# The English Navigator

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Time is love'. This slogan has been heard recently from a television advertisement. People have different ideas towards time and love. Many spend a lot of energy and time chasing love. However, they may not be successful. Indeed, love cannot be bought by material things. If you want to be loved, you should learn how to love others first. This teaching from the Bible works universally without time limit. There is an English idiom, saying 'only the wearer knows where the shoe pinches'. That means we all have our own hardships, difficulties and troubles in life but being kind, patient and considerate can effectively help solve many problems and improve our interpersonal relationships. We need to love and act timely or we will regret it. Our world needs more love and peace to soothe our hectic and stressful life. Keep trying to embrace love and let it become a prominent nutrient to build a happy life. I hope this volume can provide you with more insights about love through the work of our students.

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## Appreciating Nature

When was the last time you stopped working, turned off your mobile phones and computers and went somewhere peaceful, like the countryside or mountaintop? Since there is a close relationship between humans and nature, every time when you get close to nature, you can feel calm and relaxed. This kind of tranquility should never be overlooked. Therefore, instead of remaining unaware of the beautiful nature around you, please take time to appreciate the things nature has provided. In this issue, some students would like to share their thoughts on how to preserve nature and how they appreciate nature through the lens.

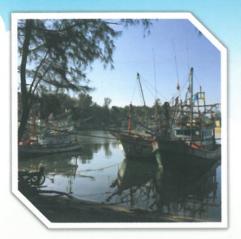
# The Beauty of Nature

Last year, I went to Mt. Parker to have a barbecue with my friends in autumn. Along the way, I saw a lot of animals, such as sparrows, squirrels and ocelots. Also, there were many red leaves on the ground. It was so beautiful! Compared with the urban area, nature is just like paradise!

(Lylle Choi, 1D)



# Appreciating Nature Through the Lens



I really enjoyed the peaceful moment there!
The yellow flowers, the green mountain, the blue sky and the white clouds can definitely tell people what "the beauty of nature" means.

(Grace Lee, 1C)



A canola flower field -Guangzhou

I was admiring this beautiful view of some fishing boats anchored on a quiet lake in Thailand. I felt peaceful watching the reflection on the still water.

(Catherine Wong, 1C)

A sunny morning
- Thailand





Shek O – Hong Kong When you go to the outlying islands, you will see how beautiful nature is in Hong Kong.

(Natalie Ng, 1C)





This natural scenery makes me completely relaxed. (Otto Lai, 1C)

Nam Sang Wai - Hong Kong This amazing moment didn't last long. I was lucky to capture it. The view was beautiful and made me feel warm on New Year's Eve. (Hedia Fung, 1C)

Sunset - Japan





The beauty of this fluffy stem was seemingly unnoticed by anybody. However, if you bother to stop for a while to observe it, you will have a sense of tranquility. (Andy Wong, 1C)



A dandelion - Mui Wo

### Preserving Nature



To preserve nature, we can recycle newspaper, aluminum cans and plastic bags. When we go shopping,

we can bring our own bag instead of using plastic bags. We can also plant trees to improve the air quality.

(Mataragnon Natalie, 1C)



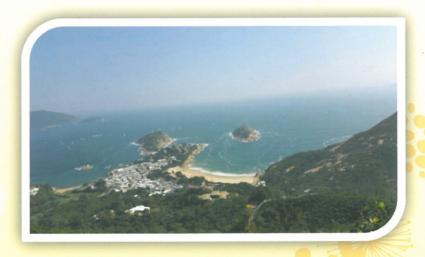


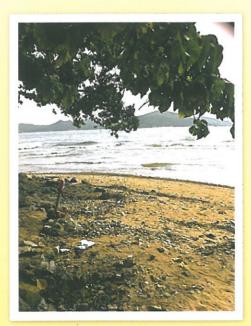
If we don't do something to preserve nature, we will not see the beautiful view anymore. Remember to put recyclable items into the colour-coded recycling bins. *(Chan Moon Yi, 1D)* 

To preserve nature, we should use fewer plastic bags and plastic cutlery. When we dine out, never order too much food. Don't buy bottled water but bring your own water bottle when you go travelling.

(Brian Ip, 1C)



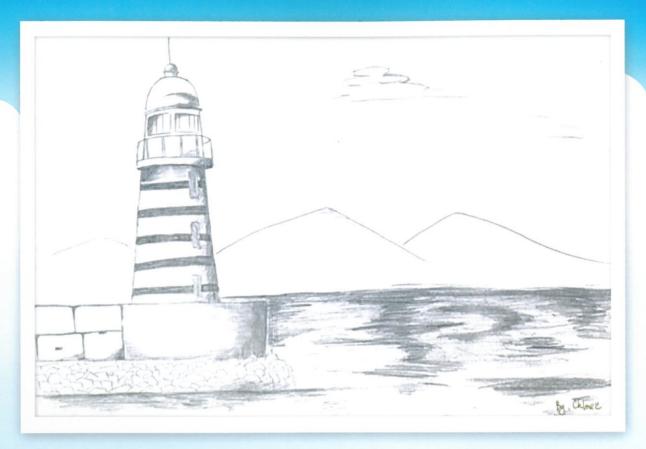




It was originally a beautiful beach, but it is full of rubbish now. People are destroying nature by throwing rubbish on the beach. I hope people can protect the environment and never leave any rubbish behind.

(Chester Yam, 1C)

A rocky beach
- Wah Fu Estate



Lighthouse shining light over the ocean *(Chloe Lam, 1D)* 









Eunice is a wonderful friend.

We share both our laughter and tears.







Michelle is industrious and helpful. She is my hest friend

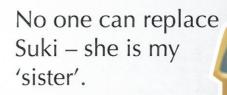


Suki Yonita



Yonita is a reliable friend. When I am in bad shape, she is always there to make

the day better.

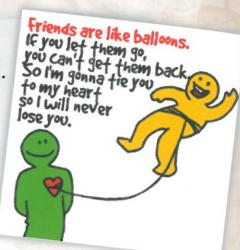








Tom is my best friend. He is diligent, considerate and easy-going.





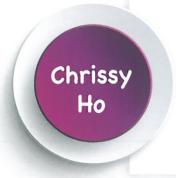


I love my classmates. We have experienced ups and downs and have had lots of memorable moments together.

I hope that our friendship can last forever.







My sister, Tiana, is intelligent, decisive, innovative, energetic and independent. I truly admire her!





My sister is ten years older than me. She helped look after me when I was still a baby. Up till now, we are still very close to each other.



My brother is a very important person in my life. We share food, toys and lots of precious childhood memories.



Yuki Kwong It is common for people to hire domestic helpers in Hong Kong. Liana is the helper hired by my mum last year. She is responsible and thoughtful. In my eyes, she is not only a helper, but also a friend. She is a family member!



WE APPRECIATE
OUR TEACHERS!

Milton Yip Mr. Lau Tun is my Chinese teacher this year. He is knowledgeable, resourceful and humourous. He helps me to improve my Chinese and open my mind.



T errific
E nergetic
A ble
C heerful
H ardworking
E nthusiastic
R emarkable

The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book.

A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart



Miss Cheung Man Yee is my English teacher. She is cheerful, passionate and has a loving heart. I always have fun in her lessons.



Thomas Cheng Miss Cheung Siu Yim is one of the teachers I appreciate most. She is positive, patient and is a good learning guide. She has aroused my interest in Chinese literature.





### A Destructive Weapon Or An Irresistible Cure?

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7, NLT)



According to the Bible, it states clearly what love is. God's love is so precious that He has sent His only son and died for us. He also commanded us to love one another so that we can fulfill His law.



However, not so long ago, something terrible happened which shattered the peace of our society, which is Occupy Central. Many people, including teenagers, demonstrated in the street. People became very sensitive and conflicts among people were commonplace. Some claimed that they were fighting for justice and the future of Hong Kong whereas others have expressed their concern about students who took part in the demonstration. Below are some of our students' ideas.





When it comes to whether students should take part in the Occupy Central, the answer is definitely negative. Most of the students simply lack thorough understanding towards our society. The Occupy Central is a campaign that seeks a more advanced and better political reform in HK. Yet so complicated is it that it involves not only the autonomy of Hong Kong, but also the local citizens' benefits and pride.

Students are too young to understand the viewpoints from different stakeholders, let alone to put themselves into others' shoes. We, who have never worked and struggled in modern society, merely understand the stable environment which adults create for us. We have not experienced the pain and sweat that the adults have gone through. Since adults have more life experiences, their decision and thinking are surely more considerate and mature.

Without a proper understanding towards the needs of society, students should not take part in the occupation so as to avoid going astray and being manipulated by others.

Luk Karim, Jeffrey, 5D

Revolution as I think Hong Kong people should do something for our future because if we do not care about it, who will care for us? I find it unfair in the standing committee of the National People's Congress as we can only choose the people provided by them. We should have the rights to choose the one who can speak for us, instead of being assigned by the Chinese government.

As a student, I think that we are the generation to control our future so we should stop something that is unfair. We are mature enough to distinguish right from wrong.



Li Tsz Ho, Jacky, 2D



Chong Pui Ling, Linda, 5D

As a student, what I can do for society is to pay attention to the latest news and recognize the facts behind the issues. Our every move might be of little consequence to adults but it does represent our opinion. In this day and age, the mass media tend to report news in a biased way. As an educated person, I think we should be able to seek the facts. It is crystal clear that the juvenile can be mature and critical towards the political issue and choose our stands thoughtfully.

Joining political activities
can help build up students'
critical thinking. However, doing so
might have an adverse effect. It is
because some of the self-initiated political
activities are illegal. Students may be
arrested by the police. They may then have
criminal records or even be sentenced to
jail. So, I think students need to think
twice before they act.



Wong Nga Yu, Rain, 5D



Tong King Hong, Heison, 2D

with the students who joined the Umbrella Revolution because I think students should study hard instead of participating in the occupation. Their parents and teachers would have been worried about their safety. The political problems will be solved by relevant parties. We, as students, should not step in to change the situation.



Tsang Shi Ming, Marco, 5D

express their views through a myriad of online platforms, ranging from Facebook to public forums. Since the messages on those platforms can be spread rapidly, students' opinions can be made known to public in no time. I mean, the politicians and the government can understand what students think about through social media.

In fact, students are the crux to build a better society. Their opinions are insignificant and the government should never turn a blind eye to them, but it doesn't mean that students should take an extreme and vigorous way to air their views.

I don't support students
to participate in the Occupy
Central because it is too dangerous
for students. Their responsibility is to
work hard and study hard. They may
join such activities when they are older
and can protect themselves. They
should know what they should strive
for and why they do so. I think they
should calm down and think
twice before they take
any action.





After reading students' opinions, what do you think? Should students take part in any political activities? If our society lacks harmony, could we have a better future? In Jesus' time, the society was also very unstable. How did Jesus teach His disciples to live in such circumstance? Can you get any insights from His Word?

# Quotes that will make you rethink what "Love" means

"That's when I finally got it. I finally understood. It wasn't the thought that counted. It was the actual execution that mattered, the showing up for somebody. The intent behind it wasn't enough. Not for me. Not anymore. It wasn't enough to know that deep down, he loved me. You had to actually say it to somebody, and show them you cared. And he just didn't. Not enough."

#### - Jenny Han

"Love never dies a natural death. It dies because we don't know how to replenish its source. It dies of blindness and errors and betrayals. It dies of illness and wounds; it dies of weariness, of witherings, of tarnishings."

#### - Anaïs Nin

"Love is a fire. But whether it is going to warm your hearth or burn down your house, you can never tell."

#### - Joan Crawford

"Perhaps the reason we are unable to love is that we yearn to be loved, that is, we demand something (love) from our partner instead of delivering ourselves up to him/her demand-free and asking for nothing but his/her company."

#### - Milan Kundera

"Love is a decision, it is a judgment, it is a promise. If love were only a feeling, there would be no basis for the promise to love each other forever. A feeling comes and it may go. How can I judge that it will stay forever, when my act does not involve judgment and decision."

#### - Erich Fromm

"Love is not an affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved person's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained."

#### - C.S. Lewis

### School's Events



#### Singing Contest 2015

A Singing Contest was held on 17th April, 2015 which was one of the biggest annual events of our school. Loud screams, frequent applause, flashy neon-light sticks and supporting banners filled the school hall as if it was a musical concert held in Hong Kong Stadium. Participants sang beautifully with their heart. The atmosphere was pushed to the pinnacle as the result was announced. The final champion went to Green House this year. Congratulations!





#### Korean Children's Choir

'Anyoung haseyo!' (It means 'How are you?' in Korean) was used as a start of the show run by a group of Korean students who visited Henrietta Secondary School on 8th January, 2015. The group played a role not only in organizing an evangelical activity but also acting as ambassadors to introduce Korean culture to Hong Kong students. They sang, danced and demonstrated Taekwondo on the stage with an organized and synchronized team performance.



#### A Lunar New Year Fair in HSS

A 'mini fair' for celebrating the approach of Lunar New Year was held in February 2015. Different forms of students set up their own booths to sell handmade souvenirs, accessories and other commodities. The purpose of the event was to provide participants with a good chance to learn about theories of Business, Accounting and Financial Studies (B.A.F.S.) and Economics. Students could gain practical experience in terms of how to run a business and provide customer service at the simulated situation.











#### Ruth's Witness

Ruth Chen, an internationally famous gospel singer, was invited to share her stories at our school's evangelical meeting for staff in March 2105. She sang different gospel songs. Her angel-like voice with Christian passion truly touched each audience's heart.





#### 3M/2015

It is believed that secondary school life is one of the most memorable stages of life. With a view to providing students with collective memory, 3M (Most Memorable Moment) is held. A class-based performance was organized for each form. Students showed their united spirit in designing their own 'production' on the stage at the assembly.

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No matter how many rehearsals were arranged and how busy they were, students and teachers still found 3M worthy to be held. 3M has certainly become one of the annual school activities and celebrations for teamwork, respect and love.

