



Welcome to the Boston College High School community. We are hard at work preparing for your arrival in September. We look forward to working with you during the years to come. It is our hope that you will take full advantage of the spiritual, co-curricular, athletic and fine arts programs we have to offer. Your course work will challenge you to fulfill your potential as you become a “man for others.”

The course of study for grade nine students is listed below.

English I  
Christian Thought  
Global History I  
Biology I

Mathematics (Algebra or Geometry)  
Language (Chinese, French, Latin, or Spanish)  
Health and Wellness  
Group Guidance  
Fine Art Elective

Students are required to take one full credit in the area of Fine Arts prior to graduation. We offer a number of options for this requirement to be fulfilled. Students can take courses and/or gain credit through participation in performance-based activities including the school’s musical ensembles, choir, dramatic and musical productions. Freshman students are required to take one ¼ credit course. Participation in the Band or Choir fulfills this requirement. More information is included in the **Fine and Performing Arts Electives for Freshmen** document.

**Placement tests are required in order to be considered for Geometry or for a second year or advanced status in one of the languages.** Placement tests will take place on Saturday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m. Each test should take approximately 45 minutes. If you wish to take a placement test, specify which subject(s) on the enclosed form.

Keep up the good work this year. We look forward to seeing you in September.

## Fine Arts/Language Choice/Placement Test Webinar

We will hold a webinar providing information on the Fine Arts options for freshmen, the selection of a language to study, and the placement test in Mathematics and Language.

### What is a webinar?

The word webinar is actually an abbreviation of web seminar. It is basically a seminar or conference conducted over the World Wide Web. You go to a website, log in (with provided information), and listen to a presentation. Depending upon how it is set up, you can participate (by typing questions or comments, using a microphone, or the phone).

### Why will this help?

We will present information on Fine Arts choices, language options, and the upcoming placement test. You will have the opportunity to ask questions to assist you in making your decisions.

### When will this take place?

We will do the same presentation on March 16 at 10 a.m. and March 18 at 12 noon.

### How do I participate?

As we get closer to those dates, we will email you the website link to follow and login instructions.

## Language, Fine Arts, and Mathematics Placement Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use this form to indicate your preference in the area of Fine Arts, choice of language to take, and intention to take a placement test in Mathematics of Language.

### FINE ARTS

Band and Choir fulfill the Fine Arts requirement. These classes meet either before or after school. Refer to the **Fine and Performing Arts Electives for Freshmen** document for more details.

If you wish to participate in the Band or Choir, please indicate which below:

_____ <b>Band</b>	_____ <b>Choir</b>
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If you would like to be considered to participate in the Fine Arts Cohort, please place a check on the line below and follow the instructions on the **Fine and Performing Arts Electives for Freshmen** document.

_____ <b>Fine Arts Cohort</b>
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Please indicate your top four choices from the courses listed below. You must select two from each group by writing in the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4. (If you do not select two from each group, your preferences will not be considered.) Refer to the **Fine and Performing Arts Electives for Freshmen** document for course descriptions.

Group 1	Group 2
_____ <b>Printmaking</b>	_____ <b>How Music Expresses Ideas and Culture</b>
_____ <b>Calligraphy</b>	_____ <b>Understanding Music Through Listening</b>
_____ <b>Introduction to Drawing</b>	_____ <b>Guitar Ensemble I</b>
_____ <b>Digital Photography</b>	_____ <b>Guitar Ensemble II (approval required)</b>
_____ <b>Three Dimensional Design</b>	_____ <b>Acting I</b>

### LANGUAGE CHOICE AND PLACEMENT TEST ATTENDANCE

Please indicate your first, second, third, and fourth choices for Language. (Again, you must rank each of the languages below. The vast majority of students receive their first choice, but alternates are required.)

_____ <b>Chinese</b>	_____ <b>French</b>	_____ <b>Latin</b>	_____ <b>Spanish</b>
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Students who wish to be placed in the upper levels of language or Mathematics must take a placement test on May 8, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Students who will be taking the entry level of any language or Algebra I do not have to take the placement tests. The **Algebra Placement Exam** letter will help you determine if you should take the test in mathematics.

Please check the test(s) you wish to take.

Language			Mathematics
_____ <b>French</b>	_____ <b>Spanish</b>	_____ <b>Latin</b>	_____ <b>Mathematics</b>

Please mail, fax (617-474-5105), or bring this form to the school office by March 26.