

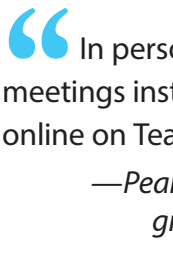
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TALONSTalk

“What things or events are you looking forward to this school year?”



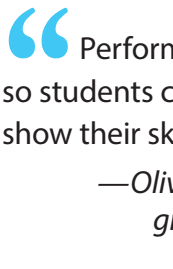
“A spring carnival and spirit assemblies.”
—Leah Kyle
grade 12



“In person club meetings instead of online on Teams.”
—Pearl Chan
grade 12



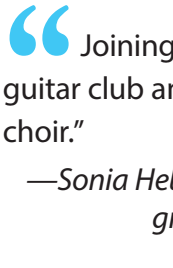
“School dances and basketball games”
—Spencer Thomas
grade 10



“Performances so students can show their skills.”
—Olivia Cao
grade 11



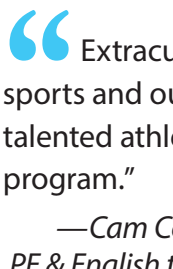
“Our annual student art exhibitions.”
—Robyn Croft
art teacher



“Joining the guitar club and choir.”
—Sonia Hebrahim
grade 10



“Not wearing masks and having more gatherings.”
—Alissa Xiang
grade 12



“Extracurricular sports and our talented athletics program.”
—Cam Comeau
PE & English teacher



“Meeting the new grade 9 students.”
—Ellina Hao
grade 10

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Vice Principal
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Worker

Always in your corner

GUARDIANS OF GLENEAGLE: Gleneagle’s administration team and support staff are always available for help. **Wendy Yu**, principal and vice principals **Tanya Dissegna**, **Todd Smith**, and **Kelly Zimmer** ensure Gleneagle runs smoothly in the main office - though it is widely understood that the secretarial and custodial staff are also integral to Gleneagle’s success. Beside the office are the tireless counsellors who support students with academics and personal issues along with the Career Centre that offers information on universities, scholarships and bursaries, jobs and volunteer opportunities. For specialized support tailored to cultural or language needs, students can see the Chinese, Korean, and Persian youth workers also located in the counselling department. Our Indigenous youth workers are available on Wednesdays in the office beside room 210. The office for **Flora Salas**, Gleneagle’s youth worker, is located in the office beside room 122. Beyond these resources, the library hosts a diverse range of reading and research resources, the Nest, a digital literacy help center, with printing services and charging stations, as well as many comfortable study and group work spaces.

ProgramPack

Art Department: With Artistic Practice 12 and Headstart in Art, there are many options in visual art skills.

COAST: Grade 10 students develops leadership, environmental ethics, and outdoor skills.

Con-X and Leadership: Contribute to school culture and causes, while gaining insight and leadership.

Culinary Arts: This program helps students get job-ready skills in the cooking industry.

Drama & Musical Theatre: Get personal growth through acting, singing, and dancing.

International Education Program: Students in this program have many opportunities for cultural excursions and gatherings including snowshoeing, ice-skating, kayaking, and winter celebrations/Lunar New Year gala.

New Media 10-12 - Journalism: Be part of this international award-winning *The Edge* student newspaper & its online digital counterpart [EdgeSD43.org](#).

Music Program: An award-winning program that offers guitar, choir, jazz band, and concert band classes.

Theatre Production: Design and build sets and props, sound design and mixing, and run a lighting board.

Yearbook: Take photos, design pages, and put a creative stamp on the year.

ClubCollection

Business Club: Make pocket money and improve your marketing abilities

D&D Club: Unleash your inner wizard, elf, or orc and get into the world of Dungeons & Dragons.

Debate Club: Practice public speaking skills and have the opportunity to compete in tournaments.

e-Sports Club & Team: Grow your gaming skills in e-Sports.

Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA): A safe and positive space for members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies.

Green Team: Promote sustainability in the school and community.

Improv Club: Develop improv skills in a fun and inclusive space.

International Community Club (ICC): Students get a chance to organize cultural experiences. Students have the chance to be involved in choosing cultural field trips, and are welcome to join on these excursions. Students gain valuable volunteer hours as well by helping with events. Students have also organized volunteer experiences at the LaFarge Lake Christmas lights display, or by offering tutoring services at Gleneagle. Get involved and gain leadership experience by joining ICC,

Japanese Cultural Club: Learn and discuss traditional and modern Japanese culture.

Get even more information about the program and clubs offered by visiting [Gleneagle.org](#)



Math Contest Club: Improve skills by participating in national and global contests.

Outdoor Club: Participate in exploration trips while connecting with peers.

Shelter Society: Spreading awareness for youth homelessness and fundraising.

Student Council — StuCo: Build school spirit by planning various events.



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24 years, 238 championships

STAYING STRONG EVEN DURING PANDEMIC: Even with many restrictions in place for team sports, Gleneagle’s athletics department earned three pandemic championship challenges. **Natalie Hill**, keeps the ball away from a Pinetree player, while **Javier Sy Quia**, dribbles past a Port Moody guard, and the senior girls 4 by 1 and 4 by 4 relay team are ready to race. Gleneagle Talons have shown courage under fire and grace under pressure to achieve 175 Coquitlam district championships, 30 Fraser Valley championships, 3 pandemic championship challenges, 32 provincial championships, and was named BC School Sports Outstanding Sports School in 2005.

Fall Sports

- Aquatics
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Volleyball: Jr. & Sr.
- Boys Volleyball: Jr. & Sr.

Winter Sports

- Boys Basketball : Gr. 9, Jr. & Sr.
- Girls Basketball: Jr. & Sr.
- Wrestling

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Gleneagle's Athletics
at Gleneagle.org

Spring Sports

- Badminton
- Ice Hockey
- Golf
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Ultimate
- Girls Netball: Jr. & Sr.
- Rugby: Boys & Girls
- Girls Soccer

Peyton Arndt
Class
Valedictorian

Grace Kim
Governor General
Bronze Medal

Sarah Fong
Eagle Award

Rachel Wood
Eagle Award

Elaine Xiao
Talon Award

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Bright future ahead

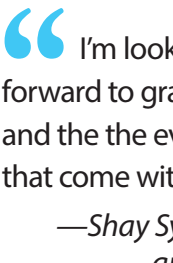
VIRTUALLY SAYING GOODBYE 2.0: For a second year in a row, commencement was a virtual event, yet all grads were able to walk a red carpet and cross the stage in the MPR on June 23. A virtual commencement video was shared later in the week with speeches from various dignitaries and a speech by valedictorian **Peyton Arndt**. **Rachel Wood** and **Sarah Fong** both received the Eagle Award for excellence in at least 4 of the 5 areas: academics, athletics, visual and/or performing arts, leadership and service. **Elaine Zhou** earned the Talon Award for exemplary leadership and extracurricular involvement. **Grace Kim** was awarded the Governor General’s Bronze Medal for top academic achievement over the course of high school.

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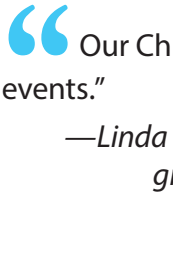
“In person club activities, like club day and carnivals.”
—**Jessica Liu**
grade 12



“I’m looking forward to graduation and the the events that come with it.”
—**Shay Symmes**
grade 12



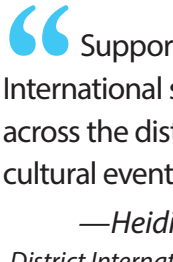
“I hope to see more enhanced school events and more unrestricted boundaries.”
—**Andy Lee**
grade 12



“Our Christmas events.”
—**Linda Huang**
grade 11



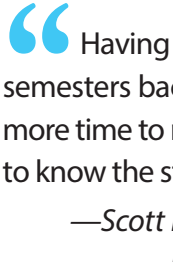
“A spring carnival and spirit assemblies”
—**Yu-Xing Lim**
grade 12



“Supporting International students across the district and cultural events.”
—**Heidi Upton**
District International Ed



“Club events face to face and no online lessons anymore.”
—**Derrick Wu**
grade 11



“Having the semesters back gives more time to really get to know the students”
—**Scott Findley**
English



“Graduating!”
—**Michaela Liao**
grade 12

Returning to new normal both safely, socially responsible

MICHAELA DA SILVA
Edge columnist

Remembering the Gleneagle halls from March of 2020 is something only half of current students will have seen: crowded locker bays, a bustling cafeteria, and vibrant theatre and athletic events. COVID-19 ended all of that.

Now, as BC begins its second school restart plan, there is still a need to stay masked up and safe. Yet with the removal of learning cohorts and the return of many extracurricular activities under health guidelines and the ability to gather in Gleneagle’s major public spaces, it’s important to reflect upon the importance and influence these activities and spaces have on the school’s spirit and culture.

We may not think of these activities and spaces as major aspects of the school and its academic environment, but they shape and contribute to Gleneagle’s foundation and its traditions.

The thought of being able to attending an assembly or event, while still masked and socially and safely distanced, is an extremely big part of bringing students

closer together — both literally and figuratively.

Now the things that we have been craving are slowly coming back: sporting games, fundraisers and performing arts events, pep rallies, early morning field trips, the energetic weight room, and the welcoming and endlessly positive library. Even the ability to meander through classrooms and socialize with teachers and peers — those are now more important than ever.

These places around our school are what shaped Gleneagle’s culture and made us all an involved, and enthusiastic Talons team.

With the rebirth of these hot-spots, it is important to keep in mind how much they impact our school and the significance of immersing oneself in these aspects of our community.

This school year, students and teachers will be able to mingle more freely in these areas and attend such events, still remembering to be masked and be safe and socially responsible.


There is now the ability to gather and even breath a small sigh of relief, even if it is still from under a mask.



TALONSTalk With another school year starting, The Edge asked students and staff: “What’s your favourite food from the Gleneagle ‘Eagle’s Nest’ cafeteria?”


“Fish and chips and cheesecake.”

—Lynn Cecchini
counsellor



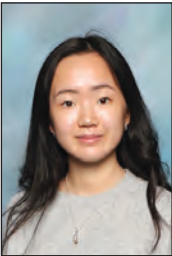
“Probably the lemon lime raspberry squares.”

—Shay Symmes
grade 12




“I love chicken strips and fries!”

—Elaine Xiao
alumnus




“My favourite food from our cafeteria is the chocolate mousse cake.”

—Pearl Chan
grade 12




“Chicken strips and fries!”

—Spencer Thomas
grade 10




“I do enjoy most of the Monday pastas a lot, especially the mac and cheese and cream pasta.”

—Ellina Hao
grade 10




“Cheesecake from our cafeteria is my favourite food because I love cheese and dessert.”

—Olivia Cao
grade 11




“My favourite food is hamburgers and chocolate chip cookies. Both as so delicious.”

—Linda Huang
grade 11




“My favourite is the yam fries.”

—Alissa Xiang
grade 12




“Pirogies, pizza, and pasta! Anything I can easily take home for dinner.”

—Victoria Butterfield
counsellor




“My favourite food at our cafeteria is chicken burgers.”

—Mike Smart
alumnus



“My favourite would be the paninis.”

—Rachel Vaessen
philosophy, student services



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