

# Grade 12 Newsletter

December 3, 2024

## Upcoming Opportunities



### Scholarships and Awards

- A recent edition of the Scholarship Report was posted in The Hub in late November
- Information for the Schulich Leader Scholarship and Western National Scholarships is now posted in The Hub
- Information for the John C. Holland Awards for students who identify as having African or Caribbean heritage is now posted on The Hub.
- Awards and Opportunities available for LGBTQ+ youth (via The Scholarship Report) has been posted in The Hub
- A list of all Major Admission Awards and Financial Aid at Ontario Colleges and Universities has been posted on The Hub (via The Scholarship Report).

### OUAC and Ontario Colleges Application Deadlines

The application deadline for university applications through the **Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) is January 15, 2025**. The equal consideration deadline for **college applications through ontariocolleges.ca is February 1, 2025**.

With the winter break approaching, it is important for students to remember that support will be limited over the holiday season. Westdale Secondary School is closed for the winter break beginning Saturday, December 21 with students returning to school on Monday, January 6, 2025. Guidance counsellors will not be available for post-secondary application support during the winter break. OUAC is closed for support from December 23, 2024 to January 1, 2025, inclusive. The website will remain open for applications during this time. Ontario Colleges will be closed for statutory holidays during the winter break.

We are encouraging students to apply well before the respective deadlines to avoid potential last minute technical issues. Students needing support with their post-secondary application should reach out to their Guidance counsellor before the winter break. Students can arrange appointments by email or by booking through the Westdale Guidance course on The Hub.

### Check Your Email

This note is a reminder for students to check their emails regularly after they have applied for college or university. Colleges have begun sending out offers. We have also heard of students receiving university offers from Ottawa, Brock, Trent, Laurier, and TMU.

### Residence Applications

If you receive an offer from your first choice of program, we encourage you to consider accepting this offer early. This will enable you to apply for residence early, getting your choice of residence and ensuring your space.

### Supplementary Applications

As you apply to post-secondary programs, please ensure you meet the deadline for supplementary applications for any program that requires one as part of your application. For applications that include essays, Queen's University is looking for students who hit on concepts of "Change makers, leaders, and global citizens". These are good concepts to keep in mind for any supplementary application essay.

### Grad Photos

Students can book their grad photos through [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca). Sittings in the new year are available February 24-27 and March 3-7. The sitting fee for grad photos are \$35.