



Senior School Information Session Questions and Answers

How will Ashbury help support students whose last semester of education did not benefit from a structured online teaching forum, as one would have available to them at an independent school, during COVID-19?

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Will Ashbury offer an opportunity to help bridge the gap in key academic subject areas prior to the school start in September, if needed for a student?

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Will the Business Technology online summer credit for incoming Grade 9 students still be available to begin this summer? If so, is there an opportunity to start it earlier in June rather than at the end of June?

- Information and Communication Technology in Business, Grade 9 (BTT10) will not be available before July 1. Further information about the course will be provided in late May.

What if the coronavirus had not been contained by September 2020, does Ashbury have any contingency plan? Specially the new boarding students?

- Ashbury is working on a contingency plan for September 2020. New boarding students will be able to join classes in a distance learning model and when they are able to enter Canada, will transition to joining classes in person.

When is college expected to start again this fall?

- The 2020-2021 Academic Calendar will continue as planned dependent on the requirements of the governments of Ontario and Canada.

Will the academic level be adjusted due to the loss of school hours in our countries?

- Faculty will work with students to identify any gaps in their learning and a plan forward. Faculty at Ashbury are used to working with students and families from around the world coming from different education systems so they are used to working with individual students and their families to ensure the student can be successful.

In the worse case scenario, will Ashbury be able to provide online learning to new students as well everywhere they are in the world taking into consideration there is a time zone difference?

- New international students will be able to join classes in a distance learning model and when they are able to enter Canada, will transition to joining classes in person.

I would like to know about the platforms that you have in Ashbury for the students and parents in terms of posting school work; planning, assessment and reporting.

- Ashbury uses Edsby which is a learning management system. Teachers post learning expectations, topics and materials on Edsby. For distance learning Ashbury is using Microsoft Teams, it is a communication and collaboration platform that works very well for education. Many of the faculty use OneNote, a virtual binder and many faculty use Google classroom. Ashbury uses a variety of online teaching tools to ensure students are familiar with different tools.

What plans does Ashbury have in place if the Province of Ontario continues to request that schools, both private and public, have to deliver education remotely?

- If the Province of Ontario does not permit school's to re-open, Ashbury would continue using the Distance Learning model that has been very successful. The hope is schools will reopen for September 2020.

If summer school will not be available because of COVID-19 will it be possible to do an elective without doing an online course outside of the daily schedule?

- Summer school will be offered in a distance learning model if necessary.

If physical school is delayed in September because of COVID-19, will the camp at the beginning of the year be postponed until physical school finally starts?

- Camp will be postponed if Ashbury is required to remain in a distance learning model for September 2020.

What are the topics covered in the grade 9 online course?

- Information and Communication Technology in Business, Grade 9 (BTT10)
This course introduces students to information and communication technology in a business environment and builds a foundation of digital literacy skills necessary for success in a technologically driven society. Students will develop word processing, spreadsheet, database, desktop publishing, presentation software, and website design skills. Throughout the course, there is an emphasis on digital literacy, effective electronic research and communication skills, and current issues related to the impact of information and communication technology.

How is the distance learning running and going by far?

- Ashbury's Distance Learning program has been running well and the school has received positive feedback from students, families and faculty. There have been weekly surveys to assess the student and faculty experience to ensure the school is responding to the needs of students. The students have face-to-face instruction from faculty and the opportunity to work independently. There are a variety of different learning experiences. Students in other time zones are able to watch the recorded lessons when it is convenient. Faculty are accommodating student's in different time zones to ensure they can answer questions and clarify concepts.