



ABBOTSFORD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**  
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

*Come Study with Us!*

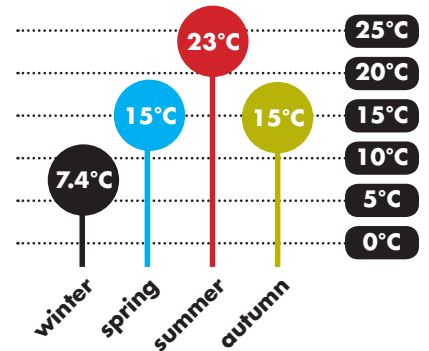
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# Abbotsford

is the ideal place to live and learn

Population: 140,000+



British Columbia's West Coast has mild winters and pleasant summers.



## Abbotsford is:

- 1hr from Vancouver
- 1hr from the Pacific Ocean
- 2.5hrs from Whistler Village
- 3hrs from Seattle, USA



# Our Welcoming Community

is well equipped with everything needed for a comfortable life



Abbotsford has modern shopping malls, good indoor and outdoor recreation centres, entertainment, international restaurants, festivals and events.





# Our District

offers an innovative and individualized educational experience for every student

International students from around the world choose our top rated schools to attain a world-class education. Abbotsford high schools provide innovative programs and advanced academic opportunities in modern, well equipped facilities. Students benefit from a wide variety of cultural experiences and valuable life lessons to help them succeed in university and beyond.

- **19,000+ students**
- **7 high schools** (grades 9 to 12)
- **7 middle schools** (grades 6 to 8)
- **30 elementary schools** (Kindergarten to grade 5)
- **1,400 teachers**
- **450 international students**
- **virtual school**
- **less than 3% international students**



Abbotsford School District is recognized as a leader in Canada for our cutting edge innovation and technology. Home to one of Canada's top animation programs and an award winning TV and Film Program, we also offer advanced 3D design programs for engineering and architecture.

Our full English immersion program is the best method for learning English, connecting with new friends and making students' year abroad an amazing experience.

## Choice Programs

- **International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP)**
- **Science and Business**
- **Engineering and Architecture**
- **Performing and Visual Arts**
- **Technology**
- **Aviation**
- **Sports Academies**
- **Outdoor Education**
- **Animation / Film / Broadcasting**





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# Our Graduates

study at top universities and find exciting careers

Our world-class education system offers international students the opportunity to study English, enroll in special interest programs and even obtain university credits while in high school.

International and Canadian students study alongside each other in modern facilities equipped with the latest technology. Innovative courses and programs, taught by well-qualified teachers, enable students to achieve great academic and personal success.



Abbotsford students have gone on to attend top universities across Canada, the United States and around the world, including:

**Oxford** (Rhodes Scholarship winner) **Stanford Penn State**  
**Harvard MIT Cornell Brown Notre Dame Purdue**  
**Clemson Parson's School of Design McGill**  
**John Hopkins Seoul National Dartmouth Waseda**  
**University of Toronto University of British Columbia**



To ensure the best chance of post-secondary success, we invite admissions representatives from Universities, Colleges, and Institutes of Technology to present at forums held exclusively for International Students. Representatives specifically address International applications and scholarships.

**BC EDUCATION RANKED**

**#3**

**IN THE WORLD!**

**According to the OECD's PISA study**, of all of the English speaking countries in the world, **Canada's High School Education is #1**

**Canada #6 | New Zealand #17 | Australia #23  
United Kingdom #24 | United States #27**

*Leaders in*  
**CANADIAN**  
*education*

Home to BC's first Science and Business focused high school

Profiled in national magazine as one of the Top Ten Schools in Canada

Received the *PRIME MINISTER'S* award for teaching excellence

**RECEIVED CANADA'S OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

Designated Exemplary School by North America's largest Arts School Network

Silver medal winner at  
**WORLD CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD**

**MEDAL WINNING STUDENTS IN PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL SKILLS COMPETITIONS**

Winner of  
**SIEMENS DESIGN CONTEST**

# Our High Schools

provide a wide range of academic and elective courses



## Abbotsford Senior Secondary School

**Approximate Number of Students:** Approx 1100

**Specialty Programs/Classes:**

International Baccalaureate Program (IB), Honours Program, Law, Accounting, Business and Management, Economics, TV and Film Broadcasting, Psychology, Sports Rehab Medicine, Art, Digital Art, IT, Robotics, Dance, Theatre, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Drumline, Soccer Academy, French

**Sports:**

**Girls:** Volleyball, soccer, X-Country, basketball, rugby, track and field

**Boys:** Football, soccer, X-country, basketball, rugby, track and field

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## Rick Hansen Secondary

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & BUSINESS

**Approximate Number of Students:** 650

**Specialty Programs/Classes:**

School of Science, School of Business, Physics, Chemistry, Math, Business, Law, Economics, Accounting, Marketing, Fine Arts, Digital Art, Drafting and Design, Robotics, Human Performance Academy, French

**Sports:**

**Girls:** Volleyball, soccer, wrestling, basketball, rugby, cross country, track and field

**Boys:** Soccer, basketball, rugby, track and field, cross country, wrestling

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## Robert Bateman Secondary School

**Approximate Number of Students:** 1000

**Specialty Programs/Classes:**

Advanced Placement (AP), Honours Program, Journalism, Law, Business, Accounting, Marketing, 3D Animation, Fine Arts, Digital Art, Golf Academy, Hockey Class, Broadcasting, Dance, Musical Theatre, Outdoor Recreation, 2D+3D Drafting and Design, Robotics, Theatre, Dance, Band, French, Japanese

**Sports:**

**Girls:** Volleyball, soccer, golf, basketball, rugby

**Boys:** Football, basketball, rugby, golf

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## WJ Mouat Secondary School

**Approximate Number of Students:** 1400

**Specialty Programs/Classes:**

University Prep, Business, Accounting, Marketing, Economics, Psychology, Law, Drafting (Engineering/Architecture), 3D Animation, IT, Programming, Sign-making & Design, Outdoor Education, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Band, Choir, Visual Arts, Digital Art, French, German

**Sports:**

**Girls:** Volleyball, X-country, swimming, wrestling, basketball, golf, track and field, soccer, rugby

**Boys:** Football, X-country, swimming, wrestling, basketball, golf, track and field, rugby

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## Yale Secondary School

**Approximate Number of Students:** 1200

**Specialty Programs/Classes:**

Advanced Placement (AP), Honours Program, Law, Psychology, Business, Accounting, Economics, Robotics, 2D+3D Drafting and Design, Theatre, Band, Choir, Visual Arts, Hockey/Baseball/Softball Academy, French, Spanish

**Sports:**

**Girls:** Volleyball, X-country, swimming, soccer, wrestling, basketball, golf, track and field, rugby, soccer, tennis

**Boys:** X-country, swimming, soccer, wrestling, basketball, hockey, track and field, golf, rugby, tennis

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## Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School

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## Abbotsford School of the Integrated Arts Sumas Mountain Campus

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## GRADES 9–12 SEMESTERED SCHEDULE

SEPT–JAN 4 COURSES

FEB–JUNE + 4 COURSES

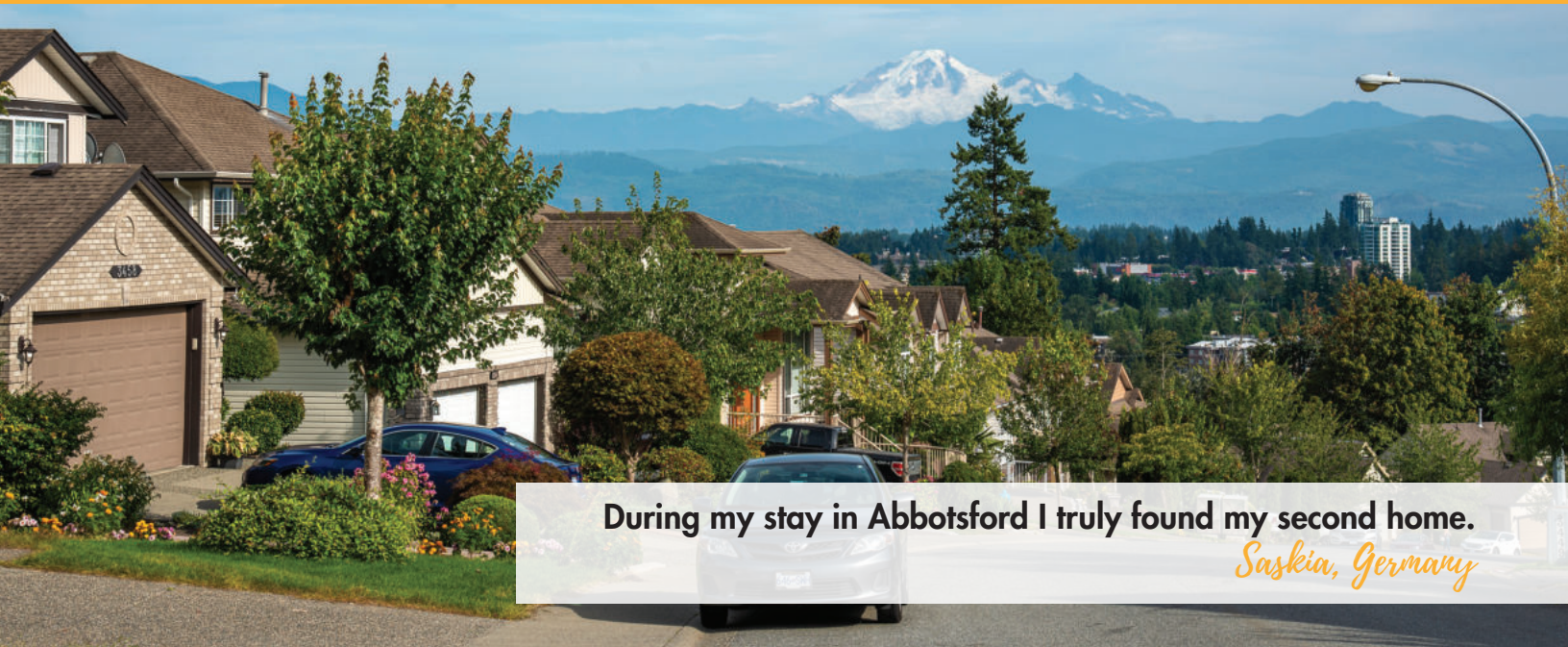
FULL YEAR = 8 COURSES



# Our Student Support Team

takes great care of our students

Studying abroad is a great opportunity for students to learn new life skills, including independence and responsibility. Adjusting to life in a new country, new school and new family can be a challenge, so our caring support staff are there to help students develop practical problem solving strategies and the confidence to apply them. By facilitating clear communication between students, teachers and families, we ensure that all students have the best academic, homestay and social experience possible.



During my stay in Abbotsford I truly found my second home.  
*Saskia, Germany*



## Homestay

We carefully select our home stay families according to the highest standards for each student's safety and comfort. We ensure each International student has clean and comfortable accommodation, nutritious meals and a welcoming home environment.





*Cristina* International Assistant

*Nuri* International Assistant

## World-Class Student Support

*provided by our team of dedicated International Assistants*

Students are connected with an International Assistant (IA) who will personally support them throughout their stay. IA's have regularly scheduled office hours in each school and are proactive in answering questions or solving any challenges students may face, in or out of school.

## We're Here to Help!

- Comprehensive Orientation
- Complete Language Assessment
- Academic Progress Monitoring
- Documentation Renewal
- Homestay & Social Support
- 24/7 Emergency Line



# Our Awesome Activities

include Field Trips and Outdoor Adventures organized by Abbotsford School District around Canada's west coast, a top tourist destination

## Field Trips

Each semester International Students sail to scenic Victoria, enjoy sightseeing in Vancouver, watch professional Ice hockey or Soccer, and ski/snowboard at world famous Whistler Mountain.



## Outdoor Adventures

Alpine Lake Hiking & Camping, Skiing/Snowboarding/Snowshoeing, Rock Climbing, Paintballing, Whitewater Rafting/Kayaking, Mountain Biking...





# Get Active! Get Involved!

The best way to make friends is to be part of a team or a club.



## Compete and Play

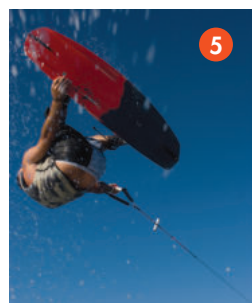
International Students can participate in competitive or recreational sports that are offered at schools or in the community recreation centres.

**Basketball Golf Tennis Track & Field Soccer Swimming Volleyball Wrestling Football Rugby Skiing  
Cross Country Running**

## Clubs and Activities

Throughout the school year schools organize numerous cultural events and "Theme Days". Students can also volunteer or join a variety of clubs and activities.

**Art Intramural Sports Youth Rotary Dance Public Speaking Graduation Council Math School Newspaper  
Friendship Club Yearbook Choir Band (Jazz and Orchestra) Photography Student Leadership  
Scholarship Club Theatre Multi-Cultural Club Outdoor Education Cooking Library Assistant Group  
Club of Good Deeds Graphic Design Global Stewardship**



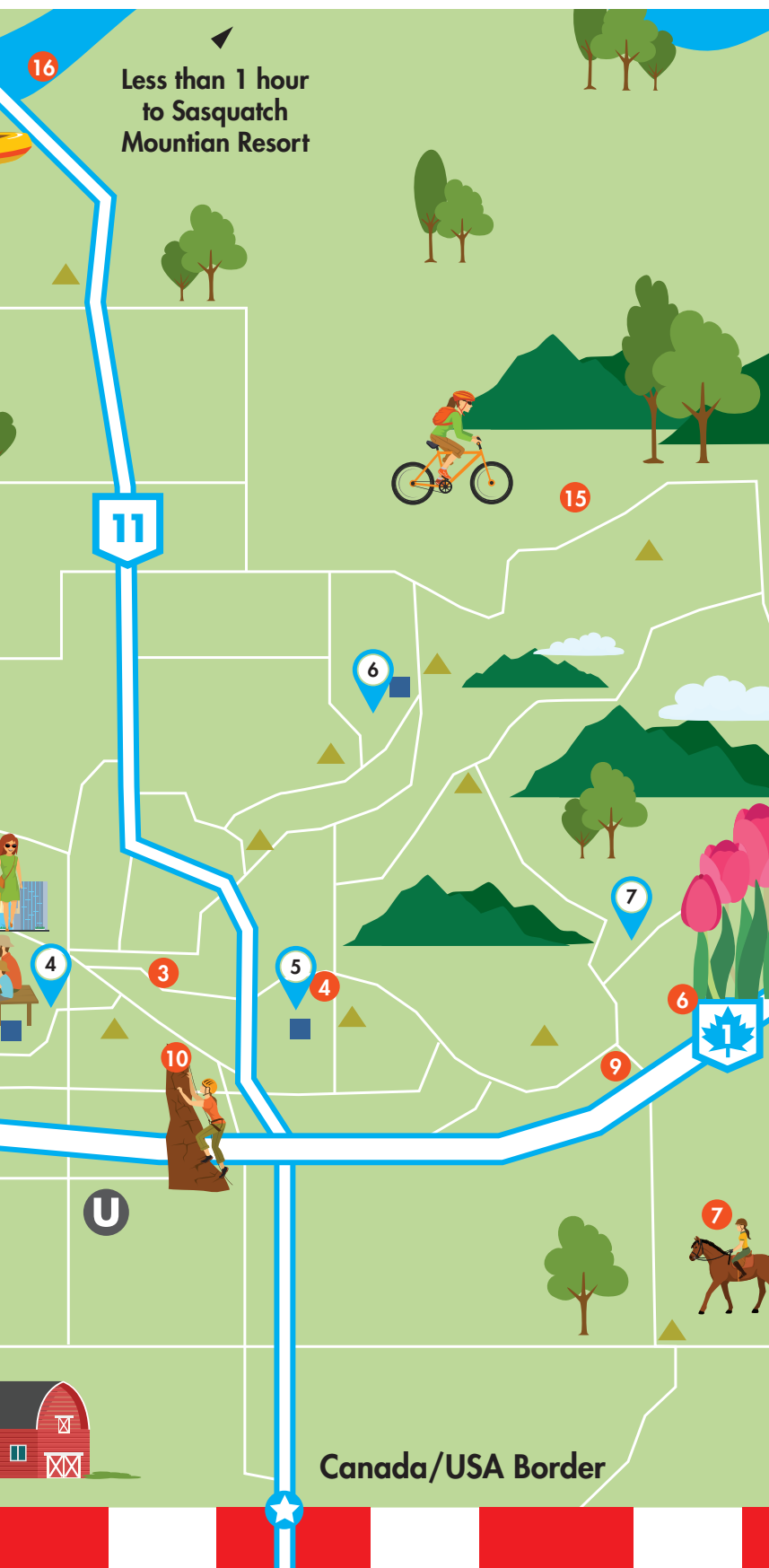
# Things to do in Abbotsford

It's only an hour drive from Abbotsford to Vancouver, one of the world's greatest cities!

During the school week students can enjoy the familiarity and community feeling of a small city, but when it's time to have fun they are surrounded by world class sights and experiences. From shopping malls, sports facilities and entertainment centres to mountains, rivers and lakes, **Abbotsford has it all.**







## High Schools

- 1 Rick Hansen School of Science and Business
- 2 WJ Mouat Secondary
- 3 Abbotsford Traditional Secondary
- 4 Abbotsford Senior Secondary
- 5 Yale Secondary
- 6 Robert Bateman Secondary
- 7 Abbotsford School of Integrated Arts

 Middle Schools  
 Elementary Schools

## Activities

- 1 Multiplex Cinema & Shopping Outlet
- 2 Matsqui Recreation Centre
- 3 Historic Downtown, Shops & Restaurants
- 4 Abbotsford Recreation Centre
- 5 Wakeboard Park at Albert Dyck Lake
- 6 Abbotsford Tulip Festival
- 7 Horseback Riding
- 8 Abbotsford International Airport
- 9 Castle Fun Park
- 10 Climbing Wall
- 11 Mill Lake *Jogging, Fishing, Cycling Trails*
- 12 Bowling
- 13 Aviation Program at  
Abbotsford International Airport
- 14 Sevenoaks Shopping Centre
- 15 Mountain Biking
- 16 River Rafting



**U** University of the Fraser Valley

★ Canada/USA Border Crossing



I will miss **Canada** a lot, its safety, the freedom, the people and all the places that are **full of awesome memories** for me.

*Ana Sofia, Colombia*

In all of **my many interactions** with Abbotsford teachers, staff and counsellors, I was **treated** with **respect**, **welcomed** and **helped**.

*Matheus, Brazil*

I am **thankful for all the help** I was given with my course selection, university applications and thinking about my future while **I was here in Abbotsford**.

*Min, Korea*

Studying in Abbotsford has been a **life changing experience**, one that has allowed me to **develop academically** and **pursue** my **various passions**.

*Oswaldo, Mexico*

One of the **best parts of my experience** here was the **international field trips** to Vancouver, Victoria, and Whistler for snow sports.

*Kotaro, Japan*