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## Grad Year Checklist

Here is a checklist to help keep you organized and to make sure you do not miss any important steps in your educational planning. By the end of December you should have:

- Checked that the courses you are taking satisfy graduation requirements;
- Made plans to complete your work experience component of 30 CAPP hours;
- Spoken with your counsellor or to Careers Centre staff about post-secondary plans;
- Applied for a Social Insurance Number;
- Contacted post-secondary institutions for information on admissions, prerequisites, courses, programs, housing and financial aid.

## Provincial Exams

Provincial exams will be written from February 6th to February 10th, 2006. Here are some things you should know about the exam process:

- Provincial exams are worth 40% of your final mark.
- Dover Bay registers you for your provincial exams, except those held in August.
- Cheaters will get zero on their exam and will be permanently disqualified from receiving a provincial scholarship.
- Personal Education (PEN) numbers are available in the Counselling Office and Careers Centre, and on your report card.
- You can write an exam only if you have been assigned a final course mark.
- Do not bring books, papers, notes, dictionaries or unauthorized electronic devices to exams. See the following website for the calculator policy: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook)
- Bring two pens and two pencils with you.
- **Be early** (20 minutes before exam start time). You must sign in to receive and write your exam. If you are more than 30 minutes late, you will not be allowed to write the exam.

- Provincial exams are designed to be

completed within two hours. Students are permitted an additional 60 minutes to complete, if required.

- Contact an administrator or counsellor immediately if for some reason you are unable to write your exam (serious illness, accident, personal/family trauma).
- Do not remove the exam from the exam site or you will receive a zero.
- You must write or rewrite the exam within one year of taking the course.
- Approximately one month after the exam session, the Ministry of Education will post your exam results to their website at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams)

## Earn Credits Towards Graduation

In addition to getting credits by successfully completing a course, you may also be awarded grade 10-12 course credits using the following policies:

**Equivalency policy** – If you have completed a course outside the BC school system, there may be an equivalent course in the BC school system for which you can get credit.

**Challenge policy** – If you can show that you have already achieved the outcomes of a course that is offered in your school district, you can get credit for that course without having to take it.

**External credentials** – You can receive credit towards graduation for extra-curricular activities or community learning you participate in after school. Examples include computer certification courses, ICBC approved driver's education courses, sports officiating, music, dance courses and more.

**Post-secondary courses** – Students can earn graduation credits for any course completed at a BC publicly funded post-secondary institution.

**Independent directed study policy** – If you have a particular interest in a specific subject area, this policy allows you to chart your own course of learning, under the supervision of a teacher, and earn up to two credits for completing the learning in each course.

## Prom – Mr. Ward

Preparations are well underway for a

“Starry Night” Prom celebration to be held Saturday, April 29, 2006 at Beban Park Social Centre. There will be a Prom meeting on Tuesday, February 07 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. This meeting is for ALL graduating students and their parents or guardians.

## Yearbooks – Mrs. Linton

If you have not already purchased a yearbook, you should consider doing so very soon. The cost is \$55. If you have not submitted a grad write-up, please be aware that you may not appear in the pages reserved for grads. If you still want to submit a grad write-up, please see me personally. Also, if you arranged to have your grad picture taken outside the school eg. Sears, you will need to get a photo to me before the end of first semester. Otherwise we will not have a photo of you to place in the grad pages.

## Scholarship Information Night

*High-achieving students with plans for post-secondary education will benefit from this informative presentation.*

*Grade 11 and 12 students, together with their parents, are encouraged to attend.*

January 10, 2006 at 7:00

## Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards

The Careers Centre has information and applications for the following awards. The date indicates the due date.

- Dec. 15 – UNBC
- Dec. 15 – U of A Academic Excellence
- Dec. 15 – Burger King Scholars
- Dec. 15 – UVIC
- Dec. 29 – Wendy's Classic Achiever
- Jan. 20 – Millenium Scholarship
- Jan. 30 – TRIUMF

Jan. 31 – David C. Lam Award  
Jan. 31 – Toyota Earth Day  
Feb. 1 – Kinsmen  
Feb. 14 – U of Western Ontario  
Mar. 10 – ReMax Quest for Excellence

## Post Secondary Applications

Now is the time to apply to most universities, colleges, technical institutes for the 2006/07 academic year. Did you know that you can apply online to 23 post-secondary institutions in BC? The Post-Secondary Application Service of BC (PASBC) is Canada's first Internet application-for-admission service. It allows multiple applications with the added convenience of paying your application fee by credit card. [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca)

## What's New at Malaspina?

### Parents' Night

Plan to attend this informative evening scheduled for February 27th at 7:30 pm in Building 180, Room 134. College staff will present an overview highlighting Admissions, Programming, Financial Aid and Scholarships.

PS: Bring your parents!

### Application Procedure

Students who have already applied to Malaspina should receive a confirmation letter about four weeks after submitting their application.

### New Academic Developments

- \* New Bachelor of Arts minor options in Media Studies and Math;
- \* There is a new Bachelor of Science minor option in Biology;
- \* A grade of C+ is required in Math 11 for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing;
- \* Biology 12 can now be used to meet the prerequisite of first year Biology (121/122).
- \* Bachelor of Jazz Studies is upcoming.

### Tuition Increase

Fees for Academic, Career, and Technology programs have increased from \$336 per 3-credit course to \$343 per 3-credit course or \$457 per 4-credit course. Similarly, students in Trades and Applied Technology programs will pay \$343 per month for full-time studies as compared to \$336 prior to the tuition increase effective August 1, 2005.

## Language Proficiency Index

The Language Proficiency Index (LPI) is a test that provides potential post-secondary students with an opportunity to show their competency in English. At Malaspina the LPI is not required for admission, however, successful completion may be accepted in lieu of English 12. Many BC schools do require the LPI in addition to English 12. If you plan to attend university or college, you should check the admission requirements of the school(s) you have applied to.

The next LPI sitting at Malaspina will be on February 18th. Applicants can register directly through UBC by email at [lpi@ares.ubc.ca](mailto:lpi@ares.ubc.ca); by Internet at [www.lpi.ubc.ca](http://www.lpi.ubc.ca) or pickup an application at Student Services Offices at Malaspina. The exam fee is \$47.00 and students must register at least two weeks in advance of the test date.

## U.S. College Board Exams

The ACT and SAT testing programs are for students planning to attend university in the United States. Students taking these exams should be aware of upcoming test dates:

### SAT

**We have purchased a license for SAT test preparation on-line. Students wishing to use *testGEAR* can use the following website, then sign on as a New Student: <http://testu.com>**  
**The Universal Code is: 13913025**

The SAT can be written at various locations on the Island including Malaspina, University of Victoria, Shawnigan Lake School, Brentwood College and at G.P. Vanier in Courtenay. Registration deadlines are December 22nd for the January 28th sitting and April 3rd for the May 6th exam. Students can register online for SAT exams and will also find practice tests at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Fees for writing the SAT 1 exam are \$41.50 plus a \$21.00 international fee. Fees are in US dollars.

### ACT

Register by January 20th for the February 11th ACT sitting at Wellington Secondary. The fee is \$47 US. Log on to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for information, online registration and practice tests or pick up an info package from the Careers Centre.

## Training Courses

**Food Safe** – Dec. 13 & 14, 6:00-9:30 pm

at Dover Bay, \$20.00. Sign up in the Careers Centre.

**Service!Plus** – A 16 hour intensive customer service training workshop. Participants do interactive simulations on the topics of workplace safety and crime prevention, communication and teamwork, self-knowledge and goal setting and handling difficult situations. Students who take the program can apply through the Careers Centre to receive a refund of up to \$65 from the full fees of \$178. More information is available at [www.serviceplus.ca](http://www.serviceplus.ca)

## Travel and Education

### Canada World Youth

An excellent opportunity to live, work and learn in a developing country for seven months. Students must be at least 17 years old. Apply by January 15th for priority in programs beginning next summer. [www.cwy-jcm.org](http://www.cwy-jcm.org)



### Leaders Today

Develop leadership skills while volunteering at schools, medical clinics or community centres around the world. Summer excursions to Mexico, Kenya or India allow students to live with indigenous peoples while helping with community projects. [www.leaderstoday.com](http://www.leaderstoday.com)

### Deep River Science Academy

A six week summer program for students interested in a scientific career, you can also earn two high school credits with this program. Check out [www.drsa.ca](http://www.drsa.ca). The deadline to apply is March 20th.

### Sea to Sky Outdoor School

An intensive outdoor experience for leadership students from March 7 – 10th at Keats Island northwest of Vancouver. Applications must be made before Feb. 10th. Come to the Career Centre for more information or visit [www.seatosky.bc.ca](http://www.seatosky.bc.ca).