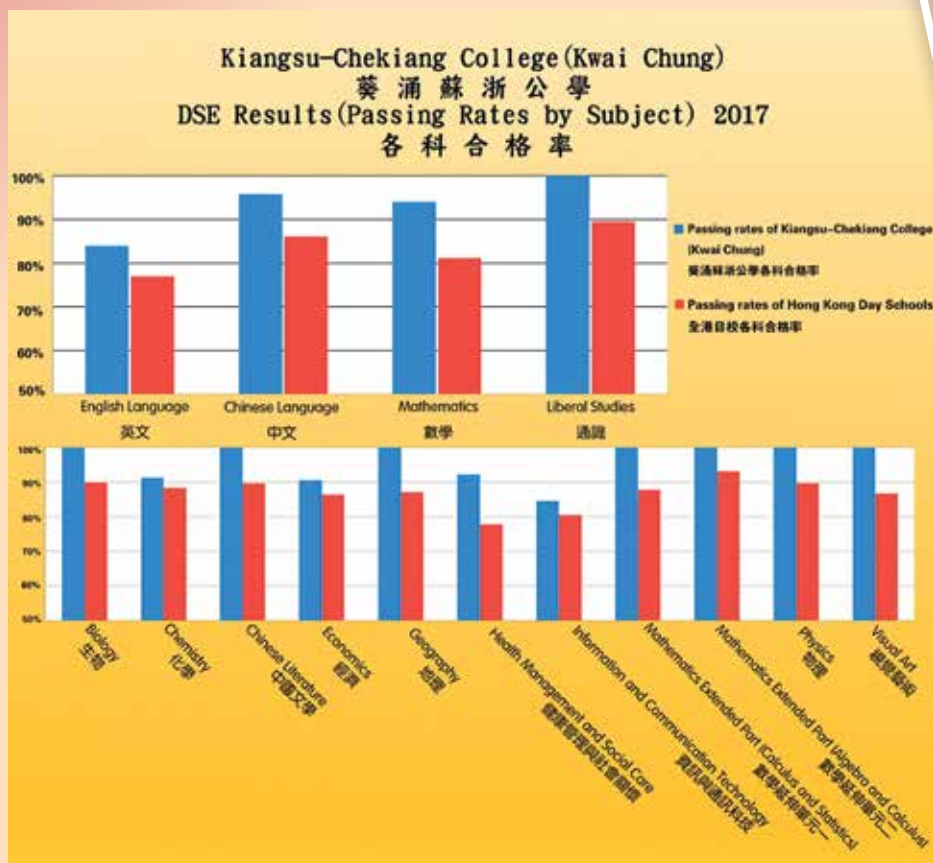




A Brilliant Progress We Are Proud of

Our achievement in the DSE results of 2017 continues to break old records. Not only did our overall results surpass those of the Hong Kong average, the percentage of students obtaining level 2 or above in 15 subjects also tops the Hong Kong average. The four core subjects exceed the average standard by far and the eight subjects that gained 100% passing rate are: Liberal Studies, Biology, Physics, Geography, Chinese Literature, Mathematics Extended Part I (Calculus and Statistics), Mathematics Extended Part II (Algebra and Calculus) and Visual Art. For more details, please refer to the bar chart below.



Canadian Exchange Experiences

Two students from F3 and F4 went to Canada as exchange students. They brought back beautiful pictures to share with us as well as their valuable experiences from this lovely country. Let's read what they would like to tell us about their trip to Canada.



My Canadian Experience Kwok Chung Yu, Cecelia (F.4B)

It was such an amazing summer in Canada together with Elaine and 29 other groupmates in Girls Lead Camp. I am not saying that you can be a completely different person within two weeks, but I have found a direction towards being a better version of myself.

Needless to say the sightseeing was great. However, I have to mention the meaningful classes and activities we had in Brescia University College. Among all the educational lectures, what impressed me the most was the Barnga Presentation. It was a boring card game at the beginning, but the real show began when the counsellor told all of us to switch tables silently. It took us some time, but eventually we realized that there were different rules at different tables! The game actually represents situations in which you are new to an environment, like a new school, a new class, or even a new community. At times you may get mad, get lost, get frustrated or even lose hope, but you must stand firm and get used to it. The game really helped me to become more empathetic and open-minded, and to embrace differences.

As for my English learning this summer, I realized that being confident and having a good English environment is the key to our learning. So why not start to chitchat with your friends in English!? There is no embarrassment saying incorrect words; you should look at how foreigners speak Cantonese!

In the end, thanks to the support of the IMC of our school, the Principal, and my English teachers for such a precious opportunity that broadens my horizons. A man who travels far knows more.



My Trip to Canada

Tsang Yuen Ling (F.3C)

During the days I spent in Canada, I made lots of new friends. I learned a lot about leadership. Having leadership means an individual influences a group to achieve a common goal. However, if you want to be a good leader you have to know yourself, so we did a test called "true colors". The results which were gold, orange, green and blue referred to different personalities. For me, I am the active and creative one which was represented as orange!

We separated into three home groups. Every home group had their own counsellor. Ours was named Vesti. Our group name officially was "The Wave" and our slogan was "What are we? We are wave. We're gonna beat you in our ways", but we called it "Bakas' Association" secretly. We did everything together and tried to overcome the fear of heights.



During the lesson we learned how important communication and teamwork are. In our team we not only gave our own opinions, but we were also careful to consider how our teammates felt and learned how to be good listeners. There was one lesson that I was really inspired by. Our counsellor, Madison, said not to compare but to inspire: "comparison is the thief of joy". If you are always comparing with others you might become jealous of them and it will come out of negative thoughts. However, if you are inspired by others who might be your friends and teachers you are going to try their ways and become more positive!

I really like the Canadian people, they are friendly and always lent us a helping hand. Besides, I love eating very much and my counsellors told me to buy the KETCHUP potato chips and I fell in love with them. I was a bit scared to eat burgers there. The thing that I loved the most was the weather there. It was so comfortable.

Lastly, I am glad to have been exchange student for 15 days. I am thankful to have had this opportunity to go to Canada to broaden my horizons.



The Canadian Culture and English Summer Camp



Our English activities reached a more demanding and challenging level when we invited P.6 students to take part in a Canadian Culture and English Summer Camp. This program included both NETs from Canada to be tutors and student ambassadors from our school to be teaching assistants.

We selected six student ambassadors from our



school. These students worked as teaching assistants in the classroom and

also planned excursions for the NETs to tour around Hong Kong. It was a win-win situation for all. The NETs enjoyed their visit to Hong Kong, and the primary student participants learned a lot about Canadian culture and had the opportunity to interact with native speakers. Our student ambassadors enjoyed both the roles of being teacher assistants as well as cultural ambassadors. We would like to deliver our thanks to the teacher-in-charge, Ms. Ng Mei Chun and the organization, the Canada-China Culture and Education Association that made this event possible. We also had one of our ambassadors give us her reflection on this meaningful event.



A Brand New Experience Tse Ka Man, April (F.4B)

From July 31st to August 11th, there was a Canadian Culture and English Summer Camp held in our school. It was organized by the Canada-China Culture and Education Association. Three teachers, Ms. Eileen Monks, Mr. David Randall, and Ms. Taryn Morgan came to our school to teach primary school students the English language and about Canada. They were from the province of British Columbia in Canada.

The teachers taught students things about Canada, for instance, festivals, weather, eating habits, transportation, provinces, geographical locations, money, houses, and landmarks. These are outrageously interesting topics! I realized the learning style in Canada is totally different from Hong Kong through this course. Students sat in



a circle and teachers taught vocabulary through visual aids such as photographs or videos. They always teamed students up as partners in order to draw pictures, to play parts in drama or read aloud together. This could cultivate students' creativity, team spirit, cooperation, confidence and English speaking skills. These were practical and constructive for students' entire

lives. They did not strive to focus only on providing textbook knowledge. The learning atmosphere was interesting, relaxing and delightful. The thing which most impressed me is that there was no homework for students. After all, it's summer time!

We had two outings to Lantau Island and Cheung Chau with the teachers. Being a tour guide to show the features of Hong Kong to the teachers was pleasing. We discussed the itinerary for a very long time. I am glad that they enjoyed these trips.

I learned that being a teacher is tough work. I learned numerous Canadian culture facts. I practiced my English speaking and I feel more confident to speak in English now. This makes me want to travel to Canada. I would like to express my gratitude to Ms. Ng and the three Canadian teachers. I also thank our school for providing this precious opportunity to me.





F1 and F2 WSE English Day Camp

Last year we had a team of university students from the U.K. as our tutors for an English Summer Camp for F1 and F2 students. The feedback from our students was positive and encouraging; therefore, we had this camp again this summer. The event lasted for five whole days, from July 24th to 28th. This year our students again rated the camp positively and found that the activities helped improve their spoken English as they had more chances to interact with their classmates and tutors from abroad. Below are reflections from students who took part in the camp.



An Unforgettable Camp Lillian Lin (F.2D)

In this camp, I felt very happy. The name of the camp was Wofoo Social Enterprise Youth Exchange Summer Camp. It was held between July 24 and 28.

The teachers were Mr. Aileen, Miss Mir and Miss Dennis. They came from England. They were friendly and helpful. I gained a lot of knowledge about England from them.

I did Fact Files, descriptive writing, Icebreakers, created my own animals and my own chocolate bars and played a game called Kahoot. I found Kahoot to be the most fun because I could learn many things from it. Drawing was the best part of the camp.

I enjoyed myself in the English camp. It was a very fun camp and I learned a lot of English. I spoke a lot of English with my classmates and the teachers. I made many new friends. I would recommend it to my friends and classmates.

A Fun Summer English Day Camp Sisi Yip (F.2D)

In this camp, I had a lot of fun. This camp was called Wofoo Social Enterprise Youth Exchange Summer Camp. It was held between 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. every day. We had lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Our teachers were nice, and Mr. Aileen took care of us. He was nice to us. Miss Mir was also nice. Miss Dennis was friendly so everyone was not afraid of her. They all came from England. I learned grammar and writing. Also I learned about England. They taught us things about their country like the Queen of England, their dinners, their football game and others.

We played many games like Kahoot and drawing. We had a lot of fun. I think the most fun activity in the camp was playing the phone game. The tutor told us to use our phone and play the phone game Kahoot (a quiz game). The best part of the camp was playing the sports games.

I enjoyed myself in the camp because it was fun learning English. Also, I spoke a lot of English with our classmates and the teachers. I would recommend it to my friends. It was a lot of fun!



A Happy Summer English Day Camp Lau Man Chung, Alex (F.2D)

This summer holiday our school held a day camp between July 24-28 called the WSE Summer English Day Camp.

In the day camp, the teachers who taught us were not from our school. They came from another country. My group's teachers were Mr. Aileen, Miss Mir and Miss Dennis. They were friendly and nice, and I learned a lot of English from them.

In the English day camp, we did lots of things such as playing some fun games like Kahoot, watching videos and drawing. I thought the best part and the most fun was playing games because the games helped me to improve a lot in my English.

In the English camp, I enjoyed it because it was fun and joyous. I have learned a lot of new English words, and I have spoken a lot of English with the teachers. In the future, I look forward to another summer English camp and will recommend it to my friends.

Tagore





What a Strike!

In bowling we call it a 'strike' when all the pins are knocked down. Our students from the D&T Club won all five events that they entered – they hit down five pins! As always, the D&T Club and the Robotic Club have prepared students for numerous inter-school competitions during the past extended year, and as usual they obtain official recognition by continuously winning awards they truly deserve. To announce the names of the students who earned good results, we have gathered the following information from Mr. Kwong Man Kit and Mr. Chim Ka Man, their teachers and trainers to whom we would like to also send our appreciation. The five events our students entered and obtained prizes are listed in the table below.



Name of Competition	Date held	Organized by	Category/Item of Competition	Remarks	Award granted
Construct A Catapult for Junior Secondary Students	16/6/2017	EDB (Curriculum Development in Science Education)	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - design, create, and operate a catapult - explain with physics theories - bypass or hit an object from a distance 	- 3rd prize winners Fung Ho Kwan (F.1C) Chong Chun Kin (F.3D)
Mini 4WD Model Car Race	15/7/2017	ISTEM ED Association	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the fastest car that finishes a three-lane track wins - individual and team based 	- 1st place in design Chong Chun Kin (F.3D)
			Photography		- 3rd place in photography Chong Chun Kin (F.3D)
Walking Robot Monster Competition	9/7/2017	An event at the Yuen Long Youth Festivals	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - around 300 primary and secondary students took part - speed is the criteria to win 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2nd prize winner Wong Ka Chun (F.2A) - 3rd prize winners Cheung Yung Lun (F.2D) Zheng Cheng Zi Yang (F.3A)
The 6th Model Solar Boat Design Competition 2017	5/7/2017	EDB's Art and Technology Education Centre (ATEC)	Mono-hull ship with fastest speed	- over 500 students took part	- 1st prize winner Lin Henghong (F.4B)
			Mono-hull ship top speed mixed competition		- 2nd prize winners Lin Henghong (F.4B) Cheung Yung Lun (F.2D)
			Team-based speed competition		- 3rd prize winners Wong Ka Chun (F.2A) Cheung Yung Lun (F.2D)
			Multi-hull ship/catamaran, top speed		- 1st prize: Tse Nap Yin (F.4B) 3rd prize: Choi Ka Lok (F.4B)
			Remote controlled speed competition		- Outstanding award: Tse Nap Yin (F.4B) Choi Ka Lok (F.4B)
2017 Robotics Competition for Students of China, Hong Kong, Marco & Taiwan	3/7/2017	Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers	6 categories	- 150 students from China, HK, Macau and Taiwan took part	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Prize in Path Following for a mobile robot: Lui Kai Chun (F.4B) Chan Chung Ming (F.4A) - 1st prize in Obstacle Avoidance for a mobile robot: Leung Sin Hang (F.3B) Lui Ka Ming (F.3B)



The Math and Science Week

Reporter: Liang Xiu Xia, Amy (F5B)

The Math and Science Week, which involved Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, was held from 10th March 2017 to 13th in March 2017.

For Mathematics, we had games on Math knowledge and statistic data. The most popular game was one which taught students to become a master of poker by using three hexadecimal and decimal systems. Statistics was about four different fields. They were the levels of education received in the Hong Kong population, Hong Kong's birth rates, three main reasons of deaths in Hong Kong, and the youth's drug abuse problem.

Biology focused on ecospheres and some rare creatures such as damselflies, poison snails, perilidae and dragonflies. You could learn how an ecosphere works and the characters and comparisons of rare species. Some of them look similar but different actually.

Chemistry showed us various acids concerning acetic acid, oxalic acid, and that different pH values have different colors. To take an example, C7H7O4N is blue originally but it also can be changed to red. Chemistry also displayed information about fossil fuels such as coal, petroleum and natural gas.

Physics demonstrated some situations we never think of in our daily lives. For instance, why rebar and beton should be mixed together, and whether the electric shock in hospitals will cause electrification, and so on.

Moreover, as an incentive to students, we could get one stamp for playing one game. When we collected three stamps, we could earn one candy. Overall, the display and activities were fun and many students enjoyed this event.



A Course Not Just for the Ladies

Table Manners and Etiquette

We once read an article on table manners and etiquette and the most impressive part was about how Queen Elizabeth of the U.K. was trained to be the successor of her father when she was still a teenager. This was only part of her lessons: She learned to be as calm as ever to continue her meal as if nothing had happened when someone suddenly and unexpectedly made tremendous and sudden noises right behind her. We do not need to go that far but as commoners, we also found it useful to act like a lady, or a gentleman, after we took this course with Ms Mary Cheung.

On 19th January 2016, some F.5 and F.6 schoolmates were invited to join a manner and etiquette workshop which was held by Towngas Cooking Center. We were curious enough to interview Miss Chung Yiu Ki who had kindly arranged this chance for us to spend morning and afternoon sessions with Ms Mary Cheung, one of the well-known Miss Hong Kongs in the 70's and at present the director of a PR company offering similar courses to CEO's of big firms and high rank officers in government departments.

C: Miss Chung Yiu Ki **R:** Reporters: Chan Yuen Wing, Flora (5A), Au Wai Yin, Vivian (5A), Yuen Hoi Yan, Jenny(5A)

R: Why is it important to know about the right etiquette and table manners of a different culture other than our own?

C: We are not learning a new culture for other countries but rather integrating all the things. Since Hong Kong is a multicultural city, many people may come from the U.K., France or other places. As a Hong Kong citizen, learning proper manners not only enriches ourselves, but also benefits us in the future for career advancements and in other areas. Therefore, it is important for us.

R: In what occasions do we find proper table manners and etiquette applicable?

C: There are many places which are suitable to apply them, such as in a five-star hotel or high-class restaurants, or even in interviews or job occasions. They are useful because it shows how we are educated with proper manners. Therefore, it is really useful not only in work places but also in our daily lives.

R: Why are we invited to this course?

C: I prepared this activity for F.5 and F.6 students because it opened their eyes. As I mentioned before, these things are applicable in interviews or even in the way you treat people, and our students exactly need some chances to practise. Therefore, I just invited F.5&6 students to join the event so as to broaden their horizons and gain a worthy experience.

R: What obstacles did you have when you were preparing the activity?

C: Honestly, it is not easy to plan this event. This course is really expensive and it takes an effort to convince the school for subsidies, and luckily I obtained discount from Towngas. What's more is to find an available place that fits both Miss Mary Cheung and us because we had quite a number of students participating in it and it is hard to find a place that can provide lots of the materials we need. Here I also want to thank Miss Lily, the manager of Towngas, who was willing to prepare everything for us and even the certificates printed with Miss Mary Cheung's signature on each and every one of them. Therefore, she is the one who has actually made this activity possible.





Meet Our Old Friends

Our alumni's opinions are features we always focus in this newspaper. Today we are happy to have graduates of 2015, Wong Ching Man, Shirley and Lee Ho Fung, Matthew here to share their experience with us.



S: Wong Ching Man, Shirley **M:** Lee Ho Fung, Matthew
R: Chan Yuen Wing, Flora, Lai Yu Ren, Rain, Iam Pui Kwan, Stephen



Matthew, studying in HKUST



Shirley, now in BUHK

R: Let's start with you, Shirley. We would like to know how you scored 28 points in the HKDSE?

S: First of all, I think there are other students here that scored more. As for me, I think I always paid attention in class and asked questions without hesitation if there was anything I didn't understand. Using different notebooks to jot down the main points in class made my revision much easier. And the most important thing is, I set a timetable so that I could be more alert with how much time I still had before the deadline.

M: My learning style was similar to Shirley's. But I would revise what I had just learned immediately rather than before the test or exam. It is easier to clarify the concepts on that day instead of a week or a month later so I prefer to revise all the materials on the day which the teacher has taught.

R: Wow, what an effective way for us! We know you are studying in university, so can you tell us about the courses you are taking?

S: I am taking Geography and Liberal Studies in university since these subjects are challenging to me.

M: I am now taking Chemistry and Physics courses because they are what I am interested in.

R: So can you tell us about the difference between secondary school and university?

S: Actually, there is a big difference. In university, we have more freedom to do the things we want, we can meet a lot of friends in the hostel and become members of some committees that are influential. Therefore, it is more challenging than life in secondary school!

R: In university, we have the freedom to be absent if we make sure we can catch up with the course. Also, we are requested to plan our own schedule

because the professors will not remind you when you need to hand in the assignment as the teachers in secondary school do. Therefore, we need to wisely manage our time so as to keep a good balance between studying and leisure.

R: It seems that the school life in university is not as relaxing as we think. Do you mind telling us what your hobbies are or the things you do to relax yourself?

S: There are no special hobbies for me but I hang out with my friends, so as to share my current situation, and eat desserts to reduce stress.

M: For me, I like listening to music and reading comics because I think classical music can help me deal with my negative feelings, and the characters that appear in the comics can help me alleviate my study pressure. And these are the things that I do in my free time or the times I feel pressured.

R: Last but not least, can you give some advice to our F.6 students who are facing the DSE?

S: The most important thing is to calm down before the test as negative feelings will definitely affect your results. Try not to give yourself so much pressure since it will just make you more nervous.

M: As a mature person, you should enjoy all the school days in secondary school even when you focus on the DSE as it is just one of the many challenges in your life. Try to take it easy so that you will not find it that frightening. Therefore, try to face it in a positive way!

R: I am sure that F.6 schoolmates will be encouraged after listening to your advice. That's all for our interview, thank you for joining us.

S&M: My pleasure.



Famous Quotes

Liang Xiu Xia, Amy (F5B)

How do we interpret the quote outside our classrooms, for example, 'It was only after the light went on that I realized I was in the dark.' We invited our own editorial members to try interpreting it. Here are their ideas:

- If you don't see the truth, you won't know what you have missed and how much better you could have been.

- Our lives are packed with decisions. When we need to make a choice, we have no idea which alternative is beneficial for us and no one can guarantee every option he or she has made is the right choice. When we are in trouble or when we are lost in the dark, we should believe that the stars only shine in the dark.

- There is light only when there is darkness. There is life only when there is death. So don't fear the dark for there is light soon. And don't fear death for there wouldn't be life otherwise.

- We can only see the truth when there is comparison so we can make references. An example to give would be people who live in countries that are at war. They may know what peace is like only when they are out of their own country or after the war is over.

The other quote we chose was, 'Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing of.' Not many students could interpret this expression appropriately. So we want to keep our readers interested and invite them to cut out the word box below to write their answers in. You can gain 5 stamps from our two teachers-in-charge if you can provide a good reflection based on this. With 5 stamps you may even win the big prize: the free movie ticket! The best thing about this is, you can even do it just before our first issue of the KCC Standard in 2018.



Name: _____ () Class: _____ Date: _____

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing of.

My interpretation of the above quotation is as follows:

The WYNG Philomathia Student Essay Contest 2017

The following essays are submissions from our F4 and 5 students to the WYNG Philomathia Student Essay Contest 2017. The contest is an extension of the WYNG Masters Award, an international photography award with an annual social theme. Students are invited to write essays based on the images on the award winning photo with the theme this year as 'identity'. During the process of their writing, it is hoped that their awareness on certain social issue will be raised.



Where We Stand, Who We Are

Kwok Chung Yu, Cecilia (F.4B)

Scanning the horizon of Ha Pak Lai, she blinked her black eyes, and it seems that something becomes brighter, growing in the darkness.



This has been the sixth month since she came to Hong Kong. This place, this city, it is supposed to be her motherland, yet she barely knows anything about it. Or, worse still, she has got lost in finding who she is. One day she was pointed at her nose, being called a mainland person, but what it means she isn't sure. Having no reasons, she didn't say anything to argue. It just got her lost in thought. What's wrong with being a mainland person? The word "equality" is everywhere; everywhere but nowhere around her. From her perspective, there is no difference between a Hongkonger or a mainland. She doesn't see the difference between them. Both are Chinese people of a different origin. To her, they are just names, not identities.

The thought has never been affirmed until one day she saw this image, a photo that is divided into two parts with light in the middle, the glowing horizon. She happens to know where it is – Ha Pak Lai.

The amazing thing about history is that it affects

generations. A man related to that stowaway, struggling to identify himself. And the influence was extended to his son, the photographer. Where was he standing? If he was standing at the coastline of Hong Kong, Shenzhen was within sight of his eyes. Hence, if he is on the opposite of Hong Kong, will he see a brighter better view? She has no clue about it. Before she came back to Hong Kong, this place was one of the dreamiest ones in

her mind. People here lead a brilliant life just like the privileged characters in *The Great Gatsby*. The girl had every fantasy about this dreamy place. Now that she really is here, is this what she wanted?

With her eyes wide open, an extraordinary view flashes in and astonishes her. The light, she doesn't know if it is starlight or from the lighthouse, is so bright that it is exactly the same as what she saw in the picture. It is a sight, she mutters to herself, more than a sight. Merely one thing is different – instead of dividing them apart, the light is the bonding of the sky and the sea. For her part, she has already opened her arms, hugging the breeze, inhaling the air with a fishy smell, showering in the thin light far away. It feels like there is a hand of vast power, lifting her up, up, all the way to the center of the sea.

Between the coasts, this girl has no idea whether she is in, or outside Hong Kong. The breeze, which has blown over the stowaways, is now caressing her cheek, telling stories beside her ears. The stories of them, not only stowaways, but also humans, are told by the whisper of the breeze. They are about how much sweat is on their foreheads, how many teeth are shown when they laugh, and how many dreams they have dreamed of.

After a moment, the breeze stops whispering. She

surprisingly finds that her steps have taken her to nowhere unconsciously. What's more, she can hear someone. There is a young man, with his camera, positioning. It seems that he has no idea that there is someone else. The girl can't help but walk by, then she quietly asks the young photographer if she can take a look at the picture. He puts down the camera and looks into her eyes, not even surprised. "Sure," he says. When the girl looks through the little window, she is totally astonished. This photo is exactly what she saw days ago. She remembers every detail of the photo, not only because she has stood in front of the photo for who knows how long. It is the fascinating photo itself that gives everyone who looks at it a deep impression.

For some reason, the girl doesn't intend to tell the man. She wants to see what this person is. "Do you know this place?" he says as he looks over the horizon. "Before people were attracted to the gorgeous sunset, this was the best location for stowaways. Do you know why they came? Oh, of course you know. But I suppose they didn't." In fact, the girl didn't know, she still doesn't. However, she starts to have a little clue about what she is here for. "Do you know?" "Yes, I think I get to know it a little bit."

She lowers her head to look at the picture, but when she looks up, he has vanished. As she unbelievably finds that she is holding the amazing picture, she is shocked again. There is nothing else in the world which can connect these two things close together like the lights that connect the land and the sea. In and out, they are glued together.

The fact is, there is nothing abnormal as stowaways, if there is, then we all are. As we step on this ground for the very first time, we bear this baggage from the so-called natives. The baggage is hatred, and that's not worth it. We are not enemies, but families. We must not be enemies. The identity of this girl of such a tender age, is still decided by herself. Not her parents, not even the birthplace on her identity card. Not all these, and she knows it now.

Lam Kit Ying, Erica (F.4A)

Everything is tranquil, even depressed in the depth of my heart.

The dazzling view is shown in this picture, the most eye-catching part is the sparkling horizon and the silent sea setting off its halation. The horizon extends to a clear and bright sky without any clouds, which seems endless. There is only the dark land that is not illuminated.

Perhaps a part of illegal immigrants think that their future will be "dark" as this land because they don't have any opportunities for work and to live without being discriminated against.

However, let's point to the horizon which is bright with a variety of colours. It twinkles just like the future with numerous possibilities. If there is someday, the light will shine to everyone.

Cheung Yin Ho, Peter (F.4A)

Have you ever imagined watching the fantastic scenery on the coast? Last week, I went to Ha Pak Lai alone without any distractions so that I could release my stress from schoolwork. When I was looking at the sea, it was as calm as a mirror. Then I took a bird's eye view of the night skyline of Hong Kong which is far, far away. I considered that there was a social issue which has been obsessing Hong Kong citizens.....

In fact, light pollution is a new form of pollution since lighting technology began to develop. There are two main influences which affect different kinds of animals and us. For birds, strong light doesn't only affect their sight, but also stimulates them to behave abnormally. Light pollution ultimately makes them unable to distinguish direction. For us, light pollution causes cataracts, nosebleeds, and even cancer, if we work for a long time under light pollution. It's a serious health problem which is becoming more noticeable.

As Hong Kong citizens, we should avoid going to places which are lit up by

lights 24 hours a day. Moreover our Hong Kong government should establish a law to regulate the use of lights which are on the streets. The government and the public should work hand in hand in protecting Hong Kong because we are Hong Kong people and Hong Kong is our home. It is indispensable to protect it.

Ng Sin Ying, Kathy (F.4A)

Along with the technology and economy developing rapidly, Hong Kong has become a multicultural city which is combined with diverse features.

The reason why there has been serious air pollution in Hong Kong is because people paid attention to development and advancement of its infrastructure.

In addition, more and more factories exhausted nasty and gloomy pollution. Moreover, people produce waste in a careless manner. The more pollution we produce, the worse the earth will become.

Nowadays, we can enjoy the beautiful sunset in Ha Pak Lai, but we should cherish it. Otherwise, it will disappear if we continue to destroy our environment.

Chan Ka Chun Peter, Jack (F.4A)

Looking at this photo, memories are rushing back from my mind. This photo has existed for a long time. It faded. The people beside me are also gone. So this photo makes me feel so nostalgic.

Nothing can be eternal. The building in this photo behind me has vanished. I just wonder where it is. Is it buried in a deep land which no one remembers? It seems like our government can never keep a balance between development and environment protection. Although the Clock Tower is still "standing" here, not all the buildings that surround it can exist. Some of the buildings were removed for other purposes.

Time is going over and over. People forget a building that exists here for more than 100 years. For some people, this clock tower is filled with joyous times but for some, it is just an obscure building. I hope people can be aware of the glitches of development and environment and find their balance sooner.



Yeung Tin Sum, Brian (F.4A)

Recently the discussions on homosexual marriages and transsexuals has been on the rise. It stirs up a debate among citizens. Some people think that it is symbol of freedom, while some think that it violates morality and the Bible.

There is a person who stands straight and doesn't show his/her face to the camera. He/she wears a man's shirt and a skirt and that's why we may be confused about the gender of this person. I think that it represents somebody trying to break out of the social constructs of gender roles.



Fung Tsz Mei, Christy (F.2D), Zhan Yanglian, Jenny (F.2A)

Our Saturday Day Camp has always been so much fun. The content is rich and varied. Last term we had some native speaking coaches from overseas teach us rugby. This term, we had a chance to meet Jocelyn Chan, a singer/songwriter who came to sing and chat with us in English. She is so nice and talented that we all enjoyed spending the whole morning with her. She even posted our picture with her on her Facebook page! We feel so honoured.

其實如果我不做音樂的話，我會想做老師。所以非常開心今天早上能與葵青區蘇公學的同學們練習英語。謝謝你們那麼投入一起玩遊戲，聽我彈唱我的英文歌，還有那麼勇敢地用不是你們最舒服的語言和我聊天！很高興認識聰明的你們喔～下次再玩！ Wish you guys all the best on your s... Continue Reading



What came next was the visit to Sai Kung Stray Friends, an organization that provides shelter for abandoned dogs rescued on the streets. We got to walk the dogs, bathe them and hold them in our arms. They were so cute and friendly. There were a few puppy Golden Retrievers. We think they are the cutest little things on Earth.

We couldn't take our hands off their chubby bodies and fluffy hair, and they kept licking us. It was tickly but we loved it. No wonder dogs are said to be man's best friend. How nice it would be if we could adopt them! It was such a meaningful activity!





Are you curious how our Form Six students learn their English? Read below and you may be amazed on how they learn expressions either underlined, in italics or bold prints. With world news they learn vocabulary that they may not have encountered in the textbooks. Imagine this is only part of their notes shared in class. Sit tight in your seat and enjoy the rides your English teachers are ready to take you on in the long journey of English learning.

A letter to Hillary Clinton



Tsoi Ka Ming (F.6A)

Dear Mrs Clinton,

I feel really sorry about your loss in the presidential election. It is crystal clear that you have spent your entire life fighting for what you believe in. Taking up the top job in America is your ultimate target. In this election, you were originally ahead in the polls. I really believed that you would win in this battleground. However, life is always *unexpected*.

It is *sorrowful* to hear your concession speech. It is believed that it was the most painful speech in your long political career. However, I appreciate that you do not complain but accept the heartbreaking result. Apart from this, you dressed yourself in a mixture of blue and red when presenting your concession speech. The colors are *associated with* the Democratic and Republican parties. Seeing your country is extremely divided, you take the initiative to urge your supporters to get united and let Donald Trump try to be their leader. Your speech is like bringing the curtain down on your political dynasty. However, please do not feel disappointed and lose faith.

Someday, your dream of putting a woman in the White House will come true. All the *races and religions will be treated equally and there will be no more discrimination*.

In fact, I *learned a lot of life lessons* from you. A positive attitude is crucial when we *come across defeat*. There is an old saying that “*failure is the mother of success*”. I should be *courageous to face my weaknesses and adversities* as you did. Failures allow us to *evaluate our inadequacy*. This is extremely beneficial to my *future prospects*.

Even though you lost in this election, you had the victory in my heart. Do not feel frustrated. You have *made numerous impacts* to many people. You are such a *good role model* that you *lead us to a right path of life*. Thank you for your *devotion and striving to pursue your goals*.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Wong
A supporter of yours

Yeung Chung Yin (F.6A)

- I am just a 17-year-old boy from Hong Kong. *We, Hongkongers, cannot even choose our leader through our vote democratically*. But I know the presidential election of your country is *influential* to the whole world. Your defeat not only surprises your supporters but the whole world.
- I *found the result of this election difficult to understand because all mainstream polls predicted you, instead of Donald Trump, would be the president. What is going on?*
- Please do not be disappointed because it may not be your *fault*, but Obama's. Under his governance, the economy seems to have been *boosted* but this does not benefit everyone in the State. The

Americans' dream is still not yet achieved. People want changes, exactly as what the Obama's presidential campaign slogan stated seven years ago. Therefore, they cast their votes to Trump. They know that is *risky*. However, *changes always come with risk*.

- I believe that all Americans would feel *grateful to the contributions* you made in your long political career. Someday, someone will follow your path to pursue and achieve their own dreams. They will make America become the *greatest country in the world*. You *have done enough* for your next generation. Please let them extend your dream, protecting your country as well as the planet.

Lin Bin Bin (F.6A)

- I am your loyal supporter. The US election result was *out of expectation* and it may be a *huge setback for you*. Therefore, I would like to share my views on failures to encourage you.
- In my opinion, *failure is an inevitable part of our life*. Failure happens to everyone because it is *not possible to do everything perfectly in every area*. People always say that “*failure is the mother of success*”. Failure is the *first step to success*. That means success starts with failure. It gives you a *precious opportunity to learn from mistakes* or start again.
- Failure is like a *teacher who guides us to achieve success*. When facing failure, we may find our lives painful. However, learning from our own mistakes is more crucial / vital. To overcome defeats, we should keep an optimistic attitude to face them and *insist on our dreams*.
- Every successful person has their weaknesses but they *end up enjoying the success* in their life because of their effort.
- After the rain, there comes the rainbow*. I wish you all the best in the future.

Ku Sui Fuk (F.6A)

- Losing the presidential election is not the end of your political career. You have already tried your best to strive for the votes.
- The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart.
- You can learn to overcome obstacles **so as to** show great perseverance **in the face** of difficulties.

Mou Shi To (F.6A)

- I am one of your loyal supporters who always stands by you. It is unbelievable that you are defeated by the mad man in the presidential election. It not only shocks me but also astonishes the entire world. However, please remember that no matter if you lose or not, you are always the hero in our hearts. Therefore, I am writing to encourage you and I hope you can recover from

this painful experience.

- We appreciate you because you spent your entire life to fight for what you believe in. You not only advocate the rights of women but also pay a lot of effort to eliminate racial discrimination. That is the reason why we love you.
- Despite the fact** that you failed in the campaign, it is just a small barrier in your political career. Facing failures, we should always hold a positive attitude. We must **regard it as** a valuable opportunity to ponder deeply over our shortcomings and consider how to improve it.
- We should choke back our tears and make an endeavor to fight for the good values **for the sake of** America. Remember, **however** tough your future path is, we will always support you!

Man Lap Po (F.6A)

- I hope everything is fine after your concession speech. The result of presidential election was really shocking as almost no one expected the results to **end up** this way. I would like to share my thoughts and support you.
- It would be the toughest moment before the result was released. But you should be aware that **no one will deny your contributions** in your political career for the last 40 years. The result was unpredictable and this war without gunfire was far tougher than you have ever encountered. I fully understand your feeling and how frustrated you might be. **If you look at the matter from another perspective**, the best day is ahead of you. Life is cruel. **There is no certainty** that you can achieve your dream even after making every endeavor.
- As the saying goes, “*Life would be too smooth if it had no rubs in it*.” **Treat** this failure **as** your turning point and don't lose heart. Every cloud has a silver lining (one of the quotes on our school walls).

Ngai Hung Pan (F.6A)

- While I heard the result, I felt astonished and it was beyond my imagination. However, you deserve our appreciation.
- Your concession speech **sparked my concern**. I appreciate that you unite Americans to give Donald Trump a chance to lead. It is because the election has divided the society and there may be conflicts among supporters of the two candidates.
- I realize that** this defeat is one of the biggest challenges in your entire life. However, your effort will pay off. Someday, your experiences of being defeated may help you overcome obstacles in your life. Although the pain will last for a long time, you will need to hold a positive attitude in the rest of your life.
- Despite** your failure in the election, you are **still** a role model for me to learn from. Your perseverance is **highly commended**.



Composition in the Spotlight

Bias over Babies

Yeung Chung Yin, Louis (F.6B)

Recently, a photo of a mother breastfeeding her baby on a taxi was taken secretly and uploaded to Facebook. Not only is this a disrespectful behavior, at the same time, it raises concerns to the fact that discrimination still exists in this modern city.

The pressure on breastfeeding mothers is not only the intolerant views from the general public, but also from the employers. According to a survey conducted by UNICEF, 80% of mothers going back to the workplace after giving birth stop feeding. Besides, many of them had unpleasant experience concerning breastfeeding in the workplace due to insufficient facilities and acceptance from the company. With misconceptions from colleagues and the boss, even though they have the right to breastfeed, they dare not protest and speak their mind frankly since they are afraid of losing their jobs. They get told off in public places, so they have no choice but can only pump milk in the toilet in which the hygiene is extremely poor.

Without support, breastfeeding mothers need to sacrifice their lunch time and turn to the facilities in shopping malls far away.

Even discrimination from the workplace is so apparent, merely relying on legislation cannot protect them. Instead, we should look into the root of the problem - people's mindsets.

Breast milk is the best for babies since the antibodies in it are an indispensable part of ailment prevention. To protect mothers from being discriminated against, timely actions are needed. Instead of having bias or being unfriendly towards breastfeeding mothers, we should consider this act "normal" as they really have the biological need to do so.

The government is responsible to take the lead to show acceptance to them. By setting up more private areas for breastfeeding in public places such as libraries and restaurants, our city will become more breastfeeding-friendly. Moreover, more encouragement should be given to private corporations so as to provide necessary amenities to mothers in the workplace.

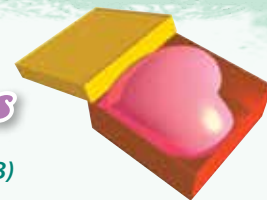
For lawmakers, it is time to review the anti-discrimination law in order to prevent unfair treatments from happening.

There is no doubt that breastfeeding mothers would be more loyal and productive if their employers showed understanding and acceptance. We will achieve a win-win situation if we can defeat discrimination and difficulties breastfeeding mothers are facing.

A Corner for Your Personal Enrichment

The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (青少年積極人生獎勵計劃)

Liang Xiu Xia, Amy (F.5B)



The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups held a project that encourages teens to face their difficulties in life adjustment, personal growth, health, study, conduct or family relationships bravely and seek solutions. Also, this project will award funds to you if you complete the final interview, for helping you to develop yourself further to promote 'Perseverance and Self-Improvement'. I'm honored that I could take part in this project. This project taught me a lot.

As a new comer to Hong Kong, the first difficulty was accommodation, the second difficulty was school. When I first settled down, my home in Hong Kong was only 8 square meters but I didn't mind. In fact, I now feel happy because I think it can make the distance between my parents, and my brother and I, shorter. I didn't have a television but I could read news from some apps. We didn't have a washing machine so we hand washed our clothes. Of course we had arguments but I think it is a common phenomenon.

Every family has arguments. I didn't do well in my academic results but I'm better now, after a period of working hard.

Do you think the situations mentioned above are challenging to you? Wait until you hear this.

A worker of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups gave me a book about people who received the funding before. Those people are the true winners of their lives. Most of them recovered from serious diseases such as a heart attack or other fatal illnesses. It's unbelievable to see their smiles. You can't figure out how tough they are to have gone through their torments.

Eventually, my sharing is coming to the end. I want to leave you a message. When you think you are going to fall, think about others. They may be suffering but they are positive enough to look forward to what lies ahead. You are much luckier than them. So, don't ever give up. Keep hopeful because the sunlight is coming for you.

A Collage of a Rich School Life

There has been a lot going on since our last issue of the KCC Standard. Let's share some of these moments here to refresh our memories.

Gladly we merged with students from Singapore.

The Inter-school Math Competition

The Civic Education and Liberal Studies Week

Activities arranged by the Student Union

Singing performance at lunchtime arranged by Christian Fellowship

The honorable Mr. Stephen Lam Sui-lung, the former Chief Secretary for Administration of Hong Kong and Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, began his public service career in 1978. We were so lucky to be the audience of a talk given by Mr. Lam here in KCC (KC) on Life's Directions arranged by Christian Fellowship.

English showcasing as usual

A Talk on Career Planning delivered by our previous Principal, Mr Tsang Kee Kung

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