

Maxwell Heights SS SCC MEETING

GUIDANCE PRESENTATION

November 14, 2023



MAXWELL HEIGHTS
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Land Acknowledgement

The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, live and learn.

This statement was co-created in partnership with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and the Chippewas of Georgina Island.

SUCCESS

WELL-BEING

LEADERSHIP

INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION

EQUITY

ENGAGEMENT

INNOVATION

Indigenous Rights and Human Rights

The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.

The Durham District School Board is committed to providing learning and working environments that centre human rights and equity and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from all forms of discrimination, oppression, harassment and harm.

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GUIDANCE

Mr Johnston

Head of Guidance
Grade 12 & Grade 9 G-M

Mrs Hudson

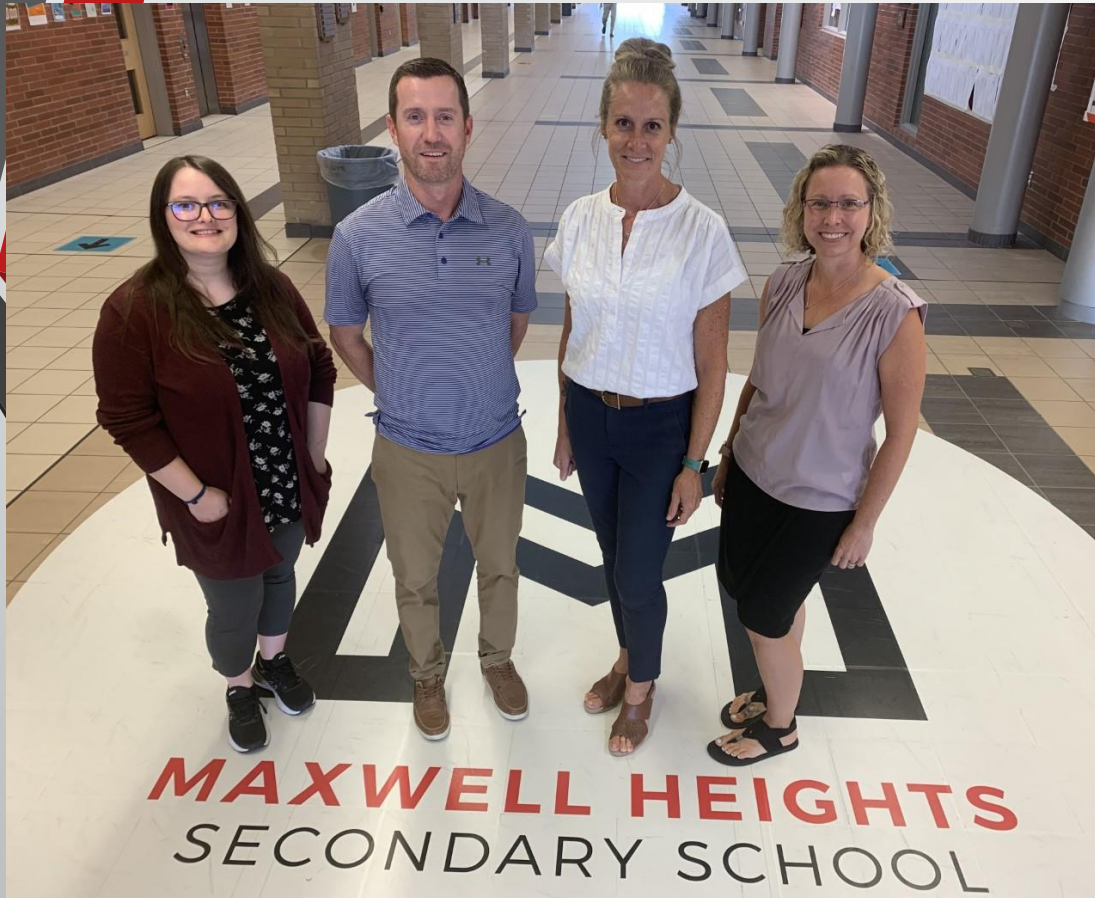
Grade 11 & Grade 9 N-Z

Ms Wills

Grade 10 & Grade 9 A-H

Ms Bisschop

Guidance Secretary



GRADUATION



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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



- 1** 30 credits in total
- 2** 40 hours of Community Involvement
- 3** Completion of the Literacy Requirement
- 4** Earn at least 2 Online Learning Credits

Graduation Requirements

Community Involvement

- 40 hours REQUIRED
- Be completed outside scheduled class time
- Not be a part of a credit course
- Be unpaid
- Be complete by the end of grade 12

ONLINE LEARNING Requirement

- 2 Courses Required
- Must be Asynchronous
- Student may opt out by completing form
- Current Grade 12s: If you were in Ontario, one course from Quad 4 of grade 9 counts



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Commencement 2024



- For Graduating Students
- Thursday June 27th, 2024 @ 10:00 am
- Tribute Communities Centre
- All students will purchase a grad gown package prior to commencement

Diploma & Awards

DIPLOMA

- Diploma
 - Complete all graduation requirements
- SHSM Red Seal Diploma
 - Complete all graduation requirements plus SHSM requirements (Course, Certifications and COOP)

Ontario Scholar

- 80% plus average in top 6 grade 12 classes
 - Final mark sum = 480 marks or higher

HONOUR ROLL

- 80% PLUS AVERAGE IN TOP 6 COURSES FROM JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 27, 2024
 - FINAL MARK SUM = 480 MARKS OR HIGHER

Commencement Awards



- There are many awards given out at commencement
- **MUST COMPLETE** application - Available May 2024 on the google classroom
- Based on student Achievements, Academics, Extra-Curricular, Community Involvement, and Post-Secondary Plans
- Two staff references will be required

Post-Secondary PLANS?

College

University

Apprenticeship

Work

Travel



**MANY PATHWAYS CAN LEAD TO
THE SAME OR SIMILAR DESTINATIONS**

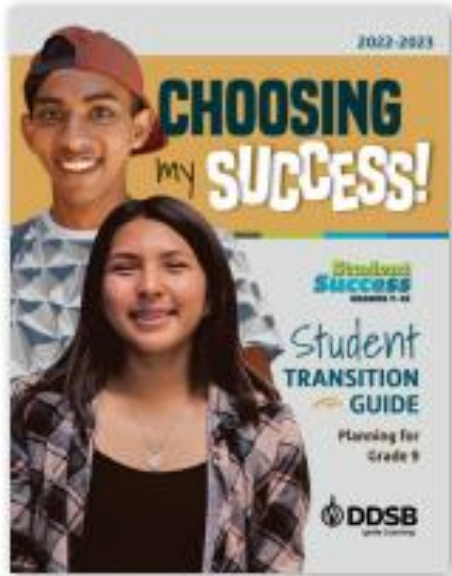
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO?

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CURRENT EVENTS
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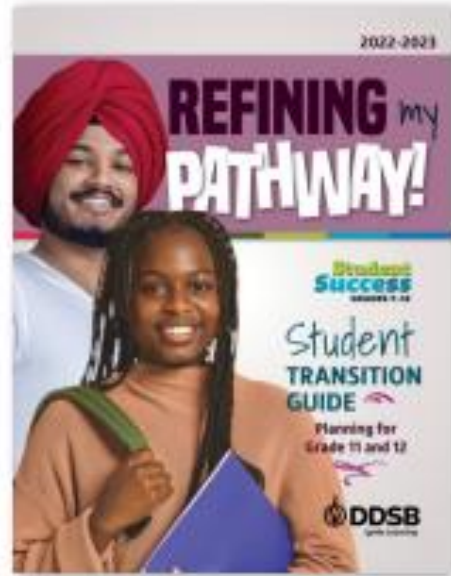
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DIFFERENT COURSES
POST-SECONDARY WEBSITES
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JOB FAIRS

DDSB RESOURCES



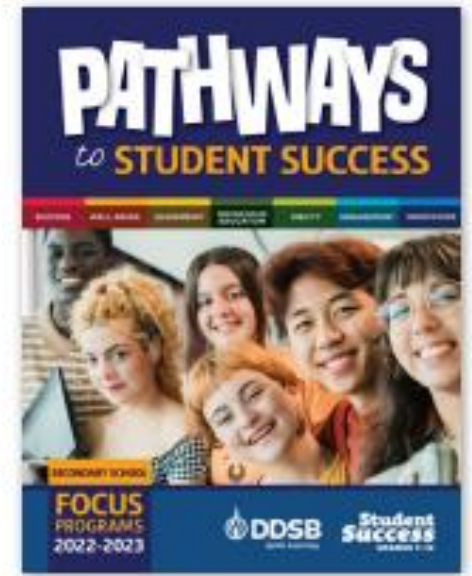
[Choosing My Success](#)



[Refining My Pathway](#)



[Designing My Future](#)



[Pathways to Student Success](#)

GRADE 9

DESTREAMED COURSES
Foundations for grade 10

ENGLISH
MATH
SCIENCE
FRENCH
GEOGRAPHY
3 ELECTIVE CREDITS

10-20 COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT HOURS

GRADE 10

STREAMED COURSES
Foundation for grade 11
Planning for Post Secondary

ENGLISH
MATH
SCIENCE
HISTORY
CAREERS AND CIVICS
3 ELECTIVE CREDITS

10-20 COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT HOURS

LITERACY REQUIREMENT

GRADE 11

STREAMED COURSE
Course Options for Grade 12
Planning for Post Secondary

ENGLISH
MATH
6 ELECTIVE CREDITS

1 – 2 ONLINE LEARNING
CLASSES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Start your Research NOW

ontariocolleges.ca

by  OCAS



www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca



Apprenticeships (Skilled Trades) – BOUND?



Tradeability

FindYourTrade
presented by ontariocolleges.ca



**Skilled
Trades
Ontario**

Find an Employer

- Contacts...
- COOP/OYAP
- SHSM – for Experience
- Sign a Registration Agreement

Attend a College Program - www.ontariocolleges.ca

- Helps develop skills
- Demonstrates knowledge and commitment



Requires access code available to students in their google classroom

COLLEGE BOUND?



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Must have
ENG4C1 or ENG4U1

ENL1W1 -> ENG2P or ENG2D -> NBE3C or NBE3U

ontariocolleges.ca

by  OCAS

Application Fee

\$125

ontariocolleges.ca

by  OCAS

- Up to 5 program choices
 - Max 3 at one school

Requirements

- Grade 12 College (4C) or University (4U) English
- Some programs will require other courses
(grade 11/12 math or 11/12 sciences)
- Some programs require a certain number of grade 11 or 12 courses at the C/M/U level
- NOTE: some colleges offer degree Programs - THESE require 6 u/m level courses in order to apply

College Deadlines

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

APPLICATIONS OPEN

February 1, 2024

The deadline for your application to be equally considered with all other applications

May 1, 2024

Most offers of admission must be confirmed

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

COLLEGES MAY START TO SEND EARLY OFFERS OF ADMISSION

June 2024

Tuition deposits due to secure spot at college

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College to University Pathway



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Many Colleges now offer
programs for University
preparation

Investigate diploma programs
which have degree agreements
in place



ontransfer.ca
Ontario's Transfer & Pathways Guide

UNIVERSITY BOUND?



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Must have ENG_{4U1}

(ENL_{1W1} -> ENG_{2D} -> NBE_{3U})

Plus, Five additional
4U/4M Credits

So minimum requirement
is SIX 4U/4M credits to be
eligible



University Requirements

- Grade 12 University English (ENG4U1)
- Plus 5 other University (4U) or university/College Courses (4M)
- Total of 6 4U or 4M Gr. 12 courses
- Approx. Minimum average is 70% but many programs require higher
- Check with each institution and program
- Pre-Requisite courses are always used for admission
- Grade 11 marks may be used for Early acceptance
- See www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca for last year's admission averages or Ask the university

OUAC Fee \$156

- NEW THIS YEAR - NO pin required!
- Base application Fee \$156 for 3 programs
- Each Additional Choice is \$50
(No Fee for replacing a program Choice at the Same University)
- Max 3 Choices at any one university
- Supplemental Fees at Some Schools

University Deadlines

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

APPLICATION CYCLE
BEGINS

January 15, 2024

The deadline for your application to be equally considered with all other applications

May 29, 2024

Deadline to receive an offer of admission if you applied by January 15.

June 3, 2024

Many universities require a response to an Offer of admission (check offer of admission for specific deadlines)

Note: Residence Deposits likely due in May or June

Continue or Start your Research



What has happened

- Spoke with students in grade assemblies and class visits
- MHSS College and University Fair – Oct 3
- Toronto College Fair – Oct 18 & 19
- Toronto University Fair – Oct 20 & 21
- Campus Tours

STILL TO COME!

- Ontario University Virtual Event – Nov 22
- Virtual and In-Person tours at Institutions
- Meet with a MHSS Guidance Counsellor

Taking Credits other than Day School



- Inform Guidance if you are taking a course at night school or outside the Durham District School board
- Only courses taken at Maxwell Heights are automatically added to your Application
- **YOU MUST PROVIDE** a hard copy of the report card from schools outside the DDSB

FULL DISCLOSURE



- Transcripts show ALL:
 - All grade 9 and 10 passed courses
 - All grade 11 and 12 courses taken (passed or failed)
 - This includes multiple attempts
- Full Disclosure DATES for 2023-24 occur 5 days after midterm reports:

Semester 1 – November 23, 2023 Semester 2 – late April
- Guidance will confirm actual dates once the reporting cycle is released

Mark Upload Dates

1. October 4 (Demographics)

2. November 16 (Midterms)

- This is before full disclosure

3. February 14 (Semester 1 Finals)

4. April 24 (Midterms)

- This is before full disclosure

5. July 3 (Semester 2 Finals)

6. August 8 (Summer School Finals)

- Past most schools deadlines
- Must notify College/University as some may not accept



English Proficiency

IMPORTANT:

If you have been educated outside of Ontario in the last 4 years, you may be required to write an English Proficiency Test

- Check Test and Institution Due Dates
- Check which tests are approved for each Institution



Financing Post Secondary

Cost Ranges from Program to Program

(Below are rough estimates)

College Tuition


- Range \$4200 - 7000

University Tuition

- Range \$7000 - \$16000

Residence

- Room and Internet: Start at \$6000
- Food: \$6000



Financing Post Secondary

- Personal Saving
- Family Savings
- OSAP
- Bursaries
- Scholarships
- Bank Loans/Line of Credit



What is **OSAP**?

Ontario Student Assistance Program

- OSAP is a government funded program to help pay for college and university
- OSAP offers funding through GRANTS (do not have to pay back) or LOANS (repay once done school)
- How much money you can get depends on: personal financial situation, program/course load, and education expenses.
- Students apply directly on the OSAP website; applications usually open in spring 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS **CANADA**.com



yconic.

StudentAwards

Searching
for
SCHOLARSHIPS



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Seeking
Scholarships

Requires access code available to
students in their google classroom

The
Scholarship
NOVEMBER 2023  **Report**

for Ontario high school students

Scholarships and Bursaries



- Schools Based Scholarships

- Admission (University) – Based off Admission Average – No application
- Special Scholarships – Different Criteria – Application Often Required
- Check institution for details or ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

- School Based Bursaries

- Based on Financial need
- Usually requires you to apply to OSAP
- Disclosure of Financial Status
- Check institution for details or ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

- Private Bursaries and Scholarships

- They set the criteria...some require essays, applications, grades, program choice

Applying For Scholarships

- Follow the Due Dates – Write them down on a calendar
- Seek References – Give lots of notice and help them with background info
- Seek Nominations from Guidance, if necessary
- Order Transcripts from Ms. Bisschop in guidance
- Follow the directions implicitly
- Read the Scholarship Report for Application Tips

Major SCHOLARSHIPS - Deadlines



LORAN
Scholarship
October 11



U of T Book
Award
October 12



U of T National
Scholarship
October 19



TD Scholarship
for Community
Leaders
November 15



Queen's
University Major
Award
November 20



Terry Fox
Humanitarian
Award
December 1

What's next?

Google Classroom










UPDATED REGULARY

HELPFUL LINKS

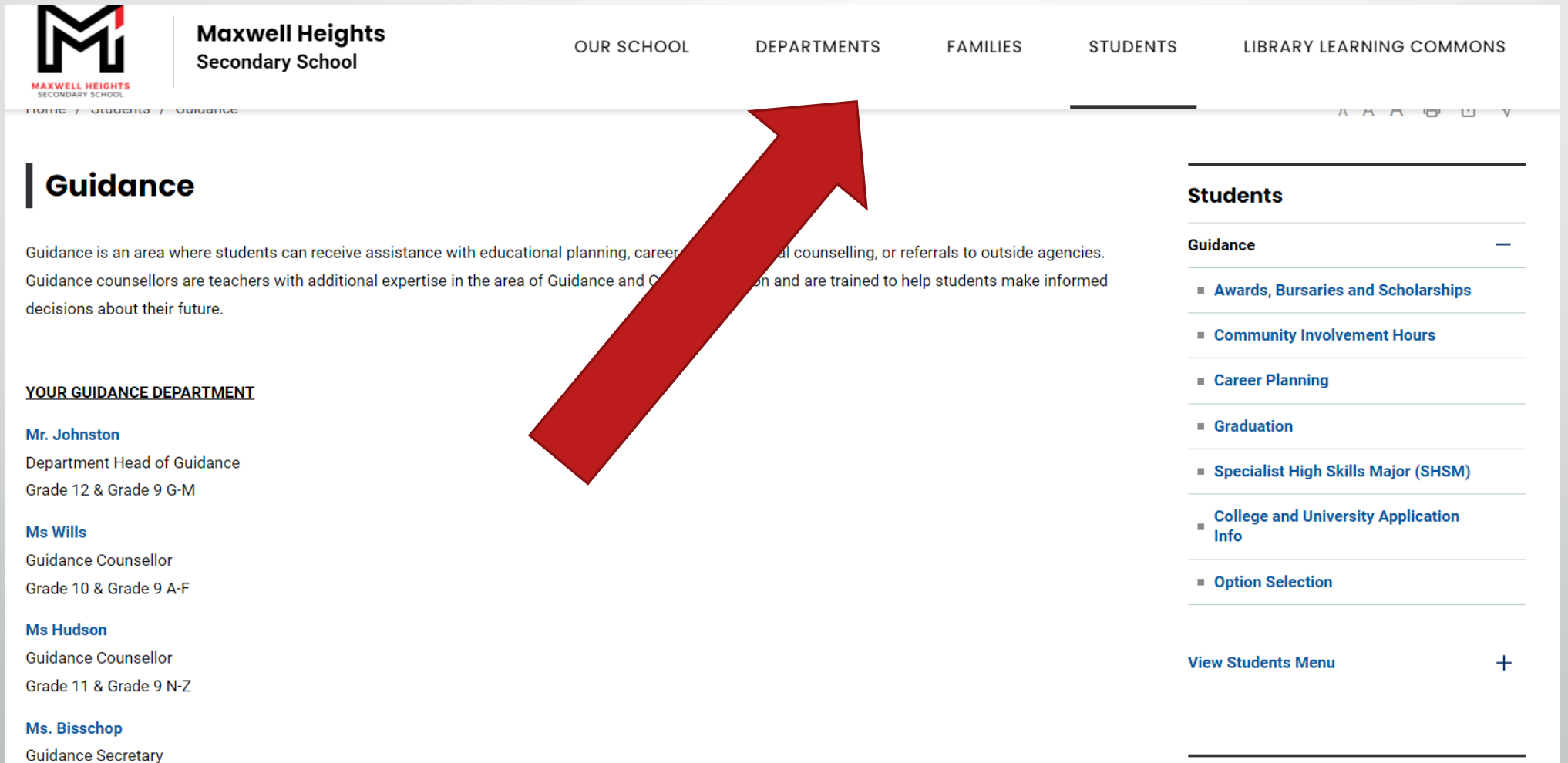
INSTRUCTION VIDEOS

NOMINATION FORMS

APPOINTMENT BOOKING LINK

GUIDANCE 2023-24		⋮
 MEET THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	Edited Sep 7	⋮
 GUIDANCE PAGE ON THE MHSS WEBSITE	Edited Sep 7	⋮
 Graduation Requirement	Edited Sep 8	⋮
 Post Secondary Planning	Posted Sep 7	⋮
 College Application Information	Edited Yesterday	⋮
 University Application Information	Edited Yesterday	⋮
 Apprenticeship Information	Posted Sep 8	⋮
 Scholarships	Edited Yesterday	⋮
 YOUTH SERVICES GUIDE	Edited Sep 7	⋮

WEBSITE



The screenshot shows the Maxwell Heights Secondary School website. The header includes the school logo, name, and navigation links: OUR SCHOOL, DEPARTMENTS, FAMILIES, STUDENTS, and LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS. The main content area is titled 'Guidance' and contains a paragraph about the department's role. Below this is a section for 'YOUR GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT' listing staff members: Mr. Johnston (Department Head), Ms Wills (Guidance Counsellor), Ms Hudson (Guidance Counsellor), and Ms. Bisschop (Guidance Secretary). A large red arrow points from the 'DEPARTMENTS' link in the header to the 'Guidance' page content. On the right, a sidebar menu is visible with a 'Students' section containing a 'Guidance' sub-menu with items like 'Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships', 'Community Involvement Hours', 'Career Planning', 'Graduation', 'Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)', 'College and University Application Info', and 'Option Selection'. A 'View Students Menu' link is at the bottom of the sidebar.

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OUR SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS FAMILIES STUDENTS LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

Home / Students / Guidance

Guidance

Guidance is an area where students can receive assistance with educational planning, career development, personal counselling, or referrals to outside agencies. Guidance counsellors are teachers with additional expertise in the area of Guidance and Career Development and are trained to help students make informed decisions about their future.

YOUR GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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Students

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View Students Menu +

GUIDANCE APPOINTMENTS

Maxwell Heights SS Guidance Appointments

Academic Support

Academic Support
15 minutes



Personal/Social Support
30 minutes



Quick Guidance Question
10 minutes



Educational and Pathway Planning
30 minutes



Timetable Change - Semester 2
10 minutes



November 15

< > November 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Select staff (optional)



Anyone



9:10 am

9:15 am

9:20 am

9:25 am

9:30 am

9:50 am

9:55 am

10:00 am

10:05 am



THANKS FOR YOUR TIME!

ANY QUESTIONS?