

# Ancaster High School



## Student Club Guide 2021-2022

**It is never too late to be what you might have been.**

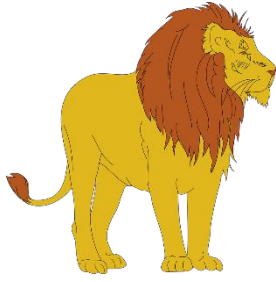
-George Eliot

Ancaster High School prides itself on providing students with relevant and engaging learning opportunities both within and beyond of the classroom. These co-curricular experiences are based on the various needs, interests, and abilities of our students. If you would like to start a new club, please reach out to Student Success (room 1014) for guidance on how to proceed.

The purpose of Student Club Guide is to provide students with an outline of clubs that currently exist at Ancaster. During the 2021-2022 school year, Ancaster High has moved to a Quadmester learning model and as a result of these changes and the necessity to adhere to health and safety guidelines, the school is unable to offer all our usual co-curricular activities. That said, there are still wonderful opportunities for students to get involved, meet new people, and have fun! This year our clubs have been initiated and approved based on student interest and the group's ability to run effectively through Quadmasters.

**“Life isn’t about finding yourself. It’s about creating  
yourself.”**

-Andrea Brooks



## Academic Clubs

### *Homework/Literacy Club*

**Staff Advisor:** Ms. V Fletcher

**Who we are / what we do:** The Homework Club provides academic support and study strategies, including time-management. Students receive instruction on literacy and test taking skills. OSSLT preparation. Students must pre-register.

**Meeting Frequency:** TBD 3:00-4:30 in room 1014 (February-May)

### ***HOSA***

**Staff Advisor:** Ms. J Crowe

**Who we are /what we do:** Formerly known as Future Health Professionals, HOSA is a club that provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary students who have interests in pursuing careers in health professions. HOSA is 100% health care!

**Meeting Frequency:** Email: [jacrowe@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:jacrowe@hwdsb.on.ca)

### ***Peer Tutoring Club***

**Staff Advisor:** Mr. Nicholson

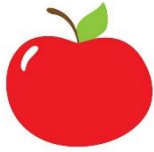
**Who we are / what we do:** Students helping students to better their academics and study skills.

**Meeting Frequency:** Varies based on need. Please email [snichols@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:snichols@hwdsb.on.ca) if you're interested in being a peer tutor or receiving peer tutor support.

[TUTOR WEBSITE](#)

# Altruism and Awareness Clubs

## *Health Action Team (H.A.T.)*



**Staff Advisors:** Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Davies, Ms. Adams

**Who we are / what we do:** With the mandate and support of public health, we are a group of highly motivated members of the Ancaster High Community who create a Healthy School Environment from a holistic perspective considering; the physical, physiological and emotional well-being of our peers in order to facilitate optimal academic success and student engagement. We plan and organize events involving a range of delivery medium such as multimedia, personal promotions, hands-on opportunities as well as whole-school assemblies and teacher community in-servicing. This experience offers wonderful leadership opportunities and the potential of accessing post-secondary scholarships.

**Meeting frequency:** Thursday lunch. Auditorium. Email [vfletche@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:vfletche@hwdsb.on.ca)

## *Muslim Prayer Group*

**Staff Advisor:** Ms. Woof / Ms. Fletcher

**Meeting frequency:** Friday @ 1:30pm.. Small cafeteria. Email [bwoof@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:bwoof@hwdsb.on.ca)



## *Royal Gazette Newspaper*

**Staff Advisor:** Ms. Bentham, Ms. Rotskas

**Who we are / what we do:** *The Royal Gazette* is an award-winning student-run newspaper starting in September 2017. Student reporters, photographers, and creative writers will have a forum for their work, and both hardcopy and digital distribution will ensure the largest possible audience.

**Meeting frequency:** Email [sbentham@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:sbentham@hwdsb.on.ca)

## ***Positive Space***



**Staff Advisor(s):** Ms. Danese, Ms. Murray

**Who we are / what we do:** Positive Space provides a safe and inclusive space for students to discuss the experiences of LGBTQ+ persons. The goal of this human rights group is to promote equity, understanding, and acceptance of all students within the Ancaster High community.

**Meeting frequency:** Tuesday lunch. Rm. 109 Email [bdanese@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:bdanese@hwdsb.on.ca)



## ***Student Ambassadors***

**Staff Advisors:** Ms. Turner & Ms. Fletcher

**Who we are / what we do:** Student Ambassadors represent the very best AHS has to offer in terms of student leadership. These dynamic student leaders provide a platform to share their ideas with school administration and other staff to help improve Ancaster High. This group is socio-political, diverse and action-oriented as it implements student suggestions to create lasting and impactful social change at AHS and in the community.

**Meeting frequency:** Monday lunch. Auditorium. Email [vfletche@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:vfletche@hwdsb.on.ca)

## ***Diversity Club***



**Staff Advisors:** Ms. Wills & Ms. Rotskas

**Who we are / what we do:** Student-driven club dedicated to celebrating diversity and raising awareness about racism, anti-black racism and Islamophobia.

**Meeting frequency:** Monday lunch. Auditorium. Email [vfletche@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:vfletche@hwdsb.on.ca)

## *Equity for All*

**Staff Advisors:** Ms.Kay

**Who we are / what we do:** Feminist group dedicated to promoting gender equality and the rights of cis and trans girls and women.

**Meeting frequency:** Wednesday lunch. Auditorium. Email [mkay@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:mkay@hwdsb.on.ca)



## **Athletic & Arts Clubs**

### *Athletic Association (AAC)*

**Staff Advisors:** Ms. Adams & Mr. Schurer

**Who we are / what we do:** The AAC is focused on providing students a unique experience to get involved and to find a sense of community within our large high school. We offer the opportunity to become Co-Presidents, an executive member with more responsibilities, or a member of the AAC. We offer intramurals at lunch, BBQ's for many special events, Halloween Haunted House, Christmas Themed event, Terry Fox Games area, Triathlon BBQ, Marathon of Hope Water Station, and many other events determined by the Co-Presidents.

**Meeting frequency:** Follow ancster\_royals\_athletics on insta for details

### *Drama Club*

**Staff Advisors:** Ms. Turner

**Who we are / what we do:** Student-driven drama group that offers theatre games and opportunities for improv. Love theatre? This is the group for you!

**Meeting frequency:** Wednesday lunch. Auditorium.



## ***Stage Crew***

**Staff Advisors:** Ms. Turner

**Who we are / what we do:** Students interested in running crew and the elements of technical theatre, including sound and lighting design and operation.

**Meeting frequency:** Email

## ***Dance Team***



**Staff Advisors:** Ms. Mifflin

**Who we are / what we do:** Love to dance? This group welcomes people of all abilities and experience. Students will need appropriate exercise attire to participate.

**Meeting frequency:** Tuesday & Thursday lunch. Gym C.

## ***Film & Video Club***

**Staff Advisors:** Ms. Sanders

**Who we are / what we do:** Perfect club for students interested in photography, film & television production, marketing, publicity and media branding.

**Meeting frequency:** Tuesday lunch. Communication Room 1065.

## ***Concert Band***

**Staff Advisor:** Ms. Wylie

**Who we are / what we do:** We play music! We provide music for various events, play at concerts and festivals throughout the year.



**Meeting frequency:** Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 in TEAMS

Email: [mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca)

## ***Musical Arts Association***

**Staff Advisor:** Ms. Wylie



**Who we are / what we do:** This group is an elected executive body which acts as representation and organization for the support of musical ensembles. They also act as a liaison between council and the ensembles.

**Meeting frequency:** TBD Email [mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca)

## ***Slam Poetry***



**Staff Advisor(s):** Ms. Crowe

**Who we are / what we do:** We discuss, view, and write individual and team poems in preparation for a spoken word festival in May called *Louder than a Bomb*.

**Meeting frequency:** Fridays Rm.1014 Email [jacrowe@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:jacrowe@hwdsb.on.ca)



## ***Chess Club***

**Staff Advisor:** Mr. C Page

**Who we are / what we do:** We play chess during lunch! Great club for casual friendship and fun.

**Meeting frequency:** ahs\_chessclub on insta for details. (Meets twice a week)



