

# Grad Bulletin #1

September, 2013



## PERSONAL MESSAGE

Dear Grads of 2014,

Grade 12 – you have arrived!

In this booklet you should find much of the information that you will need to help you through this year – especially in your plans for the future. Please read carefully, explore other sources and think for yourself.

“Success” at Magee is based on simple things. Sleep enough, be active enough, live with balance, attend all of your classes, complete your work on time, meet your deadlines, smile and laugh often.

“Change” is our inevitable watchword when we think about post-secondary information. Anticipate ongoing updates from the institutions and keep yourself informed. We will post all important information in the Student Bulletin and on the Magee Grad 2014 website; be in the habit of reading them regularly.

“Gratitude” may help you not feel overwhelmed. Each of us has much for which to be thankful. Though Grade 12 can be a stressful year you can manage it admirably. By counting your blessings, taking care of each other, keeping adversity in perspective and living with moderation you will manage brilliantly.

Buck up and enjoy the ride!

Mr. Chevreau

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**Magee Grad 2014 Website**

Visit the Magee Grad 2014 website at: [www.mageelions.ca](http://www.mageelions.ca)

Check this website often as it will have all the latest information you need to make your graduating year a success!

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## Artona Graduation Pictures

Magee graduates will have their photos taken September 14 – 17, 2013.

Register for your appointment at: [www.artonagroup.com](http://www.artonagroup.com)

## Provincial Exams

Students are required to write five provincial exams:

Science 10  
English 10  
A Math 10  
Social Studies 11  
English 12 or Communication 12

Please refer to the Ministry of Education website: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/) for a complete list of courses.

## Revisions to the Provincial Exam Scholarship Program A brief overview:

Students will need to earn a  $\Delta B$  blended mark in English 12 and perform highly on their provincial exams.

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## University & College Speakers

A number of Canadian and American university and college speakers are coming to Magee or other Vancouver locations to talk to interested students about their institutions. **The University & College Speakers= List is updated regularly in the Counselling Suite and on the [www.mageelions.ca](http://www.mageelions.ca) grad website.** Also, check the daily Student Bulletin.

If you want to attend a non-lunch hour session, please obtain a consent form from your counsellor and submit at least one week ahead of the session date. Please see the list below for post-secondary speakers during September, October and November:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sep 25	U.S.A. Universities Event (Brown U., Columbia U., Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, U. of Pennsylvania)	7pm	St. George's, Van. 4175 W. 29th 604 224-1304
Sep 26	Study & Go Abroad Fair <a href="http://www.studyandgoabroad.com">www.studyandgoabroad.com</a>	3-7pm	Van. Convention & Exhibition Centre
Sep 30	Langara Info. Session	11:30am	Magee Auditorium
Oct 16	UBC Night at Magee	7pm	Magee Auditorium
Oct 21	UCLA (USA)	8am	Magee-Counselling
Nov 01	Western University, Ont.	11:30am	Magee – Rm 214

Nov 12	McGill University Magee Auditorium	11:30am
Nov 18	Queens University, Ont. Magee Auditorium	11:30am
Nov 20	Magee Post-Secondary Magee - Morning <i><b>*mandatory</b></i> Various Rooms	8:30am-9:45am (sign up in Oct)

If you are interested in attending a session(s) at Magee, please sign up on the sheets posted outside of Mr. Chevreau's office.

### UBC Information Night Wed., October 16, 2013 7pm – Magee Auditorium

UBC will be holding an Information Session at Magee Secondary on Wed., October 16, 2013 in the Magee Auditorium. A representative from UBC will be at Magee to answer questions from students and parents.

### Canadian Universities Event

Representatives from post-secondary institutions located across Canada will be holding information sessions at various locations throughout the lower mainland. A close opportunity for Magee students is:

RA McMath Secondary  
Wed., October 02, 2013 – 6:30pm to 8pm  
4251 Garry Street, Richmond, BC  
(604) 718-4050

### Post-Secondary Morning at Magee Wednesday, November 20, 2013 (8:30am - 9:45am)

Representatives from SFU, Capilano U., U. of Victoria, UNBC, Trinity Western U., Kwantlen U., BCIT, Vancouver Community College and Langara will be at Magee on Wed., November 20, 2013 to make presentations and address questions that you might have. Students will attend two different sessions during that time. You must sign up in the Counselling Suite during the **second week of October** to choose the two sessions you will be attending. **Remember that attendance is mandatory! Prepare your questions!**

### Post-Secondary Application (General Studies)

Post-Secondary Institute	Application Start Date	Application Fee
Langara College <a href="http://www.langara.bc.ca">www.langara.bc.ca</a>	Oct. 01, 2010	\$40.00
Douglas College <a href="http://www.douglascollege.ca">www.douglascollege.ca</a>	Oct. 15, 2010	\$40.00
Kwantlen U. <a href="mailto:admissions@kwantlen.ca">admissions@kwantlen.ca</a>	Nov. 01, 2010	\$40.00

*Check websites for specific entry programs.*

### On-line Application to Colleges and Universities

<a href="http://www.applybc.ca">www.applybc.ca</a>	For BC Universities and Colleges
<a href="http://www.applyalberta.ca">www.applyalberta.ca</a>	For Alberta Universities and Colleges
<a href="http://www.ouac.on.ca">www.ouac.on.ca</a>	Ontario Universities Application Centre
<a href="http://www.ontariocolleges.ca">www.ontariocolleges.ca</a>	Ontario College Application Services
<a href="http://www.commonapp.org">www.commonapp.org</a>	American Universities Application Centre

### SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Most **American universities and colleges** require the writing of the SAT I Reasoning Test and recommend or require the writing of three SAT II Subject tests. The test dates for this year are:

EXAM DATE	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
<b>Oct. 05, 2013</b>	Sept. 06, 2013	Sept. 20, 2013
<b>Nov. 02, 2013</b>	Oct. 03, 2013	Oct. 18, 2013
<b>Dec. 07, 2013</b>	Nov. 08, 2013	Nov. 22, 2013
<b>Jan. 25, 2014</b>	Dec. 27, 2013	Jan. 10, 2014
<b>Mar. 08, 2014</b>	Feb. 07, 2014	Feb. 21, 2014
<b>May 03, 2014</b>	April 04, 2014	April 18, 2014
<b>June 07, 2014</b>	May 09, 2014	May 23, 2014

American schools require that the SAT be written no later than the December or January test dates. Registration bulletins and Practice Tests are available at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or check with your counsellor.

**Our CEEB # is 821510**

**Reminder:** Canadian students are designated as **International**.

Visit the College Board for US Colleges or Universities information:  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## Scholarships and Awards Websites

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)  
[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)  
[www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/)  
<http://bced.gov.bc.ca/awards>

BC Student Loans: [www.StudentAidBC.ca](http://www.StudentAidBC.ca)

Canada Student Loans/Grants:

### LPI (Language Proficiency Index)

This is a competency test which evaluates your proficiency in English that is required by most BC universities and colleges. The LPI is a 2 ½ hour exam that requires students to identify errors in sentence structure, identify errors in English usage, evaluate or summarize paragraphs and compose an expository essay between 300 and 400 words. It is marked on a 6-point scale. To be eligible for entry into a first year credit English course at university, you may need to score a "5" or "6". For entry into a first year credit English course at college, you may need a score of "4". If you do not obtain the required mark you may still be admitted into the institution, but you will be required to take non-credit English upgrading courses. For UBC you must meet this requirement by the LPI deadlines set by the English Office.

**Magee will not be hosting an LPI sitting this spring. It is up to you to register for an LPI sitting. The website for complete details is:**  
[www.lpitest.ca](http://www.lpitest.ca)

**Remember to bring a pen, pencil and your PEN number to the exam.**

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### TOEFL

#### (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

Students whose first language is not English are usually required to write this test before being admitted to a post-secondary institution. Some universities, including SFU, may also require students to write the TWE (Test of Written English) if the TOEFL score is less than 600. *Some* universities may exempt students who have more than four or five years of English instruction in an English speaking country prior to coming to Canada. It is generally recommended that the TOEFL be written before the end of February of your grade 12 year.

For complete details visit: [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)

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[www.CanLearn.ca](http://www.CanLearn.ca)

The Scholarship Board in the Counselling Suite and the [www.mageelions.ca](http://www.mageelions.ca) grad website is updated regularly with new information. Check the criteria needed for you to apply to individual scholarships. **Be sure to request any reference letters needed to support your application at least 4 weeks prior to the scholarship deadline date.**

### IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

IELTS is designed to assess the language ability of candidates who need to study or work where English is the language of communication. IELTS conforms to the highest international standards of language assessment. It covers the four language skills: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. All candidates take the same Listening and Speaking Modules. For complete details visit: [www.ielts.ca](http://www.ielts.ca)

### Student Graduation and Post-Secondary Updates

Mr. Chevreau updates grade 12 students about graduation and post-secondary information through English 12 classes or at lunch. If you are not currently enrolled in an English 12 class at Magee this year, you still are responsible for attending ALL required sessions. Dates and locations of these meetings will be posted on Mr. Chevreau's door and in the daily Student Bulletin.

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### September/October Checklist:

**Remember to Double Check Your ....**

#### Legal Name

Check the accuracy of all documents that you complete this year. The BC Ministry of Education as well as all post-secondary institutions differentiate between Called Name and Legal Name. All official or legal documents and applications require your **legal** name for accurate and consistent processing.

#### PEN (Personal Education Number)

You need to know your PEN for provincial examinations and the LPI. Most post-secondary institutions require it on their applications.

#### SIN (Social Insurance Number)

If you do not have one, apply **NOW!** Many scholarship applications require your SIN. Application forms can be found at [www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca)

Research college/university programs and admission requirements. Ensure your courses will satisfy these requirements!

Discuss post secondary choices with your parents; keep them informed about the options you have and the decisions you are making.

By November, most Canadian Universities have opened admission.

Double check application dates (record in your agenda.)

Do you need to write the TOEFL? (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

Develop your Personal File/Profile

X Resume: Updated and kept current.

X Reference Letters:

Request 4 weeks in advance.

Be sure to ask the person before submitting their name.

Give the person you are requesting a reference letter from a copy of your resume so they can highlight your strengths and abilities. (Be sure to thank them!)

Photocopy any certificates and keep in your file.

## Grad Transition Information

Dear 2014 Graduates:

As you prepare for your final year of high school and begin your transition from high school to the next stage of your lives we wish to inform you of our plan to support our Grads in completing your *Graduation Transitions*. The BC Ministry of Education requires that all Grade 12 students must complete the *Graduation Transitions* in order to graduate. The program is comprised of:

- Personal Health – maintain a personal health plan and participate in at least 150 minutes per week of moderate to vigorous physical activity;
- Community Connections – participate in at least 30 hours of work experience and/or community service and describe what was learned;
- Career and Life – complete a transition plan and present significant accomplishments.

*BC Ministry of Education:*

[bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/grad\\_certificate.htm](http://bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/grad_certificate.htm)

We will be asking students to log on to our Magee website to download forms to help guide students with the completion of the first two sections of Grad Transitions: "Personal Health" and "Community Connections". Both these sections will be due October 15<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>, respectively. The completion of the sections will be indicated on each student's Term One Report Card in December.

To complete the final requirement "Career and Life", students will need to present selected components of their transition plan to an Educator at Magee Secondary. We are using an on-line scheduling system ("School Appointments on-line") that will allow students to book on-line their Grad Transition interview. The on-line scheduling system will be accessed in English 12 classes during the week of January 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

We intend to conduct short interviews with our 2014 Graduates from February 3<sup>rd</sup> to February 14<sup>th</sup>. The interviews will be 5 minutes in length and take place at various times throughout the week. During the interview, students will be required to have their transition plan and resume complete and available. Prior to this interview, students will have the opportunity to review questions and a rubric that will be used within the interview.

If you have any questions feel free to contact one of our Administrative Team at Magee.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jensen, Principal  
Mr. Akrap, Vice Principal  
Ms. Kerr, Vice Principal