

*Kells Grade 12*

PRE-UNIVERSITY PROGRAM





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### Your Fast Track to University

Kells Academy is proud to offer a unique Pre-University Grade 12 Program.

This one-year academic program leads straight to a four year University program and replaces the two years of CEGEP required in Quebec. Kells Grade 12 students graduate well prepared and academically qualified for admission to all universities here in Quebec, across Canada and around the world.

Since starting our Grade 12 program in 2017, Kells graduates have continued on to pursue post-secondary education at leading universities such as McGill, Concordia, McMaster, University of Toronto, Toronto Metropolitan, and Carleton. Students have also gone on to study at U.S. universities like Howard, Clemson, and the University of Florida and overseas at universities such as KU Leuven in Belgium.



## Director's Message



*"The mission of the Kells Grade 12 Pre-University Program is to align the student's abilities and potential with their future career goals and guide and assist them to make optimal decisions about the educational institutions that will best help them achieve their ambitions."*

**Irene Woods**  
Director, Kells Academy

Founded in 1978 on the philosophy that each student has a unique personality and different talents, Kells has always helped nurture individual learning to develop each student's inherent capabilities. Today, the Kells Grade 12 Program offers students an enhanced opportunity to make the right university and career choices and help them prepare a strategic plan for their future. Our tutorial model of teaching not only supports accelerated learning in an academically challenging program, but also ensures that the teachers get to know each student personally to better steer them in their decision-making process.

The Grade 12 Program is offered in partnership with an accredited Ontario virtual high school and combines an online platform and in-class instruction. Students graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) that is recognized globally and entitles them to apply for admission to a four-year university program of their choice in Canada, the US, or overseas.

The leap from Grade 11 to college can be a difficult hurdle for many students, who must manage a much more rigorous workload independently. During this transition year, our students develop the independent skills to succeed in university, while still having the support of a high school setting.

Our pre-university year has been designed to facilitate every step of the application process. Our dedicated Grade 12 team has extensive experience with both the US and Canadian educational systems and is available to provide professional advice to both students and parents. Through regular one-on-one meetings, we individually evaluate the different choices available to each student before mapping out a plan of action. We invite you to visit the campus or to meet with a member of the Admissions team and our pre-university program coordinator to answer all of your questions.

## Coordinator's Message



*"At Kells, your child will receive the attention they need for success"*

**Suzanne Bailey**  
Coordinator, Kells Grade 12

Our goal is to help each student achieve their full academic potential. To do that, we strive to instill independence, maturity and self-motivation. We inspire our students to never stop developing these qualities, and we teach how they can draw from them today, in their future studies and into their chosen careers. Grade 12 is a transformative year for emotional and personal growth and it is my honor to accompany our students on their individual journeys.

The process of finding the right university and program begins before the academic year starts. Through one-on-one meetings, we help each student choose from a wide array of programs and universities that will help them meet their academic and career goals. The grade 12 program is designed to prepare students to thrive at the university level in Canada and worldwide.

# Program Streams: A Pathway to Higher Education

At Kells, students prepare for, and focus on, success in university.

Students benefit from one-on-one academic advising to help them determine the most suitable program stream based on their learning objectives and career goals. When the time comes, counsel in choosing a university program, along with expert guidance throughout the university application process, are also highly valued and much appreciated features of the Kells Grade 12 experience.

Students have the freedom to choose from five program streams that best suit their interests:

## Science & Engineering

This is an academically challenging program for scientifically inclined students.

Students with a strong background in Math, Physics, and Chemistry are encouraged to apply. This is the ideal program for students interested in science-related undergraduate degrees such as Life Sciences, Medicine, Engineering, and Architecture.

**Semester 1:**  
Advanced Functions, Ontario Literacy, English, Chemistry

**Semester 2:**  
Calculus, Physics, Nutrition

**Admission Requirements:**  
SN/TS Math, Grade 11 Sciences, Grade 11 Computer Science (Summer bridge courses are available)

## Health Science

Health Science is an academically challenging program for students interested in undergraduate studies in areas such as Medicine, Pharmacy, and Dentistry. Students with a strong background and interest in Math, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology and who have a curious mind are encouraged to apply.

**Semester 1:**  
Advanced Functions, Ontario Literacy, English, Chemistry

**Semester 2:**  
Calculus, Biology, a choice of Physics or Nutrition

**Admission Requirements:**  
SN Math/TS, Grade 11 Sciences, Grade 11 Biology (Summer bridge courses are available)

## Computer Science

This is a rigorous program for students with strong Math and Science skills. The course requires an additional class in the first semester (additional fee required). This program is perfect for students who wish to study Computer Science, Engineering, or Math at the undergraduate level.

**Semester 1:**  
Advanced Functions, Ontario Literacy, English, Chemistry, Grade 11 Computer Science

**Semester 2:**  
Calculus, Physics, Computer Science

**Admission Requirements:**  
SN/TS Math, Grade 11 Sciences

## Commerce

Students in the Commerce program will be exposed to ideas about how to understand financial, economic and historical issues that have affected the world, providing them with a strong foundation for higher studies in this field. This program is ideal for students interested in undergraduate degrees in Management, International Business, Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Economics and Actuarial Science.

**Semester 1:**  
Advanced Functions, Ontario Literacy, English, Nutrition

**Semester 2:**  
Calculus, Economics, Challenges and Changes in Society

**Admission Requirements:**  
SN/TS Math (summer bridge course is available).

## Social Sciences

The Social Sciences stream at Kells offers students a breadth of courses in the humanities, social science, and creative writing. Students who are interested in Bachelor of Arts programs such as Journalism, Law, or Political Science are encouraged to take this stream. Under the full guidance and mentoring of a Kells teacher, students will learn how to express their own individual thoughts and ideas as they progress through these critical-thinking courses.

**Semester 1:**  
Ontario Literacy, English, Families in Canada, Nutrition

**Semester 2:**  
Writer's Craft, Challenges and Changes in Society, World Issues

**Admission Requirements:**  
Strong English language skills

*"Kells Grade 12 fully prepared me for the demanding schedule of a biology student at McMaster University. Being able to take the biology prerequisite class made all the difference in my application."*

**Chi Zhang (Isaak)**  
Class of 2021  
McMaster University, Ontario  
(Biology)

*"I felt like I really knew everyone at Kells and I felt comfortable speaking my mind. I also found the university application process easy at Kells because our teachers were true experts and they helped us navigate the process, every step of the way."*

**Samin Asgharpour Kalourazi**  
Class of 2024  
Concordia University  
(Computer Engineering)

*"Ms. Bailey taught me how to write professionally, which is a crucial skill in my Business courses. I remember her classes because they were always engaging and entertaining; she got to know us and gave the best advice."*

**John Qiu**  
Class of 2024  
York University  
(Commerce)

*"Kells Academy is a great school where you can succeed in your academic goals in a fun and welcoming environment. The Grade 12 program got me to where I wanted to be."*

**Dariya Anvari**  
Class of 2024  
McGill University  
(Health Science)



*"At Kells, I learned that anything is possible as long as you have confidence in your own abilities and are willing to work hard. Although the path to university was not effortless (and it won't be from now on either), I never gave up on my commitment and I had awesome teachers and an extraordinary coordinator who supported me throughout the process."*

**Amir Bashir**  
Class of 2024  
McGill University  
(Health Science)

*"My daughter attended the Grade 12 program at Kells Academy and felt that it was life-changing. She was guided in her learning and felt that her teachers really took the time to teach her how to write papers and feel more prepared for university. I believe that Ms. Bailey was able to guide her students and inspire them to believe in themselves and their futures."*

**Ali Mindel**  
Kells Grade 12 Parent

## Academically qualified and well prepared through in-person classes

Kells Grade 12 students attend challenging and engaging full-day, in-person classes. Each class is taught by subject specialists, enriched by a supplementary online curriculum offered in partnership with an accredited Ontario virtual high school.

The class structure is divided into lecture periods and working periods, providing students with detailed instruction followed by one-on-one support to complete assessments and evaluations.

During lecture periods, students are taught the curriculum through dynamic lessons where their active participation is encouraged. Teachers at Kells give lectures with in-depth analysis of each topic and connect them to real-world examples.

*“The small classes and individual attention helped me stay on track and prepare for starting at Bishop’s University in Finance.”*

**Ryan Allatt**  
Class of 2022  
Bishop’s University,  
Quebec  
(Commerce)

The personalized attention with quality teaching, customized programs, and smaller group settings defines a Kells Grade 12 education.

Students graduate fully prepared to thrive and succeed in university.



## The Benefits of the Kells Pre-U Program

- Eligibility for admission to all universities in North America (including Quebec) and Europe
- The advantage of a one-year academic program leading to University instead of the required two years of CEGEP in Quebec
- A transition year to develop the independent skills needed for success in university
- One-on-one academic advising offered to assist students in choosing a suitable university program
- A tutorial approach in all classes, which allow for a high degree of personal attention to help students succeed
- Daily after-school support for any Grade 12 subject
- Access to all course content and assignments in advance, allowing highly motivated students to progress at an accelerated pace beyond the classroom instruction
- Courses include access to free online tutoring
- All content is online therefore no textbooks are required
- IELTS Preparation classes offered



*“I tried Cegep, but the course load was overwhelming. I loved the individual help I received at Kells. My grades were much better and I got accepted to my first choice university”*

**Fatima Oureshi**  
Class of 2021  
John Molson Concordia,  
(Commerce)



## Kells Bridge Program

The Bridge Program is designed for applicants missing academic credentials to enter Grade 12. Qualifying students can make up the necessary prerequisites either before their Grade 12 program starts or take them as extra courses while enrolled in the program. For example, students who did not pass Secondary 5 French are eligible to take any Grade 11 Science class to make up for the French credit. Additionally, if you are in CST Math and are looking to enrol in Commerce, you can take our Math Bridge course, which is the equivalent of SN or TS Math.

Applicants are invited to review the specific entrance requirements for each program offering to determine eligibility. Our admissions team is available to help with course selections and consult with you if you have any questions.

## Grade 12 Diploma Requirements

### 30 credits (one credit per course)

After a review of students' prior academic transcripts, up to 23 equivalent credits may be granted for the courses completed in Grades 9 through 11 (including 1 Second Language credit), before entering the program.

7 credits are earned through the Kells Grade 12 program.

**Semester 1:** 4 classes

**Semester 2:** 3 classes

### Community Service

Students must complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service. This is an important part of a student's growth: learning new skills, showing responsibility, building their resume and learning how to become more engaged community members. Students will have guidance throughout the year to find community involvement opportunities that suit their interests.



# Admissions

Applicants are invited to visit the campus and meet with our staff, our teachers and our students. Indeed, candidates have the option to attend classes and activities to experience Kells on intimate terms.

Along the way, our dedicated staff are keen to learn about your goals, answer all your questions and of course, highlight the best of our remarkable program.

Candidates will benefit from a complete review of their previous school report cards (Grades 9-11) to ensure that sufficient equivalent credits can be attributed based on the Ontario curriculum. Our admissions team will also keep you mindful of important dates, application steps and deadlines.

**Please note that a Certificate of English Eligibility is not required to enrol.**



**Lesley Farrell**  
Admissions Coordinator, Kells Academy

An interview is required as part of the Admissions process, either online or in person.

As part of the admissions process please have the following documents ready:

### Canadian Students:

- High school transcripts from grades 9 through 11

### International Students:

- **Copy of valid Passport**
- Certified English translations of high school transcripts from grades 9 through 11
- Copy of valid study permit issued by Immigration Canada. Information on obtaining a study permit in Canada can be obtained at [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca).
- A copy of CAQ (Certificat Acceptation Quebec) issued by the Ministry of Immigration of Quebec. More information can be obtained at [www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca).
- Proof of medical insurance

**Language Proficiency:** International students who have not completed the last 3 years of study in an English-speaking country must submit one of the two as proof of English proficiency.

- **IELTS:** Minimum requirement is 6.5
- **Duolingo:** Minimum requirement is 120

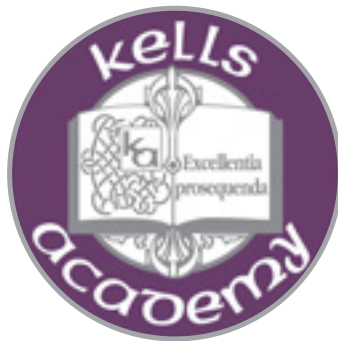
Our admissions team is available weekdays via telephone, email, or Zoom to answer any questions about enrolment, reporting, exams, prerequisites, or any other administrative items.

After filling out the application form, a member of our admissions team will contact you regarding the next steps.

We look forward to meeting with you!







To find out more visit the dedicated Grade 12 area on our website at: [www.kells.ca](http://www.kells.ca)  
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