

Dear Aspiring Pilot,

Hello! My name is Sarah. I'm in grade eleven at St. John's College and I graduated from the Brantford Flight Centre's Fall 2024 PPL Ground School session. I'm writing with the goal to help you achieve your full potential in BFC's PPL Ground School Course as a high school student.



Ground School, along with flight lessons, will become one of the biggest commitments in your life, and that's why it's so important for me to emphasize the need for sacrifice. To be successful in this course, you'll need to prioritize your aviation studies and adjust your schedule accordingly. This may mean limiting your screen time or giving up an extra curricular activity—probably both—as this course requires approximately 10 hours of independent study each week. Additionally, classes occur on school nights, so time management, self-discipline, and prioritization will all be essential for balancing high school responsibilities and those demanded by this course.

Ground School is structured like a university class, requiring a high level of independent review. I strongly recommend establishing a consistent study routine and adhering to it diligently over the 20 weeks. Personally, I dedicated at least an hour to review right after school each day and always attended my class's study group on Saturdays. Ask someone to hold you accountable to your schedule if need-be.

Reading ahead in *From the Ground Up* is imperative. Don't just skim through the material; take time to thoroughly understand each topic. I encourage you to tab important pages, underline, highlight, and annotate the textbook.

Regular review of past material will help diminish stress around the term tests and the qualifying exam—especially considering high school exams coincide with Ground School's final. It will ensure you're well-prepared in advance while also deepening your overall comprehension of the course content.

Furthermore, it's crucial for your success to take initiative to identify and strengthen any areas of weakness in your understanding. *From the Ground Up* is a great resource, along with the excellent instructor, John, and your fellow classmates. Don't be afraid to reach out to ask questions.

In this course, there will be topics you struggle with, weeks where you don't perform as well as you'd hoped on the Classtime reviews, and late nights studying. But keep in mind that the reward of being a pilot is one that keeps giving!

Wishing you all the best in your aviation endeavours,

Sarah Fudali

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