



BROOKE O'TOOLE

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Student Profile

Brooke O'Toole is a Canadian student from the small Vancouver Island town of Black Creek, now in her second and final year at Pearson. Brooke had an excellent first year at the College. A great addition to the campus community, she shines the best in leadership roles. At a time when the impact of the pandemic affected many, Brooke's teachers shared that her positive spirit was infectious and made a huge difference to the morale of her peers, both inside and outside the classroom.

Q&A With Brooke:

How was your summer?

My summer was good! When I wasn't spending time on my Extended Essay, I enjoyed lots of time by the ocean with my family. I also had the amazing opportunity to attend the Yale Young Global Scholars, where I was able to converse with highly qualified professors and some really amazing students through a variety of courses.

You mentioned your Extended Essay, what have you learned from the experience so far?*

My Extended Essay is on the book *Beloved*, written by Toni Morrison. The main takeaway I have is surrounding time management. I realized that it can be so valuable to schedule time and develop good working habits to ensure that one does not get too overwhelmed.

**The Extended Essay is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper. It is a mandatory requirement for all International Baccalaureate students.*

What co-curricular activities are you involved with this year?

This year, I am leading both Musical Performance and Global Affairs activities at Pearson. I also just returned from a week-long program off-campus during CAS Week (Creativity, Action and Service) where I had the opportunity to engage in art projects led by 4Cats Arts Studio and Poppet Creative.

What are your plans after graduating from Pearson College UWC?

I am planning to apply to universities in Canada and the United States. I want to study something in the arts -- whether that's fine arts or something related to theatre, and maybe dive into some linguistics programs as well. Although I'm not set on where I want to be after Pearson, I know that I want to solidify another language and spend some time travelling. I am also planning to publish a few songs that I've written on the side.