



**Columbia Academy**  
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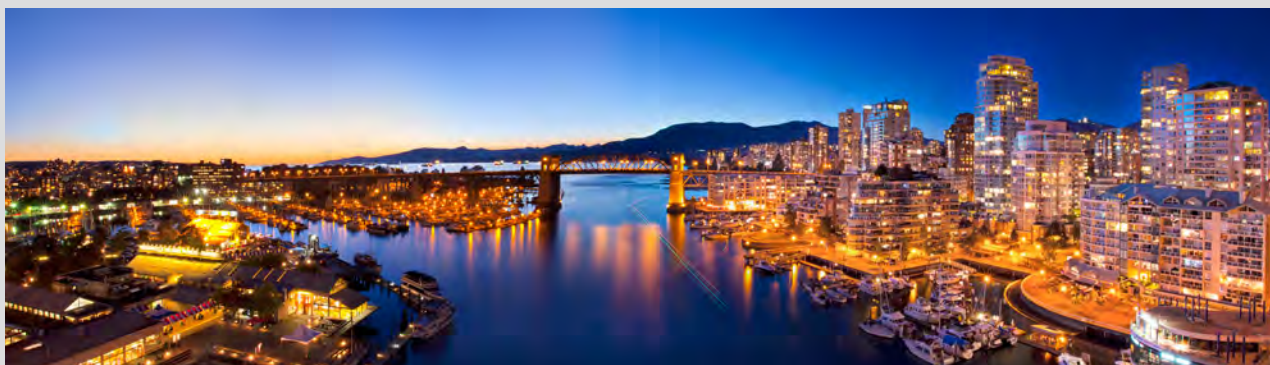
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## A Message from the Principal



Welcome to Columbia Academy where the standard of excellence in education, healthy learning and enthusiastic school community provides a successful foundation for entrance into top ranked Universities all over the world. Columbia Academy is the best choice for students who want to earn a Canadian High School Graduation Diploma in a three-semester time frame.

We are located in downtown Vancouver, a fabulous global city with various activities ranging from skiing on the close by mountains, hiking the surrounding natural trails of Stanley Park, trying out the various types of foods surrounding Columbia Academy and exploring the various facets of Gastown, Coal Harbour and the downtown Olympic Village.

We are a student-centered school and we are here to create a loving and caring learning environment for students from all over the world. We are here to help students enter the top universities; Our teachers, staff, counselors and administrators are professionals who are committed to understanding each student's goals and with their rich experience help them achieve their future path.

Our programs are designed to support individual learning styles and provide students with a rewarding educational experience at Columbia Academy. Academic success is not the only thing that we care for, we want our students to be "Happy Students", who have a high level of mental intelligence, who can be the leaders of tomorrow, and who love to give back to the community and society around us.

Columbia Academy's mission is to provide a loving and caring learning environment for our students. Our students will not only learn academic skills, but will also develop key virtues such as compassion, integrity, resilience, happiness and responsibility during the time spent at Columbia Academy. Students will be inspired to become fine and happy people, and bring these values to their society. Our mission is to have each and every student see the world full of opportunities and live a successful and happy life after being a part of Columbia Academy.

I extend my warmest welcome from Columbia Academy, we are here to help you have an enriched learning experience, a multi sided knowledge and the success of reaching all your goals in the beautiful city Vancouver at Columbia Academy.

Sincerely,

**Marta Chojnacka**, *B.Ed. (UBC), M.Ed. (UBC), B.A. (UBC)*  
Principal, Columbia Academy

## Board of Governors

### Vicki Bradbury

*B.Ed. (UBC), Ext. St. Dip. (SFU), M.Ed. (SFU)*.  
Former Principal, Langley School District. She has over 35 years experience with public school system.

### Michele Vincenti

*PhD, M.A., MBA*.  
A professor in Business and Finance in several European and North American universities. He has rich real world experience both as a business owner and as an executive in financial institutions.

### Mark Jefferson

*B.Ed. (UBC), M.Ed. (UBC), B.A. (UBC)*.  
Former Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the North Vancouver School District. He has over 25 years in public school system.



# SHAPE YOUR LIFE

expand your horizon

## Our Mission Statement

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## Our Values

### Communication

A willingness to communicate with others, to have an open heart to communication and willing to take suggestions and advice.

### Happiness

Happiness is a habit, a value to stay positive and bring happiness to people around ourselves.

### Compassion

Respect, care, and help everyone best of our capacity.

### Integrity

To be a well developed and well rounded person living a balanced life.

### Responsibility

To have a sense of responsibility in our work and life, with ourself, others and our society.

### Resilience

To develop a high emotional intelligence and recover from bad experiences quickly, stay passionate and stay positive throughout our life.



## Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

Columbia Academy gives a full scholarship, covering one hundred percent of tuition fees, to outstanding students so that they can receive their high school education in Canada. With a British Columbian diploma, high marks, and a good score on the SAT, these students have the opportunity to enter top universities in the world, such as Ivy League universities: Harvard, Princeton, and Yale.

## Meet some of our instructors!

### Marta Chojnacka

B.Ed. (UBC), M.Ed. (UBC), B.A. (UBC)

#### Areas of Expertise

Digital Media, Studio Fine Arts, Art Foundations, AP Art, Photography, Printmaking & Painting, Art Portfolio mentor, Planning 10, English, Social Studies, and ESL.

### David Binsfeld

B.Ed. (RR), Level 5+ (UBC)

#### Areas of Expertise

Business Education, Marketing, Accounting, Work Experience, Psychology, Keyboarding, Planning, Consumer Education, Information Technology, Tourism, and Family Studies.

### Ada Melnik

B.Ed. (UBC), B.A. (UBC)

#### Areas of Expertise

English, Social Studies, History, Law, and Geography.

### Gareth Jones

B.A. (UBC)

#### Areas of Expertise

English, History, and Social Studies.

## Our Pursuit of Excellence & Diversity

In our community of students from various global backgrounds, we encourage our pupils to be tolerant and courageous towards one and another.

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## Graduation Program

Graduation requirements as determined by the BC Ministry of Education. All courses are worth 4 credits each.

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

Columbia Academy is fully bonded with the Ministry of Education, Province of British Columbia, Canada. The bonding arrangement and fees paid to the school ensures that all requirements are met for bonding under the Independent School Act of BC.

We are also seeking certification with the Ministry of Education so that its students will receive the BC Dogwood Diploma upon graduation.

## Required Courses

### Subject Area

Planning 10	4
Language Arts 10	4
Language Arts 11	4
Language Arts 12	4
Mathematics 10	4
Mathematics 11 or 12	4
Fine Arts and/or Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
Social Studies 11 or 12	4
Science 10	4
Science 11 or 12	4
Physical Education 10	4

### Minimum Credits

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### Elective Courses

Students Must earn at least 28 elective credits

### Minimum Credits

28

### Graduation Transitions

Students Must earn 4 credits for Graduation Transitions

### Minimum Credits

4



## Undergraduate Preparation Program

Columbia Academy offers an Undergraduate Preparation Program (UPP) for those students who have completed high school diploma in non English speaking countries who might need extra preparation and guidance before entering university.

The UPP is an intensive, four-month academic program that teaches the skills that a student needs to survive and thrive in university. This course will include the following elements.

- IELTS preparation courses
- The Science of Happiness
- Motivation and Emotional Judgement
- Canadian Culture
- Current events and News
- Volunteer work
- Canadian University Application

## Language Proficiency Program

Columbia Academy has designed English Language Learning (ELL) courses specifically for people whose English is not yet fluent enough for the student to do well in the BC English Language Arts classes.

These courses are “Language Proficiency Speaking and Listening” and “Language Proficiency Grammar and Writing.” Both courses come in three levels of difficulty, from beginner to advanced.

Together, these unique courses give students a firm grasp of grammar, a useful vocabulary, and experience in listening and reading and writing and speaking that will prepare them to take the regular English Language Arts 10 and English Language Arts 11 courses.

### LP1 Speaking and Listening

Focuses on building the student’s ability and confidence in conversational English. It incorporates many techniques including peer dialogue, class discussion, film, and dramatic readings. Its grammar goals include the use of several tenses, subject-verb agreement, complex sentences, and paragraph correction.

### LP2 Speaking and Listening

Builds on the techniques in LPSL 1 but adds the ability to make presentations, both improvised and prepared, and both with and without props or digital media. Its grammar goals include the use of more varied sentences that contain appositives, relative clauses, prepositional phrases, and participial phrases.

### LP3 Speaking and Listening

Adds debate skills and acting in short plays, often written by the students, to the techniques in the previous courses. Clear, accurate, audible pronunciation with the proper pacing and stress is a goal in this course. The grammar goals include the use of rhetorical techniques such as rhetorical questions, anaphoras, and inversions.

### LP1 Grammar and Writing

Focuses on building the student’s speed and ability in understanding and creating written English. It will study works of both fiction and non-fiction, prose and poetry, that are selected to be interesting and appropriate for the student’s level.

### LP2 Grammar and Writing

Introduces the student to a variety of writings. The student will be expected to use simple literary terms relating to plot, character, setting, and imagery. The student learns how to structure essays with well-formed paragraphs. In addition to these short essays, the student will also write original short stories and poems.

### LP3 Grammar and Writing

Courses complement the other two Grammar and Writing courses by teaching the use of transitions, patterns of argument, better diction, rhetorical devices and logical fallacies. The goal of the course is to make the student speak and write more confidently and persuasively in an exclusively English-speaking environment.



# RISE & ENLIGHTEN

be spirited with innovation

## Admission

Thank you for your interest in Columbia Academy. We encourage you to explore our website – learning more about our future-focused programs, diverse extracurricular activities, and character-driven leadership opportunities designed to enrich each student’s academic, social, physical and emotional growth.

Our aim is to instill a lifelong love of learning, to help each student develop unique abilities and talents, and to ensure all our students graduate prepared to pursue their postsecondary path of choice.

We look forward to meeting you.

### Step 1: **Apply**

Admission to Columbia Academy requires the submission of an Application Form and the Application Fee of \$200 (non-refundable). The application form must be filled out by a parent or legal guardian, if the student is under 19, or by the student if he is 19 or over.

### Step 2: **Letter of Acceptance**

After reviewing the student’s application documents, Columbia Academy will send a conditional letter of acceptance to the qualified student.

### Step 3: **Tuition Fee Payment**

After receiving the conditional letter of acceptance, submit the indicated tuition fee.

### Step 4: **Apply for visa**

Columbia Academy will issue a **receipt** for the tuition fee, which an International Student can use to apply for a **student visa**.

### Step 5: **English Placement Exam**

When the student arrives at Columbia Academy, he/she will write the English Placement Exam. The student will make course selections based on both the exam’s results and his/her previous academic standing.



## Why Choose Columbia Academy?

- We offer a stringent, internationally-respected BC high school curriculum.
- Small class sizes that allow us to adapt the learning experience to meet the needs of each student.
- Unique English Language Learning (ELL) courses to prepare students for the regular BC English courses.
- A trimester system, meaning that school terms begin every January, May and September, so a motivated student can take 12 courses a year to graduate faster.
- Our Counselors and Academic Advisors will guide students through their university applications.
- Our teachers are BC certified, highly qualified, and experienced with International Students.
- We offer a rich variety of after-school experiences through clubs, sports, and free tutoring.
- Columbia Academy organizes volunteer work experiences for each of its students.

## Homestay

Enjoy the Canadian lifestyle by living with a Canadian family in Vancouver. Homestay is a fun, safe, and affordable way to live while you attend school in Canada.



## Custodianship

Under Canadian law, any BC student who is under 19 years old is a minor, and must be cared for by a parent or a legal guardian. We can assist you in finding a suitable legal guardian in the event that you cannot find one.



## University Application

When you are considering the next step of your education or career, our Academic Advisors can help you choose from among the best universities in the world. We are here to help at every step along the way.



## Medical Insurance

All international students must have medical insurance while they are studying in Canada, whether from his/her home country, private medical insurance, or B.C. Medical Services Plan coverage, should they become eligible.



## Clubs & Activities

The school encourages students to set up or join clubs that reflect the students' own interests, from programming to politics and from photography to fashion design.

## Student Council

The students will have a voice in the school through its elected Student Council. The council will help share the students' ideas for improving the school, including planning special events, clubs, peer tutoring, and community activities.





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