



Osaka Gakugei Canadian International School

BC Offshore School



Newsletter

March 2022

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Events & Activities Calendar

March 16

Last Day of BC classes

March 19

Closing Assembly

March 20~31

Spring Break

April 1

New grade 10s orientation day 1

April 2

New grade 10s orientation day 2

April 5

Entrance Ceremony for new grade 10s at Fenice Sacay

April 9

Sooke Information Session for parents of gr.10s and 11s

April 16

Student Health Checks

April 20

National Holiday

Principal's Comments

Inaugural Graduation Class for OGCIS! Congratulations to the first ever graduating class of OGCIS.

Our graduation ceremony was held on Wednesday March 9th in the school auditorium. It was a joyous and emotional occasion, and we are very proud of each grade 12 student for their hard work and perseverance over the past three years. Among the guests of honour were Mr. Matt Fraser, from the Embassy of Canada, Mr. Alan Schroeder, Director of International Education, BC Ministry of Education, and Ms. Margaret Compo, our Offshore School Representative.

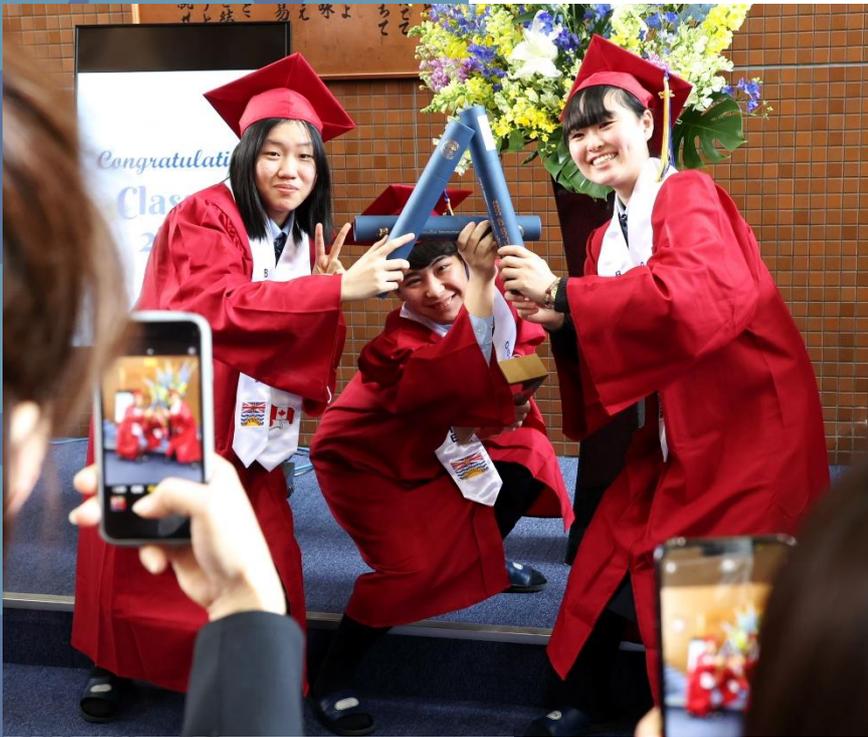
The staff of OGCIS wish all graduating students the best of success in their future endeavours as they pursue their post-secondary goals in Japan and abroad.

As we come to the end our third and final term of the 2021-22 school year, I would like to congratulate all Osaka Gakugei Canadian International Students on completing a successful year of studies. Students have continued to work hard and persevere in their learning. Students used important life skills such as setting priorities, time-management, and resilience, which are vital for academic success throughout the school year. OGCIS teachers were regularly available for additional instructional support after classes in our office. Students are always encouraged to seek assistance as needed in their BC classes by arranging appointments in advance with teachers. Thank you to parents for your support this year!

Mr. G. Halfyard
OGCIS Principal







Report Cards

The term three student progress report cards will be mailed home on March 18th. For BC courses students are evaluated according to British Columbia curricular learning contents and standards. Teachers assign students a percentage and letter grade for each course for the third term, and also the final year-end marks for each course.

OGCIS Staffing Changes for 2022-2023

It is with sadness that I announce that I will be returning to Canada in July and my final day as principal will be June 30th. I have truly enjoyed my time at OGCIS, and I will miss the students and staff. Please welcome the new principal Mr. Michael Brown, who will begin in term two. Mr. Bellamy is also returning to Canadian July. The new math teacher is Mr. Livio Santi, who will start teaching math in August. I would like to thank Mr. Bellamy for his excellent teaching and contributions to our students' success in Math.

COVID-19

As parents and students are aware our school has followed the Osaka prefecture and Osaka Gakugei High School's Covid-19 guidelines. Even though infection rates are decreasing, and the quasi-emergency measures may be lifted on March 21st, it is important for all students and staff to continue to follow the safety guidelines to reduce the chances of infection of the coronavirus. The basic actions of wearing a mask, frequent hand washing and keeping socially distant (stay 6 meters from others where practicable) are important in minimizing risk of spreading/catching the virus. If a student has a fever and/or feels ill, you must inform the school immediately and follow the guidelines.

Sooke Homestay-Study Abroad Program

I am pleased to announce that OGCIS (incoming) grade 10 and (next year's) grade 11 students will be going to Sooke, B.C. from July 9 - August 15, 2022, for the homestay program. Students will take Social Studies 10 for 4 credits at Belmont Secondary School during their visit. There will be an information session with parents and students on April 9th to provide parents with details regarding costs, travel, flights, accommodations, schedules, and timelines for completing required documents.

April Start Up

Friday, April 1, 8:45am-12:30pm-Saturday, April 2 8:45am-12:30pm
Grade 10 orientation schedule (Grade 11s, 12s mentor the grade 10s on both days). Students will wear their uniforms during these orientation sessions.

It has been a wonderful year of growing and learning together and the OGCIS staff wishes a safe, healthy and happy spring break to all students and their families.

- Mr. Gregory Halfyard



Teaching Assignments for 2022-2023

Ms. Allen

Social Studies 12

Career Life Connections/Capstone 12

Mr. Bellamy / Mr. Santi

Precalculus 10,11,12

Mr. Halfyard / Mr. Brown

Career Life 10, 11

Mr. Magistrale

Chemistry 11, 12

Physics 11

Biology 12

Ms. Sadler

Composition & Literary Studies 10

Literary Studies 11

English Studies 12