



ABERDEEN HALL

Preparatory School

Teaching Excellence INSPIRING FUTURES Shaping Character

International Programme

Welcome to Aberdeen Hall – Your Home Away from Home



Aberdeen Hall is a world-class university preparatory school offering Preschool to Grade 12. We stand apart with an enriched academic curriculum designed to achieve 100% university acceptance. Located in Kelowna, British Columbia, the school is situated on 44 acres beside the UBC's Okanagan campus. Every year, we welcome a small number of international students into our school community for an exceptional academic and Canadian cultural experience.

To begin the application process, please contact International Coordinator,
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Academic Programme

Aberdeen Hall Grade 12 Graduation

International students planning to graduate from Aberdeen Hall with the British Columbia (BC) Dogwood Diploma are recommended to enrol for a minimum of 3 - 4 years (Gr. 9, 10, 11, 12). BC graduation requirements state that students MUST successfully obtain a minimum of 80 credits (a full year course is 4 credits), including granted equivalents, in order to graduate with the BC Dogwood Diploma.

Graduation Requirements – Required Courses

Subject Area	Minimum Credits:
Language Arts 10	(4 credits)
Language Arts 11	(4 credits)
Language Arts 12	(4 credits)
Mathematics 10	(4 credits)
Mathematics 11 or 12	4 credits)
Fine Arts and/or Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12	(4 credits)
Social Studies 10	(4 credits)
Social Studies 11 or 12	(4 credits)
Science 10	(4 credits)
Science 11 or 12	(4 credits)
Physical Education 10	(4 credits)
Career-Life Education	(8 credits)
Required Courses Total:	52 credits

In addition, students are required to complete elective courses equalling 28 elective credits. Students must earn at least an overall total of 80 credits.

*Of the 80 credits for graduation, at least 16 must be at the Grade 12 level, including a Grade 12 Language Arts course. Others can take the form of required or elective courses.

“Our experiences at Aberdeen Hall were instrumental in gaining acceptance to every university we applied to.”

– Rita & Sylvia (twin sisters), AH graduates (3rd year Engineering/Science at UBC Okanagan), China

(For a complete overview of the BC Graduation Programme please see www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation.)

Students meet regularly with our school’s University Guidance Advisors to discuss programmes, examine university requirements, and receive assistance with the application process. Students wishing to apply to universities in the United States will be given assistance in preparing for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and can undertake the exam onsite at Aberdeen Hall.

Aberdeen Hall students attend field trips in British Columbia during our Horizons Week programme; as well, they may participate in international trips. Students are strongly encouraged to join school clubs, teams, or fine arts groups and take courses that encourage social interaction, such as Physical Education (PE), Art, Drama or Music. Many universities require students to write personal statements as part of the acceptance process. By encouraging students to participate in school, volunteer, and local community activities, they develop life skills, which can be shared in these unique personal statements.

(Please see our website for Grade 10, 11 and 12 electives and Horizons Week details)

“He came here a boy, he is leaving a man.”

– Antonio, Mexico, father of Tony, Gr. 12

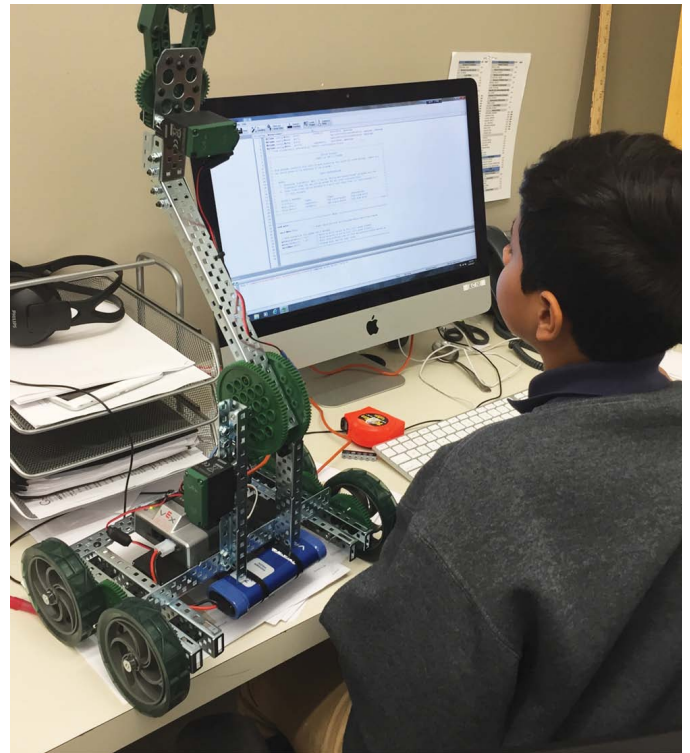


Aberdeen Hall students - Outdoor Education

Facilities

State-of-the-Art Facilities

The school's state-of-the-art facilities include the magnificent Great Hall, stunning Sky Lab classrooms, science laboratories, digital recording and design studios and facilities for Applied Design and Skills Technology (ADST). Our most recent addition houses a 130-seat lecture theatre, ten teaching spaces, and a 2,200 square foot Gym Studio leading to an outdoor sports court. Our Fine Arts amenities facilitate outstanding music, drama and arts programming, and our 44-acre campus provides exceptional sports facilities for varsity teams in basketball, volleyball, track, cross-country running, soccer and rugby. The school has a professional kitchen with a culinary team who provides fresh and nutritious meals daily.



Jump Start!

Required for all new international students.

The Jump Start! programme assists new students in their transition to life at Aberdeen Hall and in the Kelowna community.

During the 5-day immersion programme, students are introduced to academic reading, composition skills, grammar, and oral presentation strategies. These skills help students feel more confident upon beginning classes at the start of the school year.

The programme includes visits to UBC's Okanagan campus, the Kelowna downtown cultural district, the Kelowna Farmers' and Crafters' Market, and popular parks and beaches. International students receive a warm welcome from their school community.

"This is my 1st year at Aberdeen Hall, and already I've felt how accepting everyone is to students from different countries. Coming here is the best choice I've ever made."

– Daniel, Gr. 10, China



"The curriculum is challenging and the improvement in her English has been tremendous, thanks to Aberdeen Hall."

– M. Uchiyama, mother of Kae, Japan

English Language Learning (ELL) Programming

International students require a strong academic and English language foundation enabling a successful entry at grade level. To provide support in attaining optimum language skills, Aberdeen Hall provides a comprehensive ELL programme:

Composition class: 4-credit course designed for intensive study in reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary acquisition.

Study Hall: After school Monday to Thursday, supervised by subject-specific teaching faculty.

Tutorials: Teachers are available before and after school, during lunchtime, and by appointment.



Volunteer Programme



Aberdeen Hall provides a unique volunteer programme to support international students' immersion in language and culture.

Junior School
International students volunteer in the Junior School,

working with teachers and children in the areas of dance, field sports, gym games, art, music, and nature activities.

Kelowna Community

Senior students volunteer in the Kelowna community, engaging with local residents at locations such as the Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna General Hospital, Kelowna Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Seniors' homes, and recreation centres.

Family Boarding

A safe, supportive, and welcoming home environment is essential to an international student's positive Canadian experience. Aberdeen Hall carefully selects English speaking host families who are open-minded and appreciative of cultural differences. Most importantly, they offer international students a home away from home. All host families have passed the school's comprehensive screening process and adhere to provincial Homestay Guidelines.

"My Canadian family is amazing. They are so kind and treat me like part of their family. I love having a new little brother; we have fun playing sports in the neighbourhood park."

– Yoshi, Gr. 11, Japan

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