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When I was little, I was inspired after reading a classic adventure novel, called, *Around the World in Eighty Days* (French: *Le tour du monde en quatre-vingts jours*) by the French writer Jules Verne. I wished I could travel to different places, even the edge of the world for exploration. From then on, I just could not quit reading travel books about people's opinions on places where they went. After I grew up, I started planning to travel somewhere even overseas to enrich my life and widen my horizons through the sense of discovering something new and experiencing something interesting. Traveling has become irresistible to me. An old Chinese proverb says, 'Traveling Ten Thousand Miles Is Better Than Reading Ten Thousand Scrolls'.

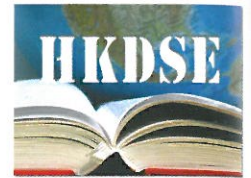
It encourages people to move away from textbook-based learning and, instead, adopt a practical learning approach. I believe in this teaching and the rationale behind it. If people only know how to pursue academic excellence without putting what they have learnt in their lives and allowing themselves to develop their soul through an actively-learning attitude, their world is limited.

This volume provides you with more insights about traveling with interesting topics that might help shape your understanding towards the western world.

Editor in Chief



HKDSE



The first Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination has just been held. Good preparation for the exam is for sure of great importance.

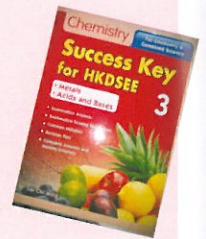
Let us now interview some F.6 students. If they could shift back to F.4, how they would prepare for the HKDSE.

"If you were a F.4 student, how would you prepare for the HKDSE?"

Actually, preparing for HKDSE will not be a painstaking task if we invest our time wisely. Therefore, if I were a F.4 student, I would value my time working hard for HKDSE. There are a few essential things involved:

- Spend about two hours revising what you have learnt every day
- Core subjects (Chinese and English in particular) are the most important. More time should be spent on these subjects since they are not something we can achieve overnight;
- Doing practice and mock papers is essential;
- Have enough rest;
- and never leave today's work for tomorrow.

Yan Ka Yi - 6C



If I were a F.4 student, I would revise what I had learnt once a week. Revision is one of the crucial parts of study. Therefore, it is necessary to keep revising no matter if I am preparing for exams or not. Besides, I would not put the problems arising from studies aside. The more problems we avoid solving, the more repayment there is while studying. That's what I would do to prepare for the HKDSE.

Ma Wing Man - 6B



Beside putting in much effort, well-allocated time is also essential. If my life could be played back to F.4, I would treasure all my seconds. I spend much time on the elective parts but little time on core subjects. In other words, I have high expectations for elective subjects. As a result, I felt tense before all the examinations. As I experienced the HKDSE, I entirely realized that emotion could affect working outcomes to a great extent. Hence, we are strongly advised to plan a suitable timetable for revision.

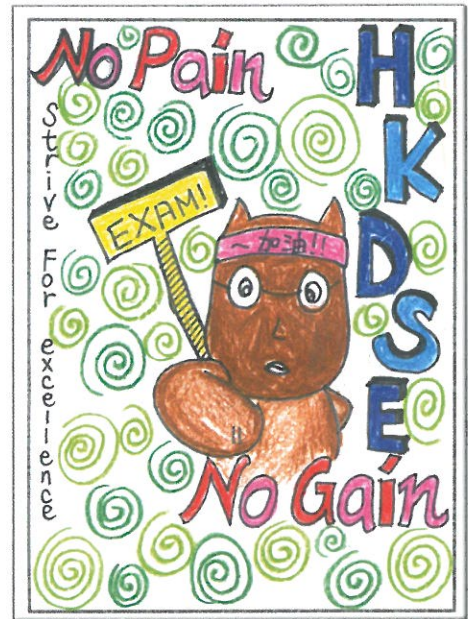
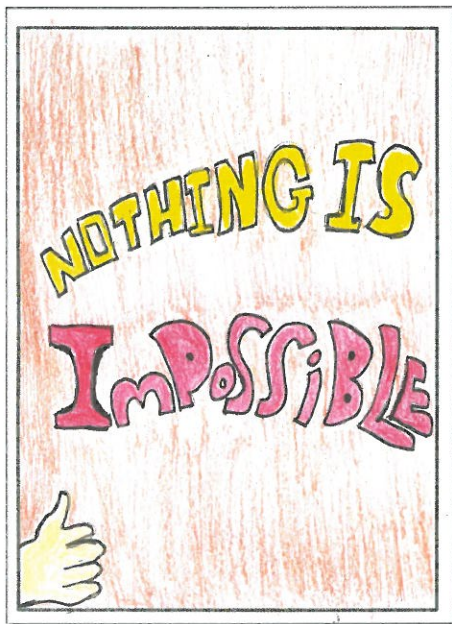
Chan Ka Po - 6C





Undoubtedly, I would spend more effort on the four core subjects, including Chinese and English, which take a long time to instill, and there is no short cut for them. Reading English newspapers regularly does not only expand the range of vocabulary, but it also strengthens the ability of independent thinking. Besides, I would do more practice papers in order to get myself familiar with the question types and even predict the questions of the HKDSE.

(Joanna Lee F.6C)



Mutually Balanced

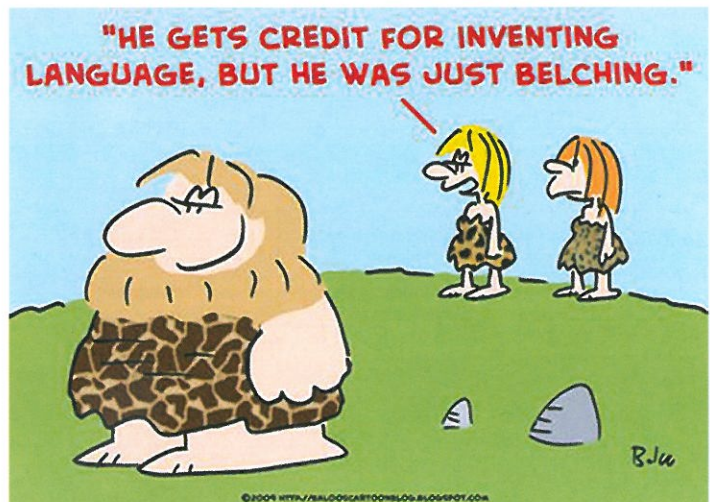
It is prevalent to see written language disability is being experienced among students today. The advanced technology in our digital era might have led to a decline in the standard of the written language. As you are on the public transport, you will easily find that many teenagers are operating their mobile phone by sliding the screen, surfing on the Internet and listening to music. All they need to do is to simply use their fingers to press a button or insert words with ease.



Due to this day-by-day habit, students tend to use a massive number of abbreviations or short-form words to express ideas instead of writing complete grammatical sentences as they type messages in order to save time. In my opinion, as an English teacher, the way of writing messages in such a time-saving way is not arguable, but the way of using the language is my concern. Many local teenagers like using short-form words mixed with Cantonese in their writing. For example, 'I am coming la but the traffic makes me stuck on the road wor!', 'Let me go sleeping sin', 'OMG_I forgot it' or 'Let me K.O. the task.' It might be my struggle with the use of language in that 'relaxing' way.

Indeed, students find that kind of writing is only for communication without any serious concern for grammar. Nevertheless, as time goes by, they might be gradually affected. However, the daily adoption of this way for expressing ideas not only makes my adrenaline flow but also shakes the foundation of writing in the young generation. When marking students' work, it is not difficult to see students use the abovementioned ways of expressing ideas in their writing. The situation is truly alarming as SMS, MSN, WhatsApp, Twitter, and other chatting platforms, where people like using acronyms or a shortened version of phrases to express ideas, have become more common these days. The consideration of constructing a grammatically-complete sentence might have become an excessive demand on Internet users.

Be fair-minded, I am not here to advocate the ban of the use of short form-English expression, but writers should be aware of using



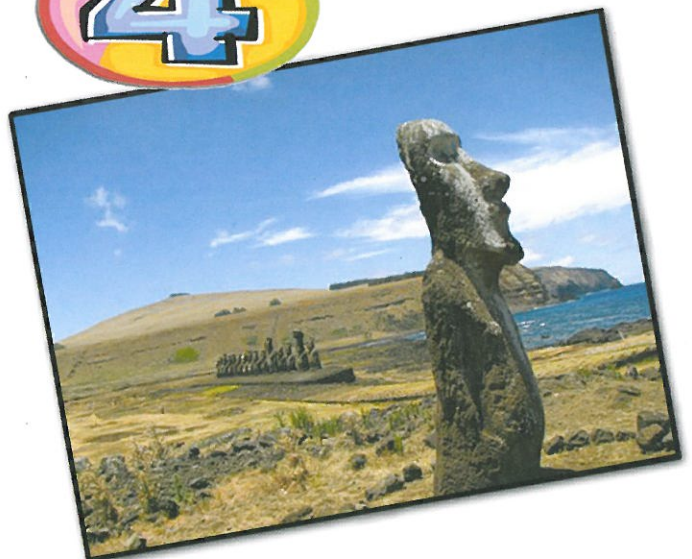
the proper language and sentence structure according to the needs or requirements. No one truly wants to see the ability of writing proper and correct sentences dying out among teenagers. Therefore, teachers in school, who act as gatekeepers, play an important role in safeguarding the use of correct grammar in English without hesitation. Conventional English should be emphasized while changes in language are the trend in our society.

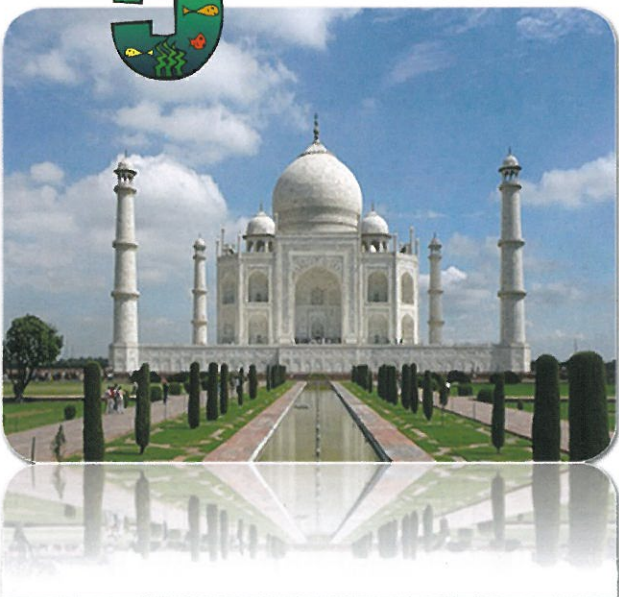
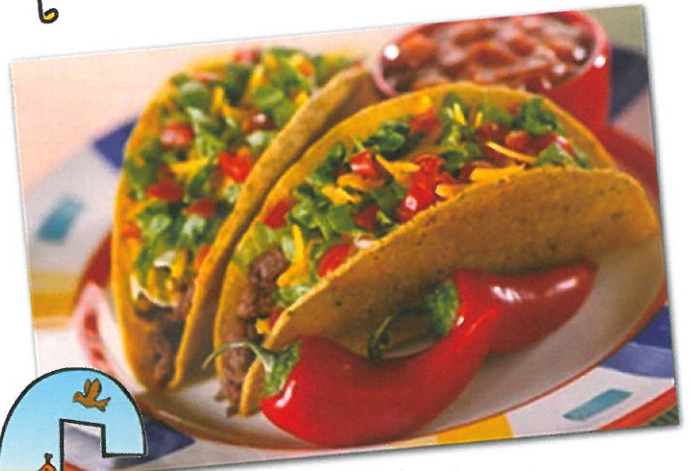
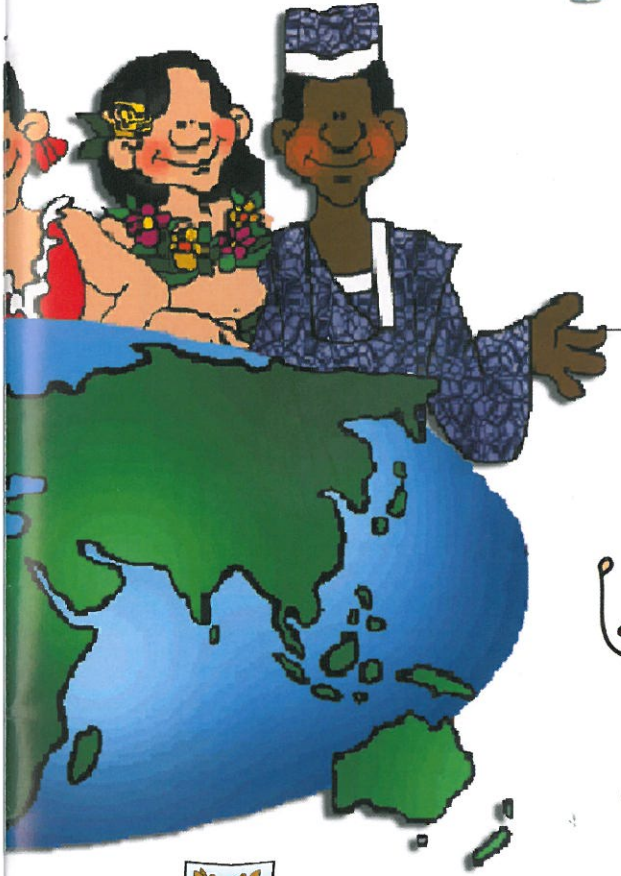
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Travel around the world

WHAT ARE THESE ATTRACTIONS AND THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN FOOD? CAN YOU NAME ALL OF THEM?

Take the Quiz!





9. Wurst and sauerkraut - Germany
8. Trevi Fountain - Italy
7. The Leaning Tower of Pisa - Italy
6. Taco - Mexico
5. Taj Mahal - India
4. Isla de Pascua - Chile
3. Green papaya salad - Thailand
2. Himeji Castle - Japan
1. Pamukkale Spring - Turkey

Strange customs around the world



In Chinese culture, which colour is associated with good luck? (Red)



What is the correct way of greeting people?
(Mandarin: Ni/Nin Hao / Have you eaten?)

For sure, all of you must know the answers to these questions. What about some strange customs in other cultures? Read on to find out some stunning facts!

New Year Celebrations At The Cemetery in Chile



Where do you usually celebrate the New Year? At home? In a restaurant? People in Talca, a small town in Chile, have a very strange, weird and freaky New Year Custom. They celebrate the New Year with their dead relatives at the cemetery as they believe that their loved ones wait for them in the cemetery and they should start the New Year with them. The doors of the cemetery are opened for the local public by the Town* mayor at 11 pm sharp. Light classical music, together with dim blinking lights, makes the cemetery a perfect place for a party. Next time, if you want a

new way to celebrate the new beginning of a year, you may consider joining the people in Talca.



Polterabend -- Germany



Polterabend is a pre-wedding tradition in Germany. The couple's families and friends gather together for an informal party. They break dishes, flowerpots, tiles, toilets and nearly everything breakable except glasses and mirrors. After that, the bride and groom must clean up the mess. This symbolizes the couple working together through future difficulties.

Red Christmas card is prohibited -- Japan

Exchanging or sending red Christmas cards is a normal habit of many people all over the world. But in Japan, remember not to send or give Japanese red Christmas card as it constitutes bad etiquette there, since funeral notices are customarily printed in red. This is one mix-up you do not want to get yourself into.



Newly Wed Not Allowed to Use Restroom for 72 Hours After Wedding -- Sabah

In the community of Tidong, in Sandakan, Sabah, a newly married couple is not allowed to use the bathroom at all for 3 days and 3 nights. The use of the restroom in this time period is thought to bring bad luck. They're properly guarded by many relatives who make sure that they don't break the rule. If they don't follow this rule, the marriage ends in a broken marriage, infertility, or deaths of their infant children. The poor newly weds are given little food and water so that they don't use the restroom. After 3 days, they are allowed to take a bath. Anyone from Tidong community who can't follow the rule should forget about getting married.



Korean Wedding Ducks -- Korea



These are Korean Wedding Ducks which have been an integral part of Korean wedding ceremonies. The pair of wedding ducks wrapped in beautiful clothes represents peace, many children and no separation. The couple always keeps the wedding ducks in their home. The position in which the ducks are placed explains the relationship of the couple. Nose to nose placement means they are happy together and tail

to tail mean that they are having a trouble in their married life.

Crawling Snakes Massaging Your Body: Stress Inducer or Stress Reducer -- Israel

Who had ever thought that the notorious, shuddering and spine chilling snakes would be used for warming up the body parts. The produced by the bring pleasure and excellent in relaxing snakes are used to body and give a crawling. The face snakes. For those the thought of



their body, rats and rodents are available to do the job. This reptile therapy initially available in Israel, is now relished in many places worldwide.

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Summer Fun

Summer vacation
is coming!!!



Let's see what our schoolmates will do during the holiday and what cool ideas they have for you!

I will go to Korea with my mother, father and brother. I go to Korea because it is a very beautiful country. The famous food in Korea is pickled vegetables. I can go skiing and shopping there. Now, we are booking the hotel and preparing the travel route.

I think we can play some sports in the morning. We can also eat food from different countries during the summer holiday.



1A Wong Ka Yiu



In the summer holiday, I'll go to the beach. Summer is hot and I think going to the beach is the best activity. Go to the beach to enjoy the sunshine and the beautiful blue sea. It is amazing! Let us enjoy the wonderful summer together at the beach!

1A Angel Chan

In this holiday, my best friend will come to my home. First, we will do homework together. Next, we will eat some snacks. We will also talk about something interesting. After that, we will play games together.



1C Hung Po Yi, May

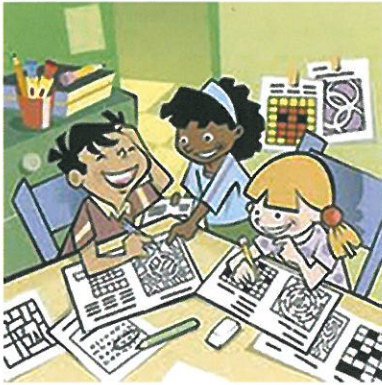


I will have a trip to Beijing with my family in the coming summer holiday. There is a lot of great architecture in Beijing, like the Great Wall, the Summer Palace and the Forbidden City. All these are related to Chinese History. I hope I can have a good experience in the coming summer holiday.

1C Kelvin Lau

In the coming summer holiday, I am going to do some activities that I haven't done during the year, such as travelling, hiking, cycling and "Studying" I suggest my fellow schoolmates do some sport they like, enjoy the summer and not spend too much time playing computer games.

1B Linus Tong



I will do summer assignments at home, take a first aid course, and go to Guang Zhuang to celebrate my best friend's birthday. I suggest my schoolmates revise all the subjects. If we have good preparation, we will understand what the teachers say in the lessons. Also, we can find out what we don't understand and try to read more books about the subject in the library.

1B Lei Su Xing

I will learn to make some desserts, such as chocolate mousse cake and butter cookies. I suggest our schoolmates can do some meaningful activities during summer holiday such as selling flags or visiting the elderly to let them feel happy. I think if they only play computer games in the summer holiday, they will waste their time!



3E Nicole Hui



In the coming summer holiday, I will take photos of the sea view because it is beautiful and peaceful. If you are interested in taking photos, you may go to Shek O for its amazing view. I am sure you can have a wonderful moment.



3E Ting Ki Fung



I will swim and play basketball in the coming summer holiday. I will also study too. I like to play with my friends, so I will go shopping with them. I suggest our fellow schoolmates go swimming during the summer vacation. It is because the weather is very hot. They can feel cool and feel relaxed through swimming. They can also learn a new survival skill.

4C Jordan Kwok

In the coming summer holiday, I am going to learn Korean because I love Korean culture. After learning Korean, I can know more about Korea. Also, in the summer holiday, I will go travelling. I can broaden my horizons and relax.

During the summer holiday, some students will feel bored. Therefore, I suggest they join an overseas study tour because they can improve their English. After they go to other countries, they can broaden their horizons.



4A Ng Wan Lam

I will learn to play the guitar in the coming summer holiday. I think some schoolmates may enjoy their trips with their families during the summer vacation. Others may spend time hanging out with friends. If you want to have a meaningful and delightful summer holiday, I suggest you join a summer camp. Not only can we learn some skills, but we can also improve our communication skills with others.



4D Elena Lao



The summer holiday is the best time for us to learn something that we can't learn at school. I will join a life-saving course. It is very meaningful and I can do a part-time job when I get the certificate. In the summer holiday, I suggest you make desserts at home. You may invite your parents and friends to taste them. It is fun, isn't it?

4E Gogo Lam



I will go hiking with my mother in the coming summer holiday. I am weak so my mum told me that I should do more exercise to make myself stronger, then I will not get sick easily. I think visiting Geopark is an exciting activity. It is close to the urban district. We can learn more

about the formation of rocks. When you are there, you will feel relaxed as the air is refreshing and you will be amazed by the gigantic world-class rocks.

4B Lam Sau Ying



In the coming summer holiday, I will plan my study schedule and search for more information about different degree courses from the universities in Hong Kong. As a senior student, I suggest that schoolmates can join camps which are held by different universities. Students can be given an opportunity to experience the school life in tertiary institutions.



Also, the participants can visit different faculties to know more about the disciplines that they have preference for. There is no denying that it is a good way to train their adaptability.

5D Sy Heidee

I will attend a tutorial class in the coming summer holiday. Since the curriculum is quite arduous, I have to devote more time to it. In the summer vacation, I suggest that schoolmates can enjoy the natural landscape by riding bicycles. Students can bike in Tai Mei Tuk. Riding bicycles is a healthy activity to do in the summer holiday.



5D Hung Mei Ling

10 Great nap-time alternatives

What do you think about your schoolmates' suggestions? Not enough? Here are some awesome ideas to spice up your summer.

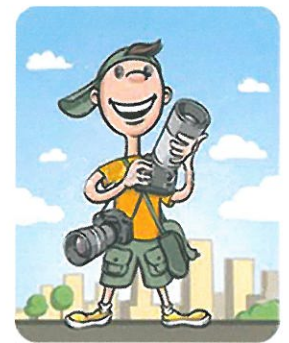
1. Go against the current



What do you usually do to cool yourself down in hot summer? Switch on air-conditioners and stay at home? Go swimming or snorkeling? For this summer, you can discover a touch of winter at Slope Infinity. The center provides snowboarding and skiing facilities. It also offers courses for all ages and all ability levels. Why don't you sign up for a summer session and have a cool summer? Visit www.slope8.com.

2. Snap shots

Do you want to keep the most memorable moments? If yes, you should learn some basic photography skills to capture all that's around you. There are many professional courses which teach you how to set exposure values correctly and how to shoot photos from different angles. Visit www.uniart.edu.hk or www.fevaaa.com for more information.



3. Speak foreign languages



"Konichiwa"

"ahn-nyong-ha-se-yo"

Summer is the perfect time to brush up on a foreign language. Spare Time Study Centre offers courses in Korean, Japanese and many more. The Goethe Institute provides courses in German, while Alliance Francaise de Hong Kong organizes courses in French. Visit hkftustsc.org,

goethe.de and alliancefrancaise.com.hk for details.



4. Dig up your drama passion



If you have a great affection and talent towards drama but don't know how to unleash it, don't worry. You may join Black Bird Theatre or the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. They run courses on acting and stage performance. Visit www.blackbirdtheatre.hk and www.hkapa.edu.



5. Create your own cake



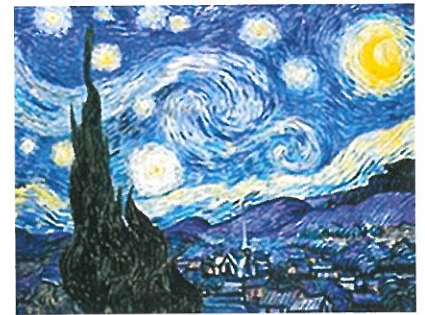
Making cakes for friends and beloved ones is enjoyable. This summer, you may enroll in any of the Complete Deelite's Wilton cake decoration classes. They are suitable for people of all ages and levels. It's a great way to learn baking skills and master the art of cake decorations. For more information, you can go to www.completedeelite.com.



6. Be Van Gogh or Picasso



Dip your paintbrush in colour and smear it on a canvas. Studio 83 runs painting classes this summer and all year round. You can learn to paint life-like, surrealistic or impressionistic images, ranging from people, plants, scenery to anything around you. Why not sign up for a session and

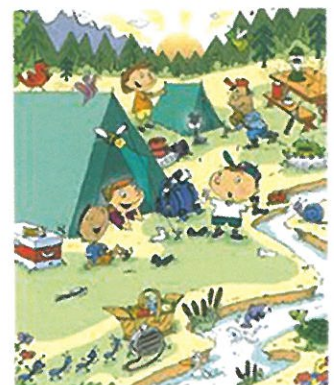
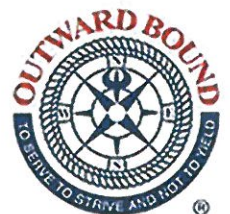


unveil your art talents? You may refer to www.studio83.com.hk.



7. Seek your adventure

Feeling bored with your ordinary life? This summer, you can create your own adventure and train yourself physically and mentally by embracing the outdoors. Thanks to Outward Bound School, you can spend a few days in the wilderness, climb rocky slopes or become a crew member on a yacht. Visit www.outwardboun.org.hk/youth.html for more details.



8. Make your own glass handicrafts

Glittering glass beads, shining glass cups and shimmering glass vases are things that take people's fancy. If you feel like owning them and making your own glass art, you can take a trip to Lamma Island. Depending on your time and budget, you can make an array of goodies ranging from glass frames to jewellery. For more details, visit www.sellingpoint.com.hk.



9. Design a unique summer diary



Making scrapbooks to record one's travelling, cooking, camping or graduation experience has become a trend. During this summer, why not create your own scrapbook to note down your fantastic holiday! You can share your book with your classmates when school starts again. Take out your scissors, glue, ribbons, magazines, stickers and coloured-paper. Act now! It's fun and easy to do! For more ideas, visit www.papercrafts.com.hk.



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10. Fold and fold



Having fun doesn't need to be expensive. One of the cheap and inspiring summer past-time activities is origami - a traditional Japanese art of paper folding. With pieces of paper and your patience, you can craft exquisite artwork for exhibition or use. Want to know more? Click this website: <http://en.origami-club.com/>



School Events



Mr. Au Chin Chau, Joseph, who is our alumina, is now serving as a Superintendent in Hong Kong Police Force. In January, he shared at a special meeting with students in order to provide them with more exposure and understanding not only about his work in the police force but also his success



story with a view to enriching their other learning experience (O.L.E.)



2012 Teacher's Day was celebrated on January 12. Members of the Parent-Teacher Association presented gifts to all teachers in order to honor teachers. Flower presentation and speeches were also organized to show appreciation of teachers' hard work.



Junior Form Evangelical Camp



An evangelical camp for junior form students was organized by the Religious Affairs Department in February at Hong Kong Baptist Assembly. The overnight camp provided students with the gospel message and discipleship training. The number of students who decided to turn to Christ at the school gospel rally last October was 153. The internal demand of the evangelical work in the school is still heavy but God is the abundant provider. HE always prepares the best for Henrietta.

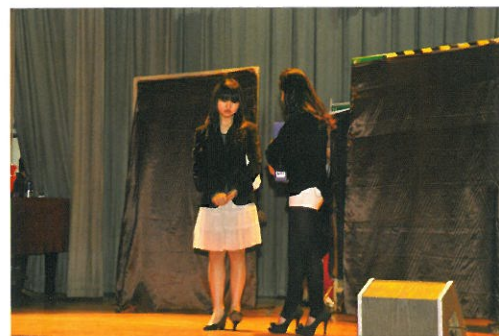


New Year Fair

To allow students to experience and apply what they have learnt, a three-day School Chinese New Year Fair was organized to provide them with actual business experience. 'Practice makes perfect'. This statement is truly a good encouragement to all 'owners' of the stalls at the mini market!



"Chinese Drama Rocks"



The Chinese Drama Club has been organized in our school for years. Its success has provided students with a lot of exposures not only to the area of acting but also the production of stage performance. Through the actual participation in the preparation, students are able to actively learn everything behind the scenes.

The activities organized by the club are truly for those who are fond of drama but they also serve as lessons to teach students how to appreciate Chinese language arts and show concerns for social issues. Mr. Wong Chi Chung, the Chinese Drama Club instructor, fervently hopes there will be more exchanges in schools for promoting Chinese drama in the future.

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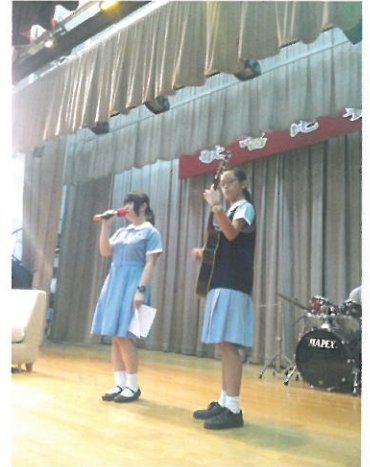
Fun English 2012



2nd May was a big day for both Form 1 and Form 2 students. On that day, they went to the hall to enjoy some activities organized by teachers and students. First of all, a Form 5 student sang a pop song, called "The Show" to arouse the audience's interest and to develop a relaxing atmosphere. So as to involve students' participation, they were given a worksheet to do some gap-filling exercise. The teacher then checked the

answers with them and gave some rewards to those who attempted to answer the questions.

Since we are a Christian school, some students sang a modern hymn, called "You are My All in All" The reason to do so was two-fold. First, we would like students to know that Christian songs can also be thrilling instead of numbing. Also, we would like students to have first-hand experience of reading the English Bible and praying in English.



Finally, a group of students from 2B and 3A did a drama. Students' response was, surprisingly, beyond expectation. Most



of the audience paid attention to the drama done by their



classmates and they had a good laugh. The performers also taught the audience some difficult words. When it comes to the end of the show, the audience gave their greatest applause to all the performers. Probably this was because it was done by their classmates.

The whole activity was a great success, which proved that our students could do a better job.

Cheung Kai Lam, Alex (English Teacher)

Response from the performers:

I feel extremely delighted as I have taken part in an English drama performance. I have learnt some words in the activity. In addition, I have learnt that looking at the audience is very important. I hope I can participate in more English activities soon!

(2B WONG Kwan Shing, Mark)

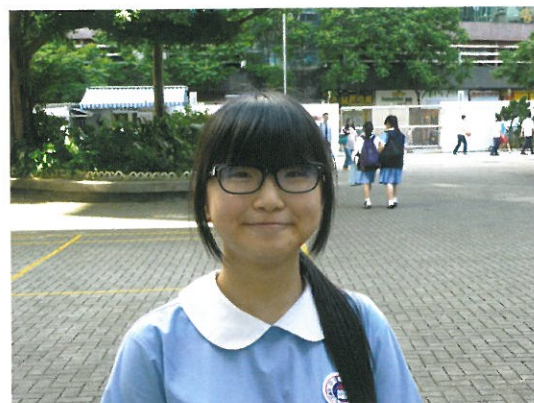


Through doing the performance, I have learnt a lot of things. I have paid more attention to my pronunciation. Also, looking at the spectators was one of the challenges that I needed to overcome. Although we faced lots of difficulties, I enjoyed the performance very much.

(2B NG Cheuk Yin, Chadwick)

This is my first time doing an English drama. I have learnt some vocabulary. Also, I have gained experience in stage performance.

(2B YAO Hiu Lam, Emily)



It's my first time performing with Form two students in English on stage. I really had a lot of fun cooperating with them. They all did well and tried their best to do the show. They also did well at acting. When the audience looked at me, I felt a little bit nervous. I enjoyed the time when the audience were laughing. I love making people happy. I hope there will be another performance soon!

(3A CHUI Kyla Mae, Cutaran)

"Thank you, Mum"



On the 10th of May 2012, I helped the students in performing a little musical performance. It is really a great pleasure to be helping the students in this lunchtime English Variety Performance. Four students acted in a mini drama about a girl who had a dispute with her mother because of her future career choices. In middle of the drama, they sang the song 'Never Grow Up' with another student as the pianist and me as the guitarist. There was only limited preparation time and the pressure was

intense. However, both the singers and the pianists performed well. What's more, the audience was attentive and showed the support the performers needed. Hopefully the students can learn from the song 'Never Grow Up' and cherish their parents, who are always behind them. I sincerely hope that I can have more chances to help students realize their dreams and show their talent.

(Mr. Wong)



From left: Angela, Gillian, Christy and Tiffany

Response from the performers:

Ng Pak Ki, Christy (2E):

I enjoyed this performance a lot. To be frank, I think I can do much better. I hope I can sing better if I have the chance.

Ching Wing Yan, Angela (2E):

In this show, I felt very happy and excited. I have never performed in any music performance before. This song has a quick tempo and it really takes time to practice. But anyway, it is a happy and unforgettable performance!



Leung Wing Tung, Gillian (2E):

There are many "Firsts" for me in this show - the first time I have sung in front of a large audience and the first time I have acted in a short musical. This is an unforgettable experience. If I can have the chance to perform again, I will say 'Yes!'

Kwok Ling Yee, Tiffany (2D):

This time, the mini musical gave me such a wonderful unforgettable experience! It is because the song chosen

was fantastic and our group gave such an impeccable performance. How great it is!

You Are Our Way

Inspired by the energetic and fantastic performance of the student band, "luX" in the Singing Contest in April, I decided to invite the enthusiastic members to perform with me at a lunchtime English activity in the school hall. We successfully cheered the audiences up with the strong rhythm of music. "You Are Our Way" was the title of the song, which was adapted from "When Heaven Burns", the theme song in Cantonese of a controversial but popular local TV drama. Through transforming a Cantonese pop song to an English hymn, I intended to rewrite the lyrics to praise the Lord and emphasize what HE has done for us. Below are the words of the song that I hope you will get inspired by as well.



"You Are Our Way" - original song "When Heaven Burns" composed by Paul Wong

- 1). Amazing grace gives us strength today
fulfilling our dream, lighting our way, your love always keeps our faith
- 2). Amazing grace gives us peace today
teaching us hope, showing us love, your words always lead our way
- 3). The greatest love of all is here today
forgiving our sin is full of your grace, what can we do to repay?
- 4). The greatest joy of all is here today
enjoying our life, refreshing our mind, lead us to the joyful life

Chorus

Dear Lord , you lead our way
In your grace we live every day
Dear Lord , we can dare to pray
Our faith lets us pray!

In your love we can dare to say
It's your grace to lead our way
It's your love to keep our faith
Jesus, you are our way!

Chen Kwai Hing (English Teacher)

