



BAYVIEW GLEN

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2020



The 2020 Bayview Glen Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to:

JORDYN TAYLOR '08

The 2020 Bayview Glen Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to Jordyn Taylor '08. Through this award, the Bayview Glen Alumni Association honours and acknowledges Jordyn's success and passion in her chosen field.

Jordyn Taylor graduated from Bayview Glen in 2008 and completed her Master of Arts, Journalism degree at New York University in 2013 after finishing her Bachelor of Arts, History and Theatre degree at Hamilton College in 2012. Jordyn is now based in New York City and is the deputy editor of content at Men's Health magazine, in addition to being an Adjunct Professor at NYU. Jordyn has also recently authored a new book titled *The Paper Girl of Paris* which was released on May 26, 2020 with HarperTeen. We are also very pleased that Jordyn will be releasing her second book, titled *Don't Breathe a Word*, with HarperTeen in 2021.

The Paper Girl of Paris is Jordyn's fiction debut, and focusses on the story of Alice, a present-day teenager, and Adalyn, a sixteen-year-old living in Nazi occupied Paris, as their stories intertwine to reveal sacrifices and secrets

from the past. *The Paper Girl of Paris* has debuted to rave reviews from critics, and accolades from fans. Jordyn is very excited that Booklist called *The Paper Girl of Paris* "a strong historical fiction debut", Seventeen magazine named it an Editor's Choice, and MarieClaire listed it among the most anticipated books of 2020.

Jordyn's time at Bayview Glen truly prepared her for her career ahead. Jordyn took Writer's Craft in Grade 12, combined with Mr. Reynold's mentorship, it led her to discover a love of writing. Jordyn was incredibly involved with the theatre programme, and was in the cast of several productions during her time. In addition, Jordyn was the Co-Head of the Arts Council. Jordyn has been very lucky to build upon her interests and follow her heart to a very fulfilling career.

Jordyn truly embodies the creative spirit, and has already accomplished so much in the decade since graduating from Bayview Glen! Jordyn is a hard-worker, and is truly an inspiration to all of us to reach for our dreams. From her experience, we can all learn that we are capable of making our careers our own, and allowing creativity to lead.