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# Speech Day

The musical this year was the most befitting way to send off our graduates and showcase the immense talents and dedication for excellence from students and staff of KCCKC. The musical explores the possible identities we all play in the ever-immersing digital



world with our protagonist Chris played by James Zhang (3C), who lives two contrasting lives. On one hand, he is a brilliant, helpful and kind creator in the digital world of Minecraft; on the other hand, he is a passive student whose kindness is taken advantage of in the real life. Through overcoming a crisis in his beloved game world, Chris finds ways to have courage to stand up for himself against bullies played by Ivy Wong (3C), Josie Li (3C) and Amy Lin (2D) and finally made a true friend Mr Perfect Prefect Head-boy played by Max Lin (3C). Thunderous cheers and applause congratulated actors, the backstage crew and teachers as they bowed and left their glorious stage. Below

are the exclusive words from our actors.



#### 3C James Zhang (as Chris)

It was the first time in my life to perform a musical drama. It was a good experience for me to be a part of the musical as the musical allowed me to improve my English. I am very grateful that I was chosen to participate in it.

#### 3C Josie Li (as Amy)

From this musical, I learnt how much effort it takes for an actor to express the feelings of a character and to concentrate while an actor is on stage. I would like to take this to express my gratitude to Ms Carmen Chan for giving me this precious opportunity to learn.

#### 3C Max Lin (as Michael)

I liked the time when we had to show what we learnt. At that time, all the people put their focus on us. I enjoyed it as it was the first time for me to be one of the main characters on stage. I obtained a great sense of satisfaction for being able to accomplish something new.

## 3C Ivy Wong (as Bonnie)

I liked it the most when it came to the actual performance. We enjoyed it so much that we didn't think this as a performance. The hardest part was dancing. When I first practised the dance, I really wanted to give up. But I got the hang of it after I practiced more. When you think something is not possible and you finally can handle it, you will gain a sense of achievement.

## 2D Amy Lin (as Student)

I felt a sense of accomplishment when we finished the complete set of drama and when the audience applauded for us. I felt so good at that time as I put a lot of efforts to understand the script in order to fully interpret the drama.

## Graduation Speech Kwok Chung Yu, Cecelia

Good evening, our esteemed guests, Chairman

of the Association, our supervisor, Directors of the Association, Principal Leung, teachers, fellow schoolmates and the graduating class of 2019.

Three years ago, I walked through KCCKC's gate as a transfer student. Little did I know that these three years later became the most treasured time of my youth. Here, we've harvested life-long friendships, experienced

our life-long friendships, experienced numbers of first-times and last-times and become better human beings with more knowledge about the world, not to mention the first major challenge of our lives—DSE. Your story may not be the same, but I guess we all owe a big thank you to our school and we can reminisce about our dreamy youth.



Indeed, the golden years are only gold because it fades away easily. Luckily, we have our loyal friends who can stand shoulder by shoulder with us when facing the ebb and flow of our school lives. Yes, once in a while we quarrel. We sometimes say or do mean things to each other and we might even be weird in our own way.



But have I regretted knowing you? Quite the opposite, my friends, you are the sunshine of my life. Just like what the lyrics of a song go: I can count on you. You'll be there 'cause that's what friends are supposed to be.

Words cannot express our gratitude towards our teachers. Giving us precious life experience and moulding our personalities, they shed light on

> the path of our adolescence. Have you ever complained about our hectic schedules and homework, wishing to escape from high school like me? If you have, I must say that you should cherish the days at school because I just realized how lucky I was

to be able to sit in the last row and listen to our teachers' lectures. It was one of the most unforgettable memories in my life. My

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teachers, you are the shepherd of our lives and our sincere friends.

We may not be studying what we originally aimed for. Was it a wrong decision? It could be. But what's the purpose of life if we don't try new things and unearth our potentials? As one of you, Class of 2019, I will reach out to the world and start making bold decisions, fearless of breaking the norm. Even stupid mistakes can lead to a great story. Be the author of your own life.

# **5TEAT** *Carnival*





Last year, we held the very successful first STEAM Carnival, a day which families could come and visit the school to play games, have fun, and learn more

about the school. This year, we hoped to carry on this tradition with the second STEAM Carnival which included performances, booths and workshops featuring STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics). To highlight our school's ability to teach technology and engineering to the future generations, we had our students display some of the skills they'd learnt with a robot show, in which our tech-savvy students designed and built their own robots. We also enjoyed the privilege of having a musical showcase this year, with our musically-inclined students performing on the occasion, displaying great creativity and artistic merit.



This day was not just for our school students, it was also for prospective students and their parents. Away from the hustle and bustle of the STEAM booths and musical performance, in the quiet recess of the newly renovated Multi-Purpose Room, we held an interview workshop for primary six students where we had our returning guest, Dr. Anisa Cheung from the Education University of

Hong Kong, who helped students find out what good interview techniques are. Our English teachers were also there to assist Dr Cheung and gave feedback to students.

Thanks to everyone who attended, we'd say the day was a resounding success!



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## On 20th September 2019, 6B Sellin Chik,

6B Yvonne Tang and 6A Henry Cheuk attended the Book Prize

Book Prize

Harvard

Ceremony of the Harvard Book Prize as the awardees of the Prize. The Harvard Book Prize is awarded to outstanding students in the next-to-graduating class who have achieved academic excellence, possess exceptional personal qualities, and/or have made a significant contribution to school or community. Apart from the Book Prize, Sellin Chik from 6B was also shortlisted as one of the Top 10 finalists out of the eight hundred some Book Prize winners across Hong Kong for the Harvard Book Prize Scholarship. Let's look at one of the essays she submitted.

# Social Media and Ethical Dimensions

The internet has become an indispensable part of people's social life and the major path to social interaction. Bringing us convenience, the net is swarmed with moral problems, making it a blind spot hiding a lot of ethical issues. In her book "Disconnected", Carrie James enumerates the examples of online misbehaviours and analyses how youngsters and adults think

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about this sort of dilemmas. She further identifies the differences between teens' opinions and moral or ethical thinking. An alarming number of young people only concern about themselves while surfing online, not caring about the consequences of what they do to others. James' book has hit home the message that approaching online activities without moral thinking is more acute than most of us assume. Immoral usage of the network is also a perennial problem for netizens, especially adolescents. As for the reason, off the top of



my head is the popularity of the internet. The free-scale nature of the internet brings down the tone of reckless use of network. Netizens comment or reprint views arbitrarily without caring about their responsibility of how it should be used. It is not uncommon to see internet users illegally reproduce articles with no written permissions or references. Yet the offenders are usually unaware of the illegalities they have done. Consequently, they may be accused and this may even lead to imprisonment. The lack of education is also one of the culprits of the above-mentioned problem. We are rarely told how to behave ethically when using the network. As a

result, we only care about ourselves when surfing online, rather than concerning people we know, let alone unknown individuals and even communities. I have experienced breaking the law unconsciously by purchasing second-hand tutorial notes online. I was attracted by the advantages of having tutorial classes in their promotions, having been bombarded by advertisements of tutorial lessons. From forum networks comments, I got contacted with a university student. Through his recommendation, I decided to buy notes from him THE HARVARD CLUB OF HONG KONG regarding the attractive price. I have not thought about whether it is 哈佛大學香港校友 illicit or not. Fortunately, I was not told to pay for anything, but I am still feeling panic whenever I think of this. I believe that incidents like this is still ubiquitous. It is unwise to turn our blind eyes to rules. Moral thinking is needed for all netizens to have respect on others, E TAS as well as themselves.



CANADIAN TOUR 2019

With the support from the IMC, six students from Form 4 and 5 spent a splendid summer in Kamloops, British Columbia for 2 weeks from 20th July to 1st August 2019. They participated

in hands-on, engaging and fun classes in which they honed their social skills as they cooperated as a team player with other students while exploring their individual strengths. They enjoyed using the world class facilities in Thompson Rivers University during the weekdays and spent time with Canadian families during the weekends. This was truly an inspiring, eye-opening, and life-changing experience for them. Let's take a glimpse into their time there.





Kayaking was a great out-of-the-classroom moment and we learnt through exercise. It was a valuable opportunity to get close to nature and

away from the hustle and bustle of urban cities. I hope I will go back to Canada in the future and I miss my host family.

#### 4B Amy Kwok

What surprised me the most was visiting an enormous store called Costco. It has its branches only in North America. I was saddened when I learnt about this

since the chips and ice cream there were tasty. Also, most of the things sold in Costco are huge. The candies are around five times bigger than the ones in Hong Kong.



### 4A Annie Leung

The biggest difference between Canada and Hong Kong is that many Canadians spend their time picnicking at parks. This is not a common sight in Hong Kong. If we had pleasant and tranquil parks like the River Side Park, I would

spend time there having picnics with my friends. I used to be shy, but this trip allowed me to develop a more outgoing personality.

## 4B Trenyce Tsang

We had so much fun with our 3 instructors Giogio, Hannah and Sam. They designed lessons that were challenging yet fun. We were also asked to do a presentation in the closing ceremony. And guess what?! We saw a deer on our campus!



## 4B Paula Ng

I got along well with my host family. They were incredibly warm and welcoming. I learnt that the working hours in Canada cannot be over 40 hours per week. This is interesting compared to the working hours in Hong Kong.

#### 5B Shawn Tsoi

Music has no boundaries. I had never thought that I would meet any K-pop fans during my trip. I had conversations

about music with the sons and daughters of my host family every day, from rap to K-pop. It was a brilliant opportunity for me to chat naturally in English.













## Ken Chan 2C

In the film Matilda, Matilda Wormwood was a young girl who has a superpower, which allowed her to move objects without touching them. If I were Matilda, I

would join a rescue team, especially after earthquakes as I could move away fallen buildings and save people.

Besides, knowledge is a such a treasure. If I could have a superpower, my superpower would be "learning everything easily". Why? If I could learn all the things on earth with ease, I could be a teacher teaching my students things they need to know; a doctor healing people in need; or a writer writing books and poems to comfort people.

## Michelle Lam 3C

Do you think that Hong Kong has a serious problem with plastic waste? Why do you think that Hong Kong has such a serious problem? How should we solve it? I think that everybody has the responsibility to care about this, and should try their best to help.

Drinks maker Watsons Water offers cash coupons to get the Hong Kong public to recycle plastic bottles at reverse vending machines. It is quite smart of them to come up with this idea to promote recycling. Having reverse vending machines in Hong Kong can help fix the plastic waste problem because it gives great motivation for people. The machine gives money or coupons to people who are willing to recycle their plastics, so people might be captured by this.

Except for building reverse vending machines, there are also a lot of ways



to encourage people to recycle, like having talks at school to teach students why recycling is important, holding campaigns about recycling or even having recycling competitions.

> If everyone does their job, they can make the world better, so why not start from something easy like recycling first?

## Go Beyond the Fear of Failure Thomas Tsang 5B

Failure, what does failure mean to you? If you failed, would you think you're not good enough and give up? Accepting failure is not easy and people are usually reluctant to accept it. However, no great success was ever achieved without failure. And the question now is: how can we turn failure into success? To overcome failure, you should bear in mind the three elements; one, preparation; two, persistence; and three, passion.

Let's start by talking about preparation. We often hear that success depends on previous preparation. By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail. Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner is the first woman to reach all 14 tallest summits without an oxygen supply. She trained intensively yet nobody believed she could do it. Apart from physical training, she meditated every morning to improve her concentration. This helped her to master difficult situations in the mountains. Finally, she realised her dream. We might be discouraged during preparation, but we will turn failure into success with our efforts.

We cannot make our failures disappear. However, with persistence, we can turn careless faults into glorious success. One of the most famous failures of Apple Corporation became its biggest success because the product makers did not admit defeat. In the early 90s, the corporation created a handheld device. It was unpopular as it was very expensive and heavy. Worse still, some of its features did not work. However, Steve Jobs, the CEO then, had faith in the product and began to improve it. His persistence led to the creation of iPhone and iPad, two of Apple's most successful products. This teaches us that not only should we learn from our failure, we must also be persistent if we want to succeed.

As mentioned, success consists of going from failure to failure. We should do it without the loss of enthusiasm. Nick Vujicic was born without arms and legs. However, this did not stop him from being passionate about his life. He learned to write,

operate an electric wheelchair, and use a computer with his toes. He once said, "The challenges in our life are there to strengthen our convictions. They are not there to run us over." There are things in life that are out of our control; but the choice we have is either to give up or to keep striving. When we fail, remember, this is not the end of our life. Stay enthusiastic. Never beat yourself down.

To end my speech, I would like to quote Sir Winston Churchill. He said, "Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts." Therefore, no matter what hardship we face, face it honestly. There is hope even in the most desperate situations. Thank you.



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# Speech Festival



This academic year marks the 71st Hong Kong Speech and Music Festival with competitions from October to December 2019. A number of KCCKC students joined the competitions, from solo-verse speaking, dramatic duologue, public speaking, up until the choral verse speaking. With students and teachers working hard together, it has been a fruitful year for KCCKC, bagging



two second place positions for both of 1C and 3C's entry for choral speaking, and a first place for soloverse speaking! Let's hear about their experience.

## Ann Fung 5B (Solo-verse Speaking, First Place)

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With Ms Lam's assistance and encouragement, I gained my courage to stand on the stage. Joining the solo verse competition opened my eyes and to me understanding a poem is not to simply read it aloud but to connect with its author. With our voice, facial expressions and body movements, we convey unique thoughts to our audience. I am glad that I have joined this competition and this experience made me learn to believe in myself and aim higher.



### Bobo Choi 1C

We all had to stay focused during our practice. That was the most important reason why we won. I was excited because I think my hard work didn't go to waste. Thanks to all of 1C students and our teacher, Ms Celine.

## Winky Chen 1C

I enjoyed the competition. It improved the relationship among classmates. Our teacher, Ms Celine, patiently taught us. I look forward to the next opportunity.

## Auster Lau 3C

The main thing about our performance that differs from other performances is that it relies on a beat. One person beatboxed and the rest read out the poem like we're doing a 90s rap. The one thing our class was certain about was that our performance was going to be different. So, we thought about doing a Fresh-Princeof-Bel-Air type of rap and that's what we went for.

## New Members of the KCCKC English Family



## Miss Hau Man Wai Miss Kiko

Birthday: 13<sup>th</sup> December

Interested in: Reading, exploring and calligraphy.

About Miss Hau: I have been a language teacher for some years. It has always been my favourite job for the joy of introducing this beautiful language to young learners. It is really a great fun to learn a new language.

KCCKC: How do you feel about KCCKC?

HMW: It is such a delight to meet you here this year and it will definitely be a wonderful learning experience for you and me! I'm so eager to explore more about KCCKC and every one of you!

KCCKC: How have you been spending your time during the suspension of school?

HMW: In my spare time, I relish losing myself in a great book and practicing calligraphy to feel the enjoyment of learning this lingo! If you have an interest in learning calligraphy, do approach me in 112A! I'm sure you will find it fun and joyful, if you have it a go!

## **Miss** Janet

Birthday: 1st July

Interested in: Photography. (I'm always looking for a new photo opportunity.)

About Miss Janet: In fact, Miss Kiko and I are not teachers nor social workers. We are program mentors' from Teach Unlimited Foundation.



#### KCCKC: How do you feel about KCCKC?

Miss Janet: I enjoy spending time with the students and working with the school team as everyone in KCCKC is so nice and sincere.

KCCKC: How have you been spending your time during the suspension of school?

Miss Janet: I started working from home, contacting students, and having virtual meetings with colleagues in this period, not a lot of fun right? How about you? Are you busy purchasing Kohlrabi in "Animal Crossing" or are you studying around the clock?

**Birthday:** 20<sup>th</sup> January

Interested in: Languages (I can speak a few. And I love talking!); sports

About Miss Kiko: I can speak fluent French, and used to be on my school volleyball team.

KCCKC: How do you feel about KCCKC?

Miss Kiko: I'm thrilled and thankful to meet all the lovely students and helpful colleagues here! Students here are polite, proactive, and energetic! They are always busy with work and extracurricular activities. As a result, I always ask them to squeeze me in their tight schedule, and it has always been a pleasure to chat and spend time with them.

KCCKC: How have you been spending your time during the suspension of school?

Miss Kiko: It is always crucial to establish a healthy routine, and thus I have been working out to maintain both my mental and physical health these days. Meanwhile, I have also been connecting with all of my adorable mentees.

## Mr Alex

Birthday: 5th June

Video Interested in: Games, Music (yes K-pop too) and TV Dramas.

About Mr Alex: I'm a world

record holder and and I was basically a physiotherapist before teaching; and just like Miss Kiko & Miss Janet, I too once worked for a charitable education organisation.

KCCKC: How do you feel about KCCKC?

Mr. Alex: I've loved nearly every minute of working here, the students are fun and my fellow teachers are so warm and friendly. But my most memorable moment would be the cheering I got on Halloween; you guys really loved that outfit I wore!

KCCKC: How have you been spending your time during the suspension of school?

Mr Alex: I'm afraid nothing too adventurous! I have been staying mainly at home, talking to my family back home, studying and preparing work for you guys! And in the free time I get, I played a lot of PS4, as I recently bought it. But I really hope to see you all very soon!

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