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**guide to Gleneagle**

# Students make Gleneagle proud at 2011 commencement

**STEVEN BAE**  
staff reporter

The 349 Gleneagle graduates of 2010-11 bid their final farewell at the annual commencement ceremonies last June, held in the Orpheum Theatre.

Diplomas were handed out, students with scholarships were congratulated, and the top three graduates overall were recognized for their achievements in academics, service, or both, receiving the coveted Gleneagle awards.

**Kimberley Chang** received the Eagle Award, given for being the top all-round student by excelling in at least four of five categories: academics, athletics, visual and/or performing arts, leadership, and service.

**Hannah Lee** received the Talon Award, given for outstanding extracurricular service and leadership to fellow students.

**Kimberley Chang** received the Governor-General's Medal, given to the graduate with top overall academic grade percentages in his or her four years of secondary school.

Numerous graduates were offered a wide variety of scholarships, demonstrating Gleneagle's academic,

artistic, and athletic talent.

Academically, **Kimberley Chang** and **Ricky Leem** were each offered a \$12,000 McGill Entrance Scholarship, **Kevin Kim** a \$12,000 University of Ottawa Admission Scholarship, and **Ashley Tam** a \$10,000 SFU Scholarship in Science and \$24,000 SFU Bursary.

In arts, **Jamie Yano** was awarded a \$13,200 Art Institute of Chicago Merit Scholarship, and **Shaelyn Zhu** was offered a \$19,000 Pratt Institute of New York Merit Scholarship and a \$17,600 Art Institute of Chicago Merit Scholarship.

**Alexander Klocek** won a \$2,500 Brandon University Athletic Scholarship; **Brenden Yee** received a \$1,000 HSBC Basketball Classic Scholarship, and **Zachary Usherwood** won a \$3,500 Thompson River University Athletic Scholarship.

There were countless other scholarships awarded to the listed graduates and others.

**Steven Black**, who won a \$7,000 Acadia Entrance Scholarship and a \$6,000 Mount Allison Entrance Scholarship, was chosen as valedictorian. He said, "I am honoured to have been selected. There are so many people who would have been so capable."



On how it feels to have finally graduated, he said, "I'm hoping that once I graduate, it doesn't

mean I have to act like it. It won't sink in for a while," he added.

However, Black and many other

graduates feel ecstatic, too.

"Next year we're going on to do some pretty cool stuff," he said.

## Tips, tricks to get you through your first year of high school

**KEVIN CAWTHRA**  
edge columnist

High school, isn't that funny? You're in high school. I bet you remember the first day of kindergarten, and now you're into the final years of school! Now don't fret; it isn't as bad as you think it is.

I remember when I first walked into the school four years ago, I thought "Wow, this school is huge!" Well, was I ever wrong! Within the first month, I knew every little corner.

High school is the real deal now.

There are no more fun and games. If you're failing a class, you're failing a class, and the teachers aren't going to hold your hand. They expect you to be responsible, to manage your time, and to use it wisely.

You probably ask yourself now, "How do I do that? There's Facebook, Twitter, Formspring, Tumblr, and other social networking sites that I stay on for 100 years, and never get my homework done." Well here's a hint: DON'T GO ON!

In the summer leading up to grade 9, you've probably all been

sitting at home shaking in your boots. Most of you are wondering what's going to happen.

My question to you: *Why are you doing that?* You're overreacting. No one cares what you look like, and sure you're going to be judged, but it's ok. You're in grade 9; it happens to everyone.

Here are a few pointers for you: when there's homework, you should do it right away and not leave it till the last day. The homework will only stack up higher each time you leave it to go on Facebook talking about that hot girl or guy,

or having that big fight you're having with your friends.

Grade 9 is fun, if you do the work, and meet the right friends. But grade 9 can also get a little hectic too.

First off, please, don't clog up the hallways. We need to walk to get to places too, so if you could please move off to the side and make room for the rest of the school.

People that walk slowly, PLEASE WALK FASTER. You have legs - stop moving at a snail's pace!

In the summer, I know all you girls buy those miniskirts, and those tank tops, and all those shorts that barely cover your rear-ends. Well, people at school don't want to see you wear that type of clothing; the beach season is over.

Oh yeah, guys don't worry, I haven't forgotten about you. Just because you go to the gym, wear

Affliction jeans, and a Tapout shirt, doesn't mean you're tough. It probably means you're only trying to impress that hot girl in your class, who probably doesn't even know you exist.

There will always be difficult times in high school, but don't worry, you'll get through them. It's not as bad as you think it is.

So relax. Yes, it's the first day of grade 9 and yes, you probably feel awkward, but you have no idea how soon this place will feel like home.

I guess I should introduce myself. My name is Kevin, and I am a graduate of 2011. This is the best school you will ever enter, and you have the best teachers in the world.

I am absolutely proud to say this, and I hope you will feel the same way, really soon.

I am forever a Talon.



Gleneagle's Administration Team: Principal **Gerald Shong** (right) and vice principals **Jeremy Clarke** and **Carol Coulson** stand proudly outside the entrance to the school.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6 Photo Day

September 21 Parent Orientation 7 pm

September 23 Pro-D Day



# Career Centre Library

# Counsellors

# Resources



**Tina Ahooja-Anderson**, guides grade 12's and other students to success in the Career Centre.



**Jo-Anne Leblonde**, helps students everyday with finding the right book or the right database.



**Ashley Ambrosio**, guides students with last names starting from A-G.



**Bindy Johal**, guides students with last names starting from H-N.

# Clubs

## Global Issues

Want to make a difference in the world? Join Global Issues to help fundraise and increase awareness.

## Con-X

Be a leader at Gleneagle and make new students feel welcome.

## Math Club

Help or get help from the math whizzes of our school

## Multicultural Club

Express and discover the diverse backgrounds of Gleneagle's student body.

## Sewing Club

Sew 'till you drop at the Sewing Club! Both beginner and advanced crafters are welcome.

## Japanese Club

From folding origami to making onigiri, bring Japanese culture to blossom at Gleneagle.

## Art Club

Bring your artistic flair to life at lunch in the art room.

## Running Club

Have a need for speed? Join the Running Club and get some exercise.

## Movie Club

Watch the latest movies on the big screen at Room 111 everyday at lunch.

## Model UN

Interested in attending conferences and debating with your fellow peers? Join the Model UN today to discuss international issues.



**Jerry Areshenko**, guides students with last names starting from O-Z.

## Student Council

Become part of the Student Council and have a say in what goes on in your school.

## Outdoor Club

Explore the great outdoors with the Outdoor Club.

## Cooking Club

Love food? Make all kinds of elaborate dishes to impress your friends and family

## Photo Club

A picture tells a thousand words! Join other students who love the art of photography!



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## Member of the Quill and Scroll Society

International First Place Award Winner: 1999, 2003, 2009, 2010

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

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# Sports

## Fall:

Cross Country  
Volleyball  
Field Hockey  
Swimming  
Soccer

## Winter:

Basketball  
Wrestling  
Ski & Snowboard  
Gymnastics  
Table Tennis



## Spring:

Rugby                      Tennis  
Track & Field          Badminton  
Netball                    Soccer  
Golf

# Programs



### Art Program

Be a part of Gleneagle's prestigious art program, which offers a wide range of mediums ensuring that there is indeed an art for everyone. Take courses like Ceramics and Sculpture, Drawing and Painting, and Graphics.

### Cook Training

Do you want to be part of the fastest growing industry in the world? Join Gleneagle's unique Culinary Arts program and get hands-on experience and knowledge in the art of sauces, stocks, entrees, desserts, specialty soups, and much more.

### Hairdressing

Ready for the ultimate hair-raising experience? Sign up for Gleneagle's extraordinary Hairdressing program to learn styling techniques and how to operate the perfect salon.

### Work Experience 12

Play a role in the workplace in this unique program, which allows you to learn as you work in a field of your choice. Simultaneously, you earn your 30-hours work experience requirement for Grad Transitions. See **Doug MacLean** in the Counselling office for more details.

### TALONS Program

The Academy of Learning for Outstanding Notable Students (TALONS) program provides district-identified gifted students the opportunity to achieve goals above and beyond required course curricula. This program takes place two blocks all year long and lasts from grade 9 to grade 10.

### COAST

Take your education outdoors! The COAST program takes learning to another level, blending academic requirements for grade 10, PE 10 and PE 11 with the great outdoors. Members participate in numerous activities and excursions such as kayaking, camping, and backpacking.

### Journalism 11/12

Only ever dreamed of having your name published in print? Join Gleneagle's Journalism program and learn writing and layout skills for *The Edge*, our award-winning paper. Learn more about your school community through your role as journalist.

### Yearbook 12

Want to be a writer of your school memories? Have your say in what goes into this year's annual by joining this creative and dynamic team!

### Drama Program

Do you love the spotlight? The Drama program allows students to perform year-round in Broken Wing Theatre with plays and musicals ranging from comedy to tragedy.

### Music Program

"When words fail, music speaks!" Join one of Gleneagle's award-winning music courses. Learn to play an instrument or brush up your vocals with classes ranging from Guitar to Vocal Jazz.



## What is the worst thing that could happen on the first day of school?

# YOU SAID IT!



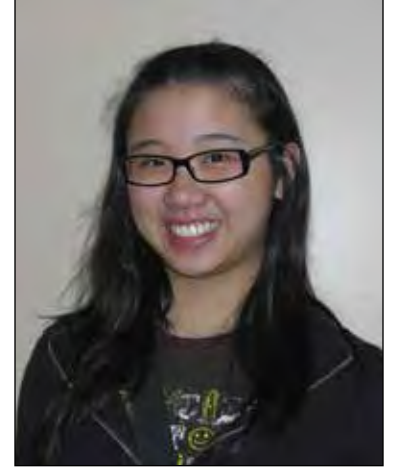
Grade 9  
"Thinking it was pyjama day"



Grade 10  
"Tripping in the front entrance"



Grade 11  
"Having my pants pulled down"



Grade 12  
"Accidentally going to school on Sunday"

## High school: 4 years of peaks, 4 years of valleys



Edge Columnist

Welcome to - or back to - high school, ladies and gentlemen. It's a brand new year, full of new people you're bound to like, love,

hate, or fall in love with. These people are called your classmates. Say hello to your new teachers - the ones who will pile you with homework, and the ones that think homework is stupid. The ones who will grade you hard, and the ones who believe that a number is just a number. The ones you'll complain about in the hallways to your friends, how you can't go out Friday night because you've got at least three hours of assignments, and the ones who you'll sit there spilling your guts to, or maybe just the ones who look at you with a shy eye. Say hello to the substitute teachers - the ones who won't second guess you when you switch spots to sit with your friends, or

the ones who will send you to the principal's office for giggling about something and not listening to their warnings. Overall, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the best and worst four years of your life. You'll smile at people whom you've never spoken to a day in your life, figure out who your true friends are, try things you'll wish you hadn't, and create yourself in this topsy-turvy place we're forced to go to every day. You'll spread rumors, and have rumors spread about you. You'll forget who you were when you started the year and end up a mess, just trying to figure out where you belong and who you belong with. You'll give up, and get back up

too many times to count, and each time you get back up, you'll see the world with new eyes. Some days the hallways might seem meaner - some days they might seem nicer. People will lose respect for you just as fast as they gain it, and you'll be stuck in this place not knowing where you're supposed to go or who you're supposed to be, just trying to be who everybody else expects you to be. However, at the end of every day, every week, every month, every year, when high school is finally finished, you might just find yourself. You'll stand up for yourself, you'll get in fights with your best friend, or your significant other. You'll mouth off to your teacher,

you won't feel accepted. You'll learn that you're not as smart as you thought you were - or maybe that you're good at something you never thought you would be. You'll do stupid things. You'll say stupid things. You'll mess up. But welcome to the land of high school, where the most important years of your life are the very same years that mess you up the most the years that you'll look back on when you're older and go, 'why did I do that?' or maybe you'll go 'why didn't I take that chance?' High school is about risks - you lose it all, or you win it all. The best part about high school though? Next year, you get to start all over again.

Student Bell Schedule 2011-12		
Per	"Regular" Monday to Friday	'Early Dismissal' Monday
x	7:39 - 8:49	7:39 - 8:49
1	8:54 - 10:11	8:54 - 10:06
2	10:16 - 11:35	10:11 - 11:25
Lunch	11:35 - 12:25	11:25 - 12:10
3	12:30 - 1:47	12:15 - 1:29
4	1:52 - 3:09	1:34 - 2:46



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