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HONOURING, AWARDING GLENEAGLE'S TOP PUPILS

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Gleneagle's highest honours were awarded to their outstanding graduates at Commencement in June.

Carolyn Nakagawa, dressed in her gown and cap, gave her valedictorian speech at the Commencement held at Orpheum Theatre on June 14, 2009. During the commencement, graduates were recognized for their hard work and excellence in different areas.

Three Gleneagle seniors, ____, ____, and ____ were awarded with the top awards given at Gleneagle.

Governor- General Bronze Academic Award, was given to ____ who achieved the highest academic average for the four years at high school.

For her outstanding service and leadership in and out of school, the Talon Award was given to ____.

Finally, the Eagle award recipient was ____, who was recognized for outstanding performance in three areas around the school.

At the 10th annual Awards Ceremony on June 3, outstanding leaders in academic, athletic, and service areas were recognized.

The TALONS 9 academic award was awarded to **Saskia and Ariana Vaisey**, with two-time winner, **Kimberley Chan**, winning the TALONS 10 academic award.

Top grade 9 academic awards was given to **Juan Paulo Mercado**, **Ricky Leem** for grade 10, and **Natalie Kinloch**, for grade 11, and from the graduating class, **Ronnie Chen**. These awards were given to the students who achieved the highest GPA in their grade.

The grade 12 Male Athlete of the Year was **Chris Evans**, while **Jennifer Cousineau** was awarded the Female Athlete of the Year. Jennifer Cousineau was also the Tri-Talon Award recipient.

The grade 11 Male Athlete of the Year was **Alex Cousineau**, and the grade 11 Female Athletes of the Year were **Alyssa Binns** and **Shannon Craig**.

Sina Saadatmandi was the grade 10 Male Athlete of the Year, while **Amber Leal** was named grade 10 Female Athlete of the Year.

Finally, the grade 9 Male Athlete of the Year was awarded to **Joseph Ko**, and the grade 9 Female Athlete of the Year went to **Jamie McLaughlin**.

Senior's words of wisdom, experience for newcomers

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edge columnist

1. Be on time. You don't want to go down in your grade 12 yearbooks' most memorable as, Most Likely to be Late to his or her own Wedding.
2. Don't get lost. Map out the school. If you find the land mass of high school confusing, then you're going to have an even better time in university.
3. No matter what anyone tells you, first impressions are key.
4. Don't stand in the middle of the hallways or anywhere in the hallways in big clumps, at any time in the day.
5. Don't sit in, or try to take over any of the senior spots.
6. Get used to the chaos. It will become second nature to you before you know it.
7. Realize that there is a seniority system here. Embrace it. You'll understand in a few years.
8. Look presentable, but you know you've gone too far if you're tripping over your own heels.
9. Don't get too fond of the word 'skipping'.
10. Let your parents know not to

block the parking lot. Learn this essential rule, for when you get your license.

11. Don't attract the wrong kind of attention. Don't conform to what the media tells you high school should be like.
12. Don't be afraid of getting help. We seniors don't bite.
13. Get to know your counselors and administrators. They'll be guiding you through your next four years.
14. Don't let anyone push you around. You might be the most vulnerable in the food chain, but that doesn't give anybody the right to take advantage of you.
15. Don't take your five minutes in between classes for granted. Strategize what you need for your next class and how long it will take you to get there.
16. Don't let the 'drama' get you down. It's all a part of growing up.
17. Join as many sports and clubs as possible. They will help you make friends and become a better-rounded person. You'll regret it if you don't.
18. Don't go to your counselor for every little problem. They have hundreds of kids to keep track of.

19. You may be a grade 9, but a little maturity is still expected of you.

20. Learn to be on your teachers' good side. Your life will be much easier.

21. Pick up the 'Gleneagle lingo' early.

22. Keep up with your grades. Don't develop bad habits early on. Sure, your grades don't necessarily count, but that doesn't excuse you from studying.

23. Don't fret about your exams. It's not the big scary concept it's cut out to be.

24. Have school spirit. Many legends have walked these halls.

25. Make a name for yourself, but most importantly, be yourself.

26. Don't take life too seriously. Time flies. So, have fun. You're in grade 9.

27. Stick together. You're the graduating class of 2014.

Meet your administrative team



Pictured from left to right is **Jeremy Clarke**, **Carol Coulson**, vice-principals, and **Dave Matheson**, principal.

UPCOMING EVENTS



September 21
Parent Orientation

September 25
District Pro-D Day

October 12
Thanksgiving Day

Resources

Counselors



Gleneagle counselors (from left to right): Bindy Johal, Caryl Nelson and Julie Baerg

Library Staff



Chris Newton, library assistant



Jo-Anne LeBlonde, librarian

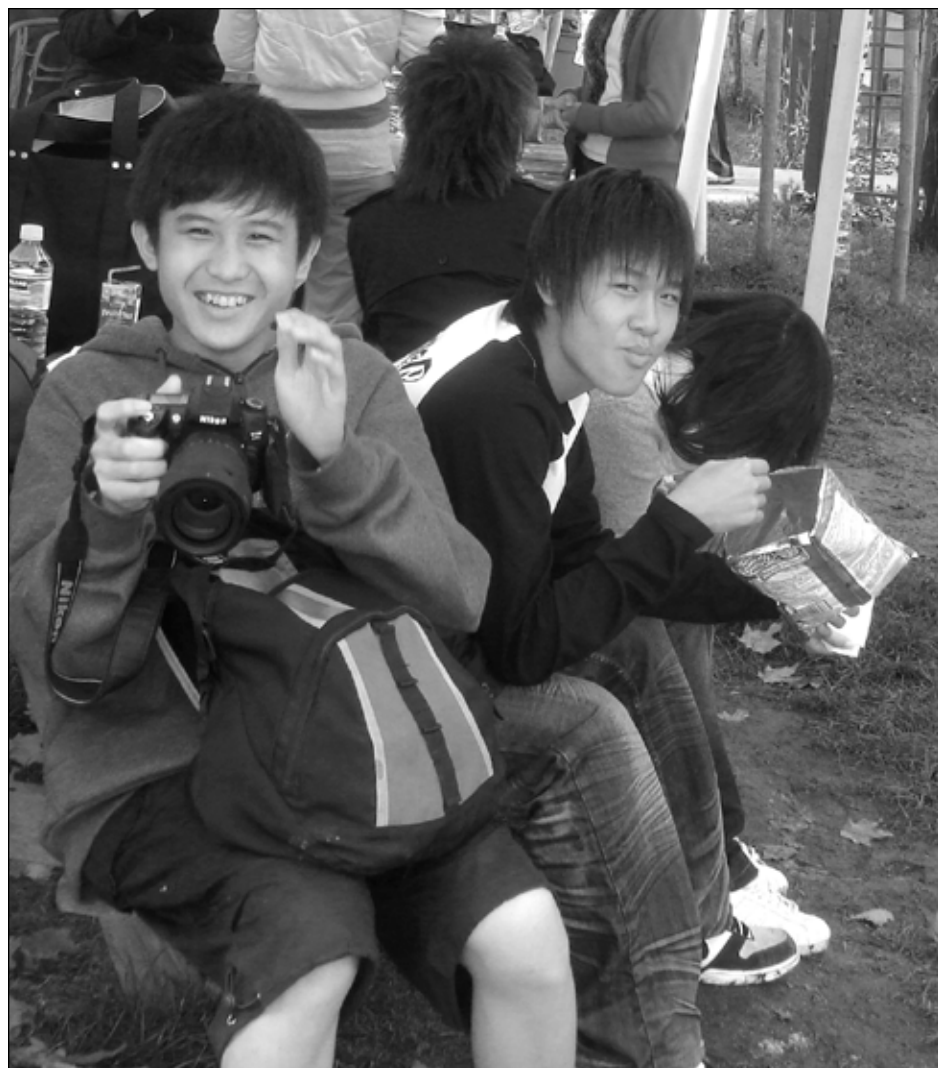
Career Centre



Carmen Moorehouse,
career resource facilitator



Doug MacLean, work experience and
transition coordinator



Clubs

Intramurals

A great opportunity to be involved in different kinds of sports at lunchtime, and a chance to shape up throughout the year.

Global Issues Club

Bring world events and issues to your peers. Fundraise for worthwhile causes and help make a difference in your world.

Ski/Snowboard

This club is for new and seasoned skiers and snowboarders. There are trips to Whistler and other great destinations.

Student Council

Want to be a leader in the school? Actively participate in planning events for the whole student body.

Gay/Straight Alliance

Stand up against discrimination and help promote acceptance, equality and unity at Gleneagle.

Songwriters Club

Meet with professional songwriters, share your music with your peers, and let out your inner musician.

Outdoors Club

Lovers of the the great outdoors can enjoy various trips into the BC wilderness.

Con-X

In Con-X, grade 11 and 12 students aim to make grade 9s feel welcome.

Green Team

Help to raise ecological awareness in the school.

Peer Buddies

Make new friends, learn about different cultures and backgrounds and help newcomers feel a sense of belonging at Gleneagle.

....and many more

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George H. Gallup Award
Winner: 2000-02, 2004-06

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Sports

Fall

Swimming
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Soccer
Volleyball

Winter

Wrestling
Ski & Snowboard
Basketball
Gymnastics

Spring

Dragon Boating
Tennis
Badminton
Golf
Netball
Track and Field
Rugby



Programs

TALONS Program

The Academy of Learning for Outstanding, Notable Students (TALONS) program allows district-identified gifted students to work more independently, above and beyond their required course work. The program takes place in two blocks all year long, and consists of both grades 9 and 10.

COAST

The COAST program takes outdoor education to another level, blending academic requirements for grade 10, PE 10 and 11, with the great outdoors. Members participate in many activities such as kayaking, winter camping, and backpacking.

Yearbook 12

Have your say in what goes into this year's yearbook by joining the Yearbook team! Dedication required, but satisfaction guaranteed.

Journalism 11/12

Ever dreamt of being published in a newspaper? Then join Gleneagle's prestigious Journalism program. Interview, write, take photos, design layout and distribute our award winning paper, the Edge, and become more involved in your school community.

Work Experience 12

Work and learn with this unique, tailored-for-you program, which allows you to learn as you work in a field of your choice. Added bonus: you earn your 30-hours work experience requirement for Grad Transitions. See **Doug Maclean** in the Counseling office for more details.

Music Program

If you can sing or play an instrument, then join one of Gleneagle's multi-award winning music courses. With classes ranging from Guitar to Vocal Jazz, there is sure to be something for the musically inclined.

Art Program

Join one of Gleneagle's prestigious art programs, which offer a wide range of mediums ensuring that there is art for everyone. For those who want to blend art with academics, there are JumpstArt 9 and 10, which integrate Humanities with Art in a one of a kind cohort. For senior art students, there's Art Careers 12 and the Emily Carr program.

Drama Program

Love acting? The Broken Wing Theatre performs year-round, with plays ranging from comedy to tragedy and everything in between.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO AT SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

YOU SAID IT!



Grade 9
“Hanging out with friends and making new ones.”



Grade 10
“I’m looking forward to new classes and getting the sling off my arm.”



Grade 11
“Math contests!”



Grade 12
“Being a senior and the events that are going with it. Having courses that’ll help me get into university.”

Graduate reflects on challenging new culture, language in grade 12



edge columnist

It is a difficult path for anyone who decides to do the impossible. I decided to.

My path was very difficult and there were a lot of situations when I wanted to give up. It is always so stressful to adapt to a new country in a new language.

At the beginning, you have two choices. One choice is to start from an easy workload and then as time goes on, immerse yourself with more difficult subjects.

The second way is to choose difficult courses and fully immerse in the working atmosphere of the language. I chose the second approach.

You know, actually it is more interesting and exciting because every day you have new aims that you should overcome on the way

to achieving your ultimate goal. Stress is the biggest problem because in the first days of school, using a new language is a very big load for the mind.

It is extremely hard to concentrate on each sound you’ve heard and there are thousands of such sounds. It doesn’t matter what country you have arrived from or what your native language is. English is the only one that makes sense.

Any method has pros and cons. What are the cons of my method? The first one is the lack of time for learning each technique; you can’t spend a lot of time learning some aspects that you need to know.

The second is limited time for practicing oral skills. I mean that if learning the language you could

spend two or three years before graduating, that would affect your skills; my way you have only one year before graduating, and you have not enough time for improving. You can only do your best from the beginning to the end of the year.

Another con is not having high average marks for courses because essentially you pay all your attention to language and secondly to the subject of learning.

Of course, the pros are so much better. It is the fastest way to graduate. Also you learn a lot of new information in a short period of time which expands your knowledge and you learn language much quicker and more effectively.

In my case, I hadn’t a lot of time to make decisions because my goal

was to be accepted to post-secondary school for the fall 2009. I have achieved my goals, passed through difficult situations on my way and believed in my will-power.

I’m so glad that I met lots of good people who have helped me on my way.

My advice to you is simple: if you have a problem with studying, there are always lots of people who can help you to solve it.

If you are afraid of difficulties, just try to imagine your ultimate result, and believe me, you can do it. Gleneagle is a school full of successful students and professional teachers.

Here you can show your abilities and discover in yourself hidden talents you didn’t know you possessed.

What do you do when the last year of your high school is in a new country with a new language?

STUDENT BELL SCHEDULE

BLOCK	Monday to Friday	Early Dismissal Mondays
X	7:45 – 8:55	7:45 – 8:55
1	9:00 – 10:15	9:00 – 10:10
2	10:20 – 11:35	10:15 – 11:25
LUNCH	11:35 – 12:25	11:25 – 12:10
3	12:30 – 1:45	12:15 – 1:25
4	1:50 – 3:05	1:30 – 2:40

Like to draw?
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AND WIN A CD

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If we print it in theEdge as our Letter of the Month, we’ll give you a **\$15 GIFT CARD** to Future Shop.

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