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### IN THE OLDEN DAYS...

In medieval times, full sets of dentures were made of carved elephant tusk, cow teeth and walrus tusk were made for people who had no teeth at all. But, it was impossible to fit them properly and keep them in place. They helped someone look better but sure were not any good for chewing. In the 1700's, a famous French dental surgeon by the name of Pierre Fauchard, designed realistic dentures carved from walrus and elephant tusks, colouring the denture bases to look like real gum tissue. He kept upper and lower sets of false teeth in place by

joining them together with springs. This was fine and dandy until they sprang out of the unfortunate wearer's mouth while talking!! Dental medicines, techniques and equipment continued to become more and more sophisticated with the use of X-rays, high-speed drills, better-fitting dentures made of plastic or porcelain (no more springs!), crowns, bridges and orthodontics to straighten smiles. Aren't you glad brushing, flossing and visits to your dental professionals are all you need for healthy teeth? So flash that grin with no fear!

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# Student's perfect mark a team effort

By **EAMONN MAHER**  
Staff Writer

Earning a perfect score of 45 on her final International Baccalaureate Diploma mark at Georgetown District High School this past year, graduating student Monique Tuin says that her classmates contributed a great deal to the rare accomplishment.

Working as an academic team since Sept. 2011, the group worked, studied, played and staged fundraisers together, with most of them set to begin university in the next couple of weeks at schools in England, California and across Canada.

Five GDHS IB students scored in the 40s and the average grade per course for the students was about 87 per cent, with all Diploma graduates leaving as Ontario Scholars. Many of them were granted transfer credits for their IB courses and will be admitted straight into the second year at their chosen universities.

"We were all friends before Grade 11, but we weren't sure if we wanted to do the IB program and it turned out to be the right decision," said Tuin, an honours economics graduate who is enrolled in Western University's prestigious Richard Ivey School of Business.

"It was great to be able to share ideas because the way it's structured, you work together on everything. There was this feeling among us that we weren't alone in whatever it was we were doing, yet at the

same time we pushed each other to achieve our goals and I think that's what helped us do so well."

The International Baccalaureate concept is a non-profit international educational foundation based in Switzerland that has four programs for children aged 3-19.

Tuin took an economics course online whose instructor was based in Jerusalem and credits the IB philosophy in helping her earn a \$5,000 Toyota Earth Day Scholarship for environmental leadership.

She is also a youth steering committee member for the Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources organization, helping set up its annual youth conference "Biodiversity Matters" this past year.

Among the other GDHS IB Diploma grads in June were two students who received Western University Presidential Scholarships, two earned Queen's University Chancellors Awards, two more won McGill University Academic Scholarships, three are headed for Western's Ivey School of Business, another going to the University of California at Berkeley and one leaving for the University of Kent in England.

GDHS's graduating 2013 IB class was busy outside the classroom, organizing a Taste of the World dinner and silent auction that raised \$6,500 for a number of charities, including Free the Children, as well as going door-to-door singing Christmas carols and donating funds to local charities.



**MONIQUE TUIN**



Park user Claire Grenier makes use of one of the new recycling bins at Gellert Community Park.

This Spring, over eighty new blue wire mesh units were added to major parks and sportsfields across Town to help collect recyclable materials.

The bins have been installed in partnership with local not-for profit business operator **Wastewise Halton Hills** who have pledged twenty thousand dollars to the program for two years.

The good news is that the average amount of recyclable material that has been diverted from the landfill each week is about 150kg....just over 300lbs!

Recycling and reducing litter in our community supports the implementation of our Community Sustainability Strategy – Imagine Halton Hills.



# Thanks

to our park visitors, especially those who frequent our splash pads and ball diamonds, for setting a great example. At this pace we will have diverted over 3,000kg of recyclables from the landfill by the end of the season!

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