



History Department

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son or daughter is enrolled in HSB 4UI (Challenge and Change in Society) this semester. This social science course contains a significant amount of independent and group work above and beyond the normal homework requirement. At times, the student may want to use resources not available in the classroom, or meet with their group for a major project. One assignment also requires students to visit a social agency in the community.

With this in mind, eight periods have been designated for independent study, meaning that with your permission the student is not required to be in class at the times listed on the accompanying page. Rather, depending on personal circumstance and preference, they may be off-campus at a relevant location such as a city or university library, working at home or meeting with their group. They may also be elsewhere at school such as in the library or a computer lab.

During these periods I will be available for individual conference, consultation or questions in the classroom. Any student who would like to discuss anything with me or would like to work in the classroom is of course welcome anytime.

Please find attached a list of the major assignments for the course, as well as the date each is due. Again, homework and smaller assignments as well as in-class tasks will also be assigned in order to meet curricular expectations.

Please indicate your permission below if you consent, and send this form to school with your son or daughter. If you choose not to allow your son or daughter to use these periods for independent study, they are certainly welcome to be in the classroom on these days with me, working on assignments. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at the school anytime (880-9979.) Thank you.

Yours truly,

Jeff Chard
Head of History
Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School

 Yes, I give my permission for _____ to engage in eight independent study periods whereby he/she may be off-campus or somewhere other than his/her designated classroom at SJAM.

No, I do not give my permission for _____ to engage in eight independent study periods whereby he/she may be off-campus or somewhere other than his/her designated classroom at SJAM.

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

