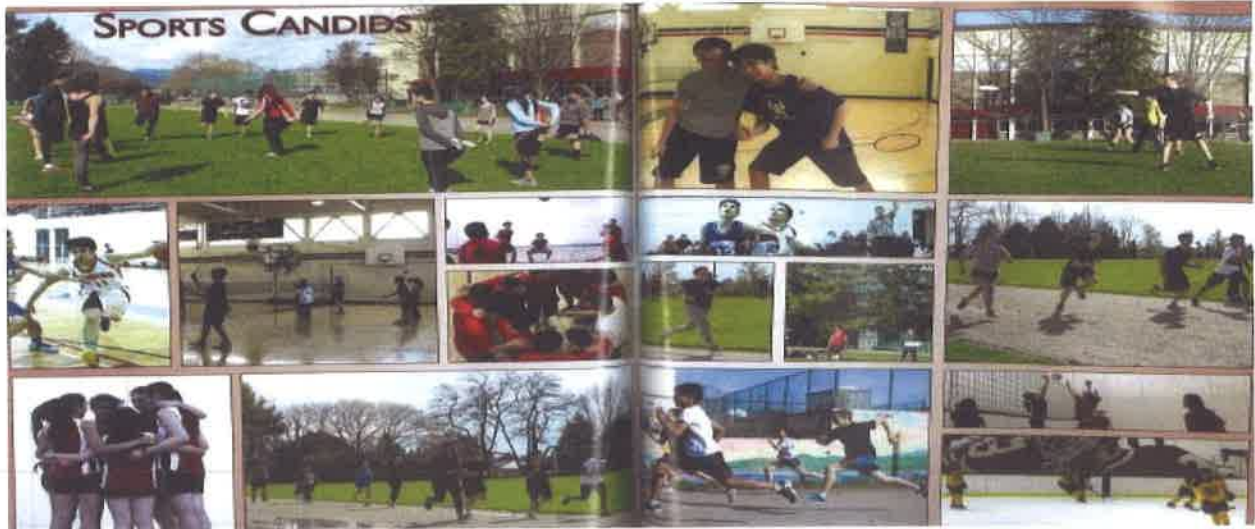
Disciplinary action, wherever possible, is restorative, rather than punitive. As students become older, more mature and move through successive grades, they will assume increased personal responsibility and self-discipline.

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 a lot of clubs and an amazing athletic program.

Get involved in school life!! Britannia is your school!

Student Council
 Writing Club
 Knitting Club
 Key Club
 We Day Club
 Leo Club
 Banquet Club
 Duke of Edinburgh
 Japan Exchange Club
 First Nations Success
 Gay-Straight Alliance

Seniors Club
 Timers & Scorers
 U.N.Y.A
 Girls Group
 Grade 8 drop in
 Environment Club
 Running Club
 Anime Club

