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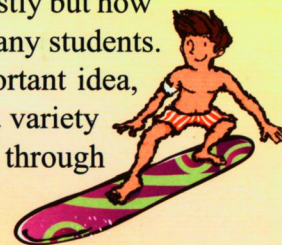
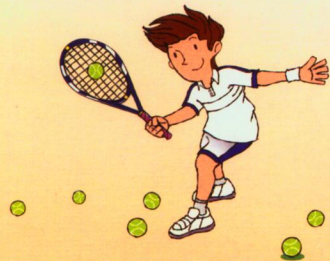


EDITORIAL

Time flies. As you are reading this volume, you may probably get ready to start enjoying the summer holiday. Beaches, cool drinks, water sports, outdoor activities.....you name it. To provide yourselves with a healthy and fruitful summer holiday, an effective timetable is necessary. If you still have not got one, why don't you take time and draft one for yourself and see what might be achieved in the holiday.



'Learning English is fun!' We always promote this earnestly but how we transform it from words to action is still a challenge to many students. In order to make students understand and practise this important idea, the English department has put a lot of effort in organizing a variety of activities to help students how to appreciate language arts through drama and other interesting activities.



The roll out of the New Senior Secondary system is at its final stage. Our school's English department has already done a lot of preparation for it. It is hoped that our NSS curriculum to be implemented starting from junior forms will provide students with more practice to use English on a daily basis in the coming days.

Enjoy your summer of 2009!

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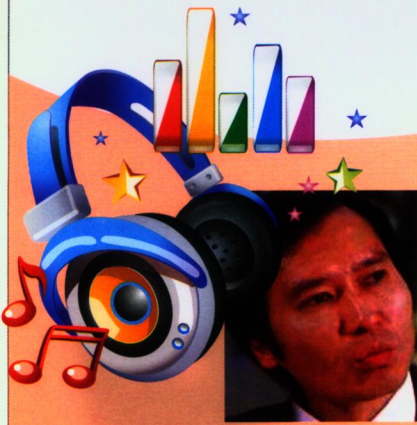
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Profile



Name: Lau Yee Tat
Other names: Tats Lau, Lau Yee Da, Tat Gor, Ah Tat...
Birthday: February 27, 1963
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Occupation: Artist



As you watch one of Stephen Chow Sing Chi's movies, 'Forbidden City Cop', the 'drifting' maid played by Lau Yee Tat truly impresses each audience. His funny but thrilling appearance in different local comedies also makes his fans admit that he is not only a successful musician but also a brilliant actor.

In November 2008, Lau Yee Tat decided to turn to Christ and committed his future to the Lord. His drastic change makes him realize his new life is for the new master of life ~ God. With his strong music background and talent, Ah Tat, wants to serve the Lord and return to the community with what he has been given.

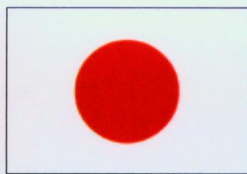
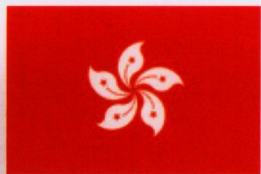
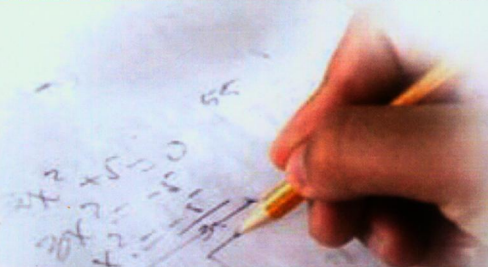
Currently, he has organized a band for spreading

evangelical music with other three members. *LOVE MISSION* is his first attempt. Ah Tat insists that his music now is to introduce the gospel to people and let them think about the meaning of life and the existence of God. Through his songs, he and his band members' vision is to take people to worship God in revolutionary ways out of the traditional form.

Ah Tat is planning to visit local schools and universities to share testimonies with students. Ah Tat adds that more albums will be published in the future and he hopes that people will love and support *LOVE MISSION*.

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In March, a group of teachers from Japan and Korea visited our school with a view of exchanging experiences. Mathematics teachers shared their teaching methodologies and experiences with them.



An annual Music Contest was held on March 27, 2009. Each year, the school hall is turned into a happy and jovial place for celebrating the birth of new 'stars' for the music world. The event has now become a legend for all Henrietta students. This year, Mr. Lau Yee Tat, a famous local guitar player and actor, was invited to be one of the adjudicators.

His humorous and hilarious speech pushed the atmosphere to the pinnacle.

Finally, Blue House won the grand award and claimed the championship this year. Congratulations, Blue House.



Crimson Summer Exchange

by Crystal Chan, S6A

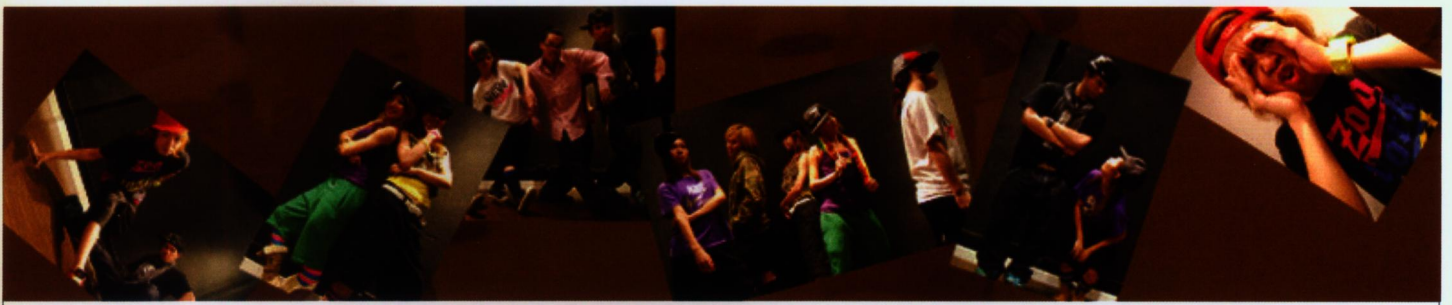
Last year, I joined the Crimson summer Exchange Program to enhance my standard of English. All the participants were from different secondary schools in HK and were split into small groups to work together. A tutor from the top universities of the world namely, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale University was assigned to each group as the tutor.

We were asked to finish a project in two weeks. Through working on the project, I learnt a lot of things such as team work, collaboration, cooperation and communication skills. I also enhanced my self-confidence and creativity. In addition, I developed a wonderful friendship among my group members and tutor. Furthermore, I improved my grammar skills, writing and oral skills.



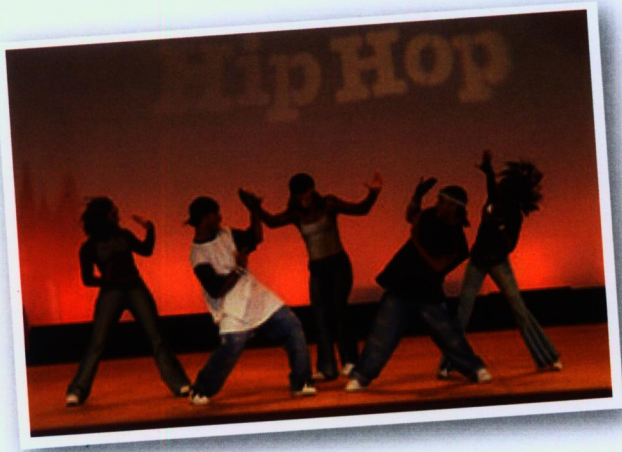
Have you ever sung karaoke with a foreigner? If not, you may have these interesting experiences in these two weeks. It sounds fun, practical and exciting, doesn't it? I have invited another classmate to join this program again this summer. What about you? Come and have fun!





Hip Pop Dancing by Michelle Lam, S6A

I recommend HSS students join a Hip Pop Dancing Course this summer as it is very popular among teenagers. There are many benefits. To begin with, it can develop your body coordination and emotion control. Also, it can build up your



self-esteem and provide you with a good opportunity to collaborate as a team and learn to express your emotions through the use of your different body parts. It is really fun, artistic and creative. Do you want a refreshing summer?



A painting class

by Annie Mo S6A

Would you like to know more about these great artists, Rembrandt, Vincent van Gogh etc? Would you like to learn about their masterpieces? Would you like to paint? An art course in the summer would definitely add colour and fun to your life.



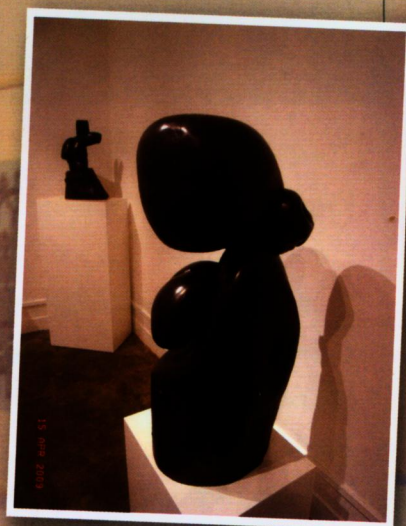
You can refer to the website: http://www.ied.edu.hk/cass/art_course.html

A page for different things in your life!

Let's take a '**LEAP**'! Let's explore as much as possible!

How do you pass your time when you are free? Checking out facebook? Lying on your couch? Do you want to have a breakthrough? Do you want to know how much you can extend your scope of interests? Let's do something artistic, like visiting the free art gallery in Hong Kong.

Now, I would like to share with you what I experienced during one weekend in April. Miss Chu invited me to go to those little art galleries in Central. When I was invited, I was kind of shocked. It was so unexpected since I don't think I have a sense of art and have never thought of visiting art gallery. Yet, that unforgettable experience inspired me and broadened my horizons indeed. I realize that art is not boring but amazing. And I know that art is not only appreciated by the eyes but by the heart. I was overwhelmed by the tranquility when I was 'communicating' with the art objects. That was what I have never experienced in my busy daily life.

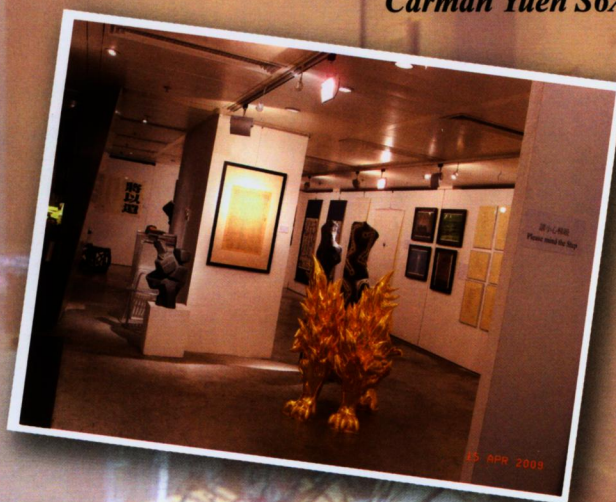
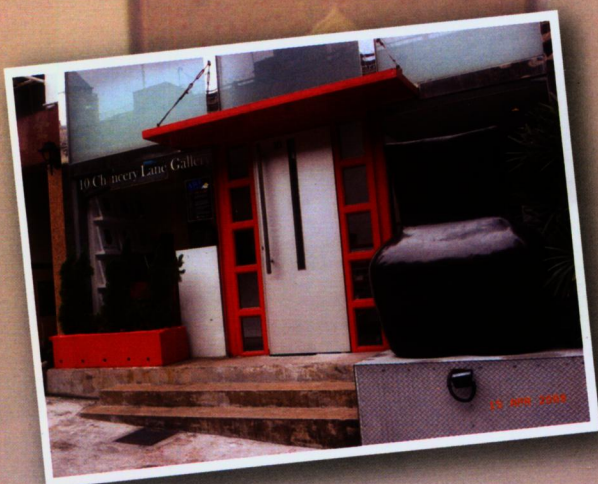


Moreover, we also explored a lot about Central on our way to the galleries. Central is not a new place to me. But it was the first time for me to walk along Hollywood Road. We were amazed to find so many unique antique shops and galleries on both sides of that road. I always hang around in Central but I have never been to that road before. What a big city! What a small world I am living in! The road is full of delights. It has got restaurants of different cuisines and lots of galleries. It shows a perfect blend of different cultures. It opens my eyes.



So, spending our time wisely to acquire different knowledge is important and enjoyable. Whatever you choose, it is important for you to take the first step and get yourself ready to welcome all the interesting things in your life. In fact, there are a lot of art galleries in Hong Kong. It won't cost you a dollar to enjoy this fresh entertainment. Come on! Let's dig it out and go for a ride!

Carman Yuen S6A



How much do you know about 'art'? A subject in school? A foreign culture? An artistic lifestyle? Maybe you have no idea about art. Then why don't you take a big leap and explore more about it?

During the Easter holidays, Miss Chu, Carman and I took an 'art' adventure in Central and Tsim Sha Tsui. We went to visit the art galleries in Central and one exhibition in Tsim Sha Tsui. As Carmen has shared our adventure in Central, I am going to talk about our visit in Tsim Sha Tsui.

Our second destination was a shopping mall in Tsim Sha Tsui – Harbour City. We visited an exhibition there – Barbie 50th Anniversary. I think it was more interesting than going to the galleries in Central. This exhibition was held in a shopping mall and attracted many shoppers to stop and look at the exhibits. It is a good idea because it puts art into people's lives. It integrates art and daily life. It sprinkles our dull and routine life with joy and excitement.

Art and shopping mall is an excellent crossover. And we can also have crossover in our life. Breaking down our own boundary is the first step, willing to explore is another important element. Let's take a big leap and find out what we can learn and explore more in our life.

Eva Wong S6A

What do our teachers do to explore their own world?

This is a challenging year to me as two big events came into my life. First, I gave birth to my second child. Second, I was admitted to the MEd (Master of Education) program at the University of Hong Kong. I hoped that I could envision teaching and education from a broader perspective. Since October, I have had to attend two evening classes every week and completed group presentation and course

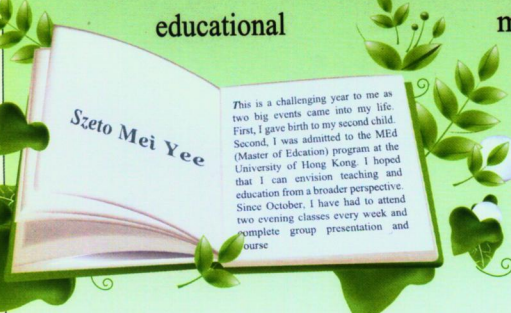


assignments. That is a huge burden to me because I am a full-time teacher, part-time student and a mother of two children. However, I have to give thanks to my Lord for granting me energy, confidence and support of my family and peers throughout the year. I enjoyed the academic discourse and classroom discussions. My classmates had diverse backgrounds, ranging from working in kindergarten, primary, secondary, international schools to tertiary institute. The rich and varied experiences shared by the classmates are really valuable and crucial to develop my educational

mind and enhance my professional practice. So I never regret taking the course even though I have a very tight schedule with my work and family. Never say never, then you will receive something in return.

Miss Szeto Mei Yee

(Geography and Liberal Studies teacher)

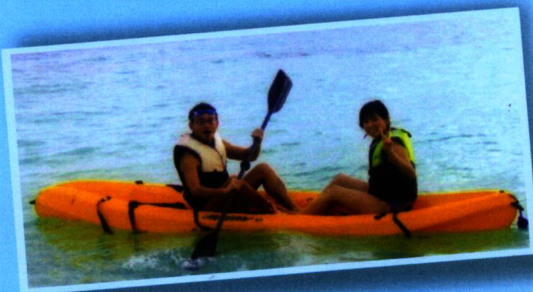


Can a man of 38 do anything new?

The answer is yes. Let me share with you how I spend my leisure and what I have experienced.



First I strongly believe that there are many things to explore in the world. I like learning new things very much. So I seize every chance to enroll in courses or programmes to acquire more knowledge to enrich my life. After my matriculation, I learnt many different things. For my language interest, I learnt French and German. To develop my artistic sense, I learnt to play the guitar, the violin and the saxophone. To strengthen my health, I learnt canoeing and butterfly style swimming. To challenge myself, I learnt how to drive. Now I am thinking of taking a dancing course and a cooking course with my wife.



Through learning, our visions can be broadened. More importantly, the more we learn, the more we can serve the others. Serving others is what God wants any Christian to do. In 2007, I had a chance to go into a Correctional Institution in Chai Wan to talk with the teenagers there every week. All of them had committed crime in the past and had their own story. From their stories, I know the world more. What's more? I know life and God more. Serving others is not just giving but taking more than we give or expect.

All our lives are from our Heavenly Father and lives are beautiful as long as you endeavor and enjoy. Everyone has his own interests and strengths. Seize the day and do whatever is meaningful and fruitful in your life.

Mr. Chan Wai Man, Raymond (Vice-principal)



Would you like to do something different? How about considering a gap year or an exchange programme?

What is a gap year?

A gap year is a “year out” from study. Students may take a gap year after finishing school before going on to university, or after university before starting a job. Students may choose to travel, do voluntary work, get a job or follow an interest.

We asked two Form 6 students their opinion about gap years. Here is what they think.

In my opinion, students should not be encouraged to have a gap year. It is better to focus on study or work. If students take a gap year, they may not spend their time effectively. They may just have fun, and consequently may not want to study anymore. It will be hard for them to settle back into normal life. It may also be difficult to catch up with study again.



Miranda Ng

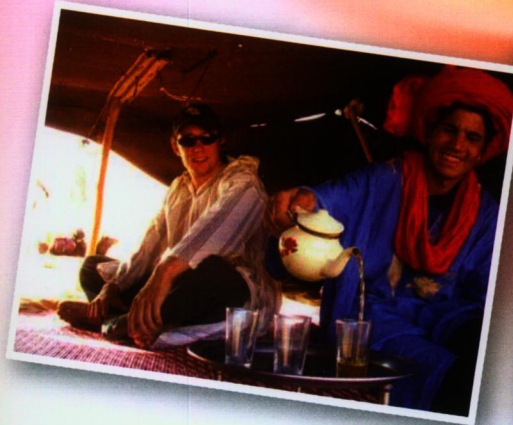
Annie Ho

In my opinion, students should be encouraged to have a gap year. If students are young and inexperienced and have no idea about their education or future, they can find out more about their interests and ambitions. After they have worked or travelled for a year, they will work harder at their study because they know more about the ‘real world’ before embarking on their years at university.

(Miranda Ng 6A)

(Annie Ho 6B)

What do YOU think about having a gap year?



What is an exchange programme?

An exchange programme allows students to study in another school or university in a different country for a period of time, up to a year. It may be a reciprocal arrangement, where a student from the host country comes back with the exchange student to study. Student may receive a scholarship or may have to fund the exchange themselves.

Kit Lo (6A) and Genevieve Lin (6B) talked with Miss Chan, a Geography teacher at Henrietta Secondary School to find out about her 2-week exchange in Japan.



Why did you choose Japan for your exchange?

I was studying Japanese at university and wanted to improve my language skills and learn about the culture. As well, Japan wasn't too expensive to visit.

How could you adapt to the Japanese lifestyle?

I knew a little about the culture before I went and had basic language skills so my family was able to help me by using simple Japanese and body language. The parents sent me to a primary school to practise. This was quite embarrassing as the students laughed at my name. I also helped my family in the supermarket and learned a lot that way.

What did you appreciate most about the Japanese way of life?

The hygiene in Japan was much better than in Hong Kong. When students went to school there,

they had to change their shoes and wear slippers inside. They also needed to brush their teeth at school after lunch.

What were some of the differences at school?

At school there was much more freedom. Students could bring their pets to school and there was much more outdoor space for them to play. The parents were also very anxious for the students to do well at school and get into a good university.

What did you gain from the experience?

I made some good friends and we stayed in contact for a while. My Japanese also improved and I learned a lot about how other people live.



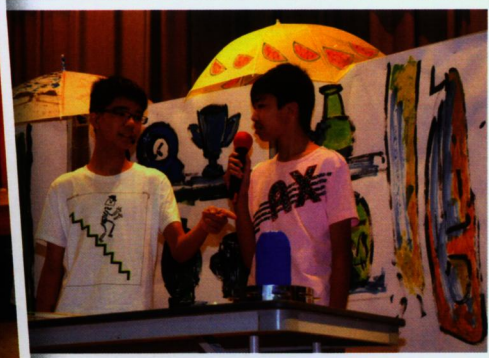
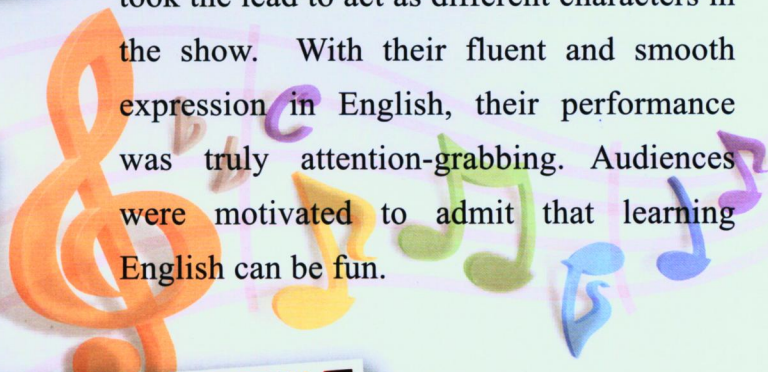
English Drama and Musical 2009



On May 22, 2009, more than 200 students gathered in the school hall to attend an interesting and appealing English drama and musical performance organized by YELLOW CASTLE as the final English-learning activity for 2009



THE NEW ASSISANT was the play directed by two of the English teachers, Mr. Wong Lai Keung and Ms. Trish Standing (NET). Some junior-form students took the lead to act as different characters in the show. With their fluent and smooth expression in English, their performance was truly attention-grabbing. Audiences were motivated to admit that learning English can be fun.



English Musical



As the junior-form students were responsible for the first part of the show, some senior-form students helped sing at the second part ~ English musical.

Their singing performance was just remarkable. They sang with a professional standard. Although some of them were only Form 4 students, they could really 'own' the stage and successfully capture each audience's heart with their marvelous and beautiful voices.

'Music of the Night' sang by Ko Kei Chung shocked all in the hall. His strong and passionate voice could bring the mood of the popular opera, 'Phantom of the Opera' to the hall to make it become



a musical theater. Mr. Yuen Wai Chung, David, an amateur Italian opera singer, also added more color to the show by demonstrating his professional singing performance. Ephraim Yuen's 'Any Dreams Will Do' and Polly Tong's 'Wouldn't it be lovely' also helped show their singing ability as well as their English ability. Their accurate pronunciation of English words actually reflects their hard work in English on a daily basis.

English teachers hope that students can have more exposure to English through such relaxing and attractive language-art activity.

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