

## Foreword

Writing Club continues to find its place in promoting English Writing. Knowing that writing is no easy job for any students, we select interesting topics and achievable tasks in a bid to motivate them to write. Through creative stories, sharing of school experience, and discussions about social issues, we encourage students to express their genuine thoughts and opinions freely, and at the same time, we develop their creativity, strengthen their logical and critical thinking, and extend their life experiences with the world around them. Students are then able to practise English writing meaningfully and find fun in it.

Holding firm our belief of publishing writings of students from each class as an appreciation of their efforts, we hope that students not only see regular writing practices as a laborious job, but an immensely rewarding learning experience. And if this little booklet receives feedback from its readers, it would definitely inspire students' confidence in writing their minds for our publications to come!



## Homework? Gone!

Dear my only diary,

I often start a usual day and end up with lots of homework from every Monday to Friday. In these few days, I always wish there isn't any homework to do. Yet, my wishes always don't come true because our class teachers and other teachers who add our homework are all DEVILS – the kind of teacher you don't want to be taught by.

It's always homework, homework, homework!! If teachers keep adding homework, the next day, I'll have to kill them and be the hero in my class. Freedom is ours, YEAH!

But today, teachers were nice and didn't give any homework! I didn't know why. Maybe it was God who helped me. If it's true, I might have to pray to Him for "No homework every day"! Anyway, after school ends, our class teachers said, 'Go home and study for the big test this Friday. If any of you fail, ha...ha..., 100,000 times copying of "Don't be a fool, be at school!" and leave school at six every day until you finish it!' After I heard this, I know that they are true devils! Well, no homework means I'll have enough time to study for the test.

Today was a nice day to be free from homework :)



A reply letter to a friend

Dear Dennis,

How's it going? I mean what's up? Actually I'm fine lately. I know you're going to be on a flight to Hong Kong, so don't throw up. I hope you can make it in one piece!

I have read your letter, and according to our city's attractions, it seems that we're going to have a fascinating time. Wait! Are you staying at my home or somewhere else, like a motel? Well, my house isn't that big but I always welcome anyone who is my friend indeed.

I'm going to pick you up at the airport, and since I haven't got a car, we'll take the bus instead.

After we arrive at your motel or the location where you will be staying, we could visit the Hong Kong's most popular attraction – The Peak. It offers spectacular views over the city, harbour and mountains where rich people live. The shops there sell expensive items which are only for rich people, not for us. But at least we can admire the lovely views, right?

On Friday, you seriously want to go to Ocean Park? It's okay but it should be full of people on that day. There must be lots of people lining up for the rides. So, we might have to wait for a long time. I know your family is coming with you and joining us on the rides. I'm not sure I want to see your Dad and Mum's long faces! In Ocean Park, there are shows about sea animals, a not big but tiny zoo and more as we go around the Ocean Park, your family is going to enjoy it.

On Saturday, I know it's the last day you're staying in Hong Kong, so I planned it perfectly. Yeah, maybe it's not that perfect but you might love it, I guess. We're heading to Causeway Bay, which is a famous attraction, and we're going to watch a movie in an outstanding theatre there in the morning. It's inexpensive when you watch films in the morning like it

only costs you about fifty dollars. The movie we are watching is a secret, it's going to be a surprise for you and your family, and it's going to turn out marvelous. The movie lasts about two and a half hours, and since you guys love shopping, I've planned where to shop. It's just around the corner of Jardine's Crescent Street, a long, packed roadside market – great for buying cheap clothing, accessories and domestic goods. There are tiny stalls that featured hair care products, bags, clothing, household items. And what's more, it will make you feel like you're in a cheap shopping paradise. Also, at the end of the street, there is a small wet market and some electronic shops or street stalls. I hope you'll have a great time spending your cash.

There's more to visit and not just shopping, Dennis! I want to make this trip excellent, so I manage to book a small yacht from my friend and we'll watch the stunning views and the mighty 'Symphony of Lights' show featuring harbour-front buildings in Tsim Sha Tsui. It's magnificent indeed!

Well, it's the end. I hope you can invite me to your country someday perhaps. I would love to stay in your house and eat your country's famous food. One more thing, please pack some summer clothing as the weather in Hong Kong this month is actually quite hot and rainy.

Your pen friend,

Sam





### A Trip to Hong Kong

Dear Dennis

I am glad to receive your letter. Hurray! You are coming to Hong Kong next month. I can't wait seeing you. Let me tell you my plan about our trip.

On the first day, we will go to Ocean Park. Ocean Park is one of the most popular theme parks in Hong Kong. We will try different rides in the park. You shouldn't miss the Abyss which is a very exciting and popular ride. Then we will travel on the cable car to get to the other side of the park. I will take you to see jellyfish at the Aquarium. After that, we will watch the sea lion show at the Ocean Theatre. Also, another must-see place is the Giant Panda Habitat. The pandas are very cute!

On the second day, we will go to a Chinese restaurant to try the famous local dim sum. Then we will go shopping in Mong Kok. You can find almost everything in Mong Kok and they are at a bargaining price! In the evening, we will go to Victoria Harbour to admire the beautiful night scene of Hong Kong and take some photos.

Do you like my plan? Please tell me anything you want to do in Hong Kong. Write back soon!

Erica ☺

*P.S. The weather is hot and wet in Hong Kong. Remember to bring a UV umbrella and wear light clothes.*

A letter to Peter about your hiking plan

Dear Peter,

Hello! How are you recently? I want to tell you that I will go hiking with my friends next week.

We will have a hike on Saturday. I am going to hike in Chai Wan with my friends. I will check the weather report the night before to see if the weather will be fine. I will bring a map, a water bottle, packed lunch and a mobile phone to the hike.

In the morning, we will meet at Chai Wan MTR station. I will need to check the map before the hike. In the afternoon, we hope to see some rare birds and some unique flowers during our hike. At one o'clock, we will have lunch on the grassland. I will prepare some eggs and sandwiches for lunch. After lunch, we are going to explore a cave and see the waterfall. I think the scenery will be very nice. I will go home for dinner after the hike.

I hope we will enjoy our hiking activity next week and I hope the weather will be sunny. Are you interested to join our hike?

Your friend,

Chris



1C Cheung Ka Wing

A message to my primary school teacher

Dear Miss Chu,

How are you? I am now studying in SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School. I am now in 1C. I have 8 lessons every day. There are many new subjects in my school such as History, Integrated Science and Geography.

There are many facilities in my school as well. We have lessons in different rooms such as Science Laboratory, Computer Room and Geography Room.

I have met many new friends and teachers so far in the new school. My class teachers are Miss Chong and Mr. Mok. My best friend is Chung Wing Yee.

There are many school activities in my school. At lunchtime, I play volleyball with my friends in the playground. We also go to the library to read after school.

I have a happy school life in my school. I wish you good health and Merry Christmas!

Your past student,  
Amy Cheung Ka Wing





### My experience in a Cooking Class

Dear Chris,

I had a great day in my English Cooking Class in Causeway Bay. Let me share my experience to you.

Our class went to Cooking Class on a school day in December. We left school after lunch. We brought lunchboxes and aprons for the class. My partner was Alex.

We made Vietnamese Salad Roll and Chilled Coconut Pudding that day. Before making the food, we washed our hands, wore our aprons and listened to the teacher's instructions. It took us 2 hours for making the dishes. After making the food, the teacher shared the food with us.

I left the Cooking Centre at 4 p.m. I know how to make the dishes by myself now, work with my partner and use the cooking utensils properly.

Your best friend,

Ng Ka ki



1D Li Ying Yee, Emily

### My Favourite Festival

Dear Peter,

There are many festivals in Hong Kong. Out of these festivals, I like Chinese New Year the most because I can get many red packets.

Chinese New Year usually falls in February. I meet my family during the festival. We usually visit our relatives, get red packets, have reunion dinner and go to the flower market during the festival.

At Chinese New Year, I love having candies and rice cakes. I also enjoy visiting and playing with my relatives and friends, too.

What about you? What's your favourite festival?

Your friend,  
Sam

1D Ma Xiao Lin, Lily

### A hiking trip

Dear Peter,

Hello! How are you recently? We will have a hike on Sunday. I have planned the route carefully. I need to buy a map and a compass the day before. Also, I am going to bring a camera, some snacks, a map, a water bottle and sunscreen for the hike. I will go hiking with my classmates, Anna and Cherry.

At 9:00 a.m., we are going to meet at Sha Tin MTR Station. We will need to study the map at the country park before the hike. We will hike in Pat Sin Leng Country Park. We will hike for 4 hours.

At noon, we are going to have lunch. We will have lunch on the grassland. We will bring sandwiches, fruits and snacks. I am expecting to see a stream, a waterfall and a beach. We will take photos, fly kites and play games.

What about you? What will you do at the weekend?

Your friend,  
Chris

1D To King Hei, Tom



### Ocean Park

Dear Samuel

Hello! How are you recently? I am writing to share my trip in Ocean Park with you.

At 9am, my friends and I met at the Admiralty MTR station. We took a bus to Ocean Park. When we arrived, we went to the Aquarium immediately. We saw sharks, seahorses, jellyfish and clown fish. I was happy and excited.

Next, we went to the Giant Panda Habitat. We saw a few pandas. In the photo, you can see a panda eating bamboo! At noon, we have lunch at a restaurant near the Ocean Theatre. Then, we watched a dolphin show at the Ocean Theatre. It was great! I loved the show.

Afterwards, we went to play rides. I tried the Abyss and it was scary. My friend said he would never try the Abyss again.

I felt very tired after the day but I was happy and excited. Ocean Park is worth visiting because I could see a lot of animals and playing exciting rides.

I hope I can go to Ocean Park with you next time. Write soon!

Love,  
Peter

### My day as a teenager's computer

I am a computer, my purpose in life is to help people to search for information or help people to do their work. However, when I was bought by a teenager, my life was changed.

Every day, my owner, a teenager, used me to search information to help him to do his homework. One day, his friend told him that there was a new online game and asked him to download it. After that, he got addicted in using me for playing computer games and could not help himself to stay away from me all day, this made me feel bad and tired. Day by day, my health was getting worse, it was taking me a longer time to search for something. My owner became angry, and started to kick me and shouted at me, he said that I was working too slowly.

Finally, I could not bear the heavy workload and broke down. I shut myself down and never let him turn me on again. He tried to turn me on, but he couldn't. He began to feel sorry about that and he was punished by his parents too. After that, he took me to a computer shop and fixed me.

After a few hours, he took me back home and promised that he wouldn't kick me anymore and would use me carefully. Even after, everything returned to the days that he first bought me, he only used me for searching information and doing homework.



“Serious” is always serious!

“Serious!” Ivan said. “Serious is here.” I replied. “Serious, can you help me check the weather today?” Ivan asked. “Please wait.” I requested. Hi everyone, I am iPhone 5, my name is Serious. Ivan, Chan Kwun Shing is my owner. Ivan always orders me to help him to search for many different things. I have just helped him check the weather today. There are many kinds of apps in my body, and as such, I need to operate many apps for Ivan. Happy Birds, Yoohole maps, Whichapps and Mine, all these apps are included on the Top 10 list that Ivan got used to operate. Seriously, I am so busy every second!

“Serious, operate Happy Birds for me, I want to challenge level 100 today, so don’t be silly, BE QUICK!!!” Ivan ordered. “Yes Ivan,” I replied. You see, he likes playing games all the time. He loves me indeed! Nevertheless, he orders me to do many things for him at one time, it is so hard for me to manage all of them. For instance, “Serious, help me search where the nearest bus stop from Tin Hau to Tai Koo is and help me look for a good restaurant at Tai Koo since I have a dinner date with my lovely girlfriend tonight. Play some songs as well, I am so bored right now.” instructed Ivan.

Somehow, I think that he is an addict, just like a person who gets hypnotized to use his cell phone anytime or anywhere. I know that this isn’t good for him, and in fact, this is even worse for me!

“Serious, prepare to operate Happy Birds for me, then I can play it while I am pooping.” Ivan commanded again. “Nooooooooo!! OH! MY GOODNESS!!! My iPhone!!!” Mr. Ivan Chan exclaimed. Accidentally, I was dropped by Ivan into the toilet when he was not being careful. I thought if Ivan picked me up, I would be alive. If he didn’t, I would die! But unfortunately, Ivan didn’t have any method to pick me up, he even asked “Serious, can you tell me how I can pick you up without making my hand dirty?” This is Ivan. He still questioned me when I was going to die. Finally, I chose death as I didn’t want him to rely on me again. I hope that he will not buy a new one because I don’t want him to be addicted to using me or another “Serious” anymore.

2A Jackson Fan

### My Role Model

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the latest article about 'Teens' Role Models'.

My role model is Mother Teresa because she was helpful and caring. She was willing to lay down her own ideas to help women because she took care of the orphans, poor, sick, and dying. She was also very determined. She could create hospices and homes for people with HIV. She also started and worked in soup kitchens in schools, orphanages and schools.

To conclude, I think Teens' Role Models should have the qualities of helping and caring. I sincerely think that Mother Teresa is a good teen role model and I believe that teenagers like me can learn a lot from her.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong



2A Leung Pui Chi, Gigi

### A Nightmare

It was a sunny day, 'Ring, ring, ring...' Oh! I need to work again. I hate the fairy, she used her magic to transform me into a phone. Although I am the latest phone, and my owner values me very much, I need to work every day!

My owner, Janice, is a careless girl, and she always loses things easily. She has many friends, and her friends like talking with her on the phone, so I need to work every day, I do not get any rest!

Janice took me to the swimming pool because it was very hot today! She

put me on the table, I felt very hot! I also wanted to swim, but I knew that if I swam, I would be sick or even die! 'When can I be a human again?' I asked.

Suddenly, there was a rainstorm. All people ran quickly, because this swimming pool was an outdoor one! I waited for my owner to take me back home, but I waited for a long time, my owner didn't come back. I felt so cold and shouted, 'Who can help me?'

'Ring, ring, ring...' Who called? I've never seen this phone number before. 'It's here!' Janice said. 'Oh! My phone is here!' I wanted to show the missed call list to Janice, but I couldn't work, I was so tired and just wanted to sleep!

'Bling!' The fairy appeared and said 'Now you know why I made you into a phone? It's because you are like Janice, you always lose things easily and do not value the things you have, so I want you to know the feeling of being lost.' I feel very regretful, and I will not be a careless girl again!

2B Vincent Tai

### Zelma's Quest

One day, Billy was playing the computer game-Zelma's Quest. When the game had loaded, he saw that the princess was full of blood because the monster was offensive to her. Meanwhile, Billy was listening to the MP3 player to a song called 'Breaking Free'. Suddenly the princess jumped out of the computer and took the gaming console, MP3 player, wireless headphones and digital picture frame. Billy wanted to turn off the computer game, but the princess jumped back into the computer game.

Afterwards, Billy heard his Mom calling him to get up. After this thing happened, Billy went to school and talked about it with his friend, Ben. Ben heard about this kind of thing happening before and it actually happened to him. Ben said he wanted to see those things happening in Billy's bedroom, with the princess coming out of the game and the princess fighting with the monster. So they went back to Billy's bedroom and logged onto the computer game. It happened again and Ben was so happy to learn that this game was very interactive and that it had also happened to one of his friends.

2B Ng Wan Yan, Judy

### Teen's Role Model

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the latest article about 'Teens' Role Model'. I have many role models, such as my mom, brother and teachers. However, I think the best teens' role model is Steve Jobs.

I think Steve jobs is a good role model because he has many good qualities. He was brilliant, aggressive and very creative. First, He was the co-founder and chief executive of Apple Co. He established a great company. Also, he was an excellent speaker and creative person. We can see from the products he designed, such as iPad, iPod, iPhone and others. This showed that he was a brilliant man. The products have become very popular in the world and he was an aggressive and successful businessman.

To conclude, I think Teens' Role Models should have the qualities of being brilliant, aggressive and creative. I sincerely think that Steve Jobs is a good role model and I believe that teenagers like us can learn a lot from him.

Yours faithfully,  
Chris Wong

2C Choy Hong Tat, Derek

### A story of playing computer games

A boy called Billy was crazy about playing computer games. His favourite computer game was Zelma's Quest. In this game, Zelma was the main character who looked like an angel and held a sword in her hand.

When Billy was playing the computer game, he saw Zelma was fighting with the villain. It seemed she could not get rid of it and she was in danger. Suddenly, she came out of the LCD monitor and took away Billy's laptop and his MP3 player with earphones as weapons for the fight. Although Billy did not mind of his gadgets being taken away for help, he was scared indeed. Then, Zelma thanked for Billy's help and went back to fight with villain in the computer screen again.

At last, Zelma won in the fight with the help of Billy's laptop and MP3 player. They became good friends after that.

2C Lai Ho Hin

### A beautiful heroine

Billy was crazy about computer games. His favourite game was Zelma's Quest. What did Zelma look like? Actually Zelma was an old-fashioned heroine. She had a sword and a shield.

Billy had many hi-tech gadgets and devices like a computer with a webcam, a gaming console, a notebook computer, a flat-screen TV, a digital camcorder, an MP3 player, a PDA and a mobile phone in his room.

Last Sunday evening, Billy was playing Zelma's Quest, but Zelma stopped fighting. She found something useful on Billy's desk. Billy felt shocked. Zelma jumped out of the computer monitor.

Zelma got Billy's PDA and MP3 player. She told Billy that she needed his hi-tech gadgets and devices. She used the digital camera to blind the villain.

Finally Billy joined fighting the villains with Zelma.

2C Liu Xin Tung

### A beautiful heroine

Dear Editor,

I am Chris Wong. I'm one of the students in this school. I know the school is holding a competition and is choosing 'The Best Student' in each form. I want to nominate one of my classmates in the school to be the Best student.

Jessie Chan is the best student in Form 2. She studies very hard. In the lessons, she always pays attention to teachers, and she often puts up her hand to answer questions. After class, she reads books. She is also helpful. If someone has a problem in homework, she always helps him / her to solve the questions. She likes music very much. She can play the piano and play the guitar. And she sometimes goes cycling and swimming. She helps her mother to do housework as well. She is a very good student. I can learn helping others and studying hard from Jessie Chan. Why isn't she 'the Best Student'?



Yours faithfully,  
Chris Wong



2C Shing Chun Choi, Anthony

**An invitation letter to the tallest man in the world**

Dear Mr. Bao,

My name is Shing Chun Choi. I am the chairman of the Student Union in S.K.H. Li Fook Hing Secondary School. I would like to invite you to our school because you are the tallest man in the world and our school students want to meet you face to face.

The talk will be held on Friday after school because many students are free, so they can see you. In your talk, you can tell us about your home, your parents and your life... Our school teachers and students will come for the talk.

I hope you can consider our invitation. You can call me at 852-25605678 or write a reply letter to me. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Shing

(Chairman of the Student Union)

2D Ho Ka Man

**A letter of invitation**

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my views on my role model – Rainie Yeung.

Rainie Yeung is a singer in Taiwan. She started filming when she was 14 years old, appearing in movies and commercials in Hong Kong. At 15, she auditioned for a girl band launched by BMG. Records called '4 in love' and passed with flying colours. She moved to Taiwan and pursued her acting career as she lived with her co-band members under one roof. She starred in various dramas, such as 'Meteor Garden', then she got a major role in 'Devil Beside You'. She is hardworking in her career and not easy to give up her dreams.

To conclude, I think Teens' Role Models should have the qualities of being persevere. Rainie is a good model for teenagers to learn from.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong

2D Ma Ying Ying

### A letter of invitation

Dear Mr. White,

My name is Ma Ying Ying, I graduated from the primary school two years ago. I am now studying in SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School. There are lots of school activities for us to join. Over the years, I have joined the volleyball team, rope-skipping competition and cooking class.

This year, every secondary 2 student takes part in the school musical. The title of the musical is High School Musical. It will be on show in my school hall from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April. In the musical, I have taken the role as a dancer. I have learnt a lot of English from the songs I have to sing and the way to perform on stage.

I am honoured to invite you to my school musical to share what we have learnt. Please let me know if you can join the musical. I am looking forward to seeing you.

Your past student,  
Ma Ying Ying

2D Wong Chun Kit

### My Diary

Yesterday, I got up at ten in the morning. I brushed my teeth and I ate breakfast at home. Then, I played the computer games until noon.

In the afternoon, I had my lunch at home. Then, a friend called me and we went to the library together. In the library, I borrowed some books. Then, we went to the playground and played basketball.

At night, I had dinner with my family. The dinner was so yummy. Then I watched TV with my sister after dinner. We watched TV until eleven and we went to bed.



### My Hobby

My hobby is listening to music, which is a very popular hobby throughout the world.

In Hong Kong, students, teachers, employees and employers all like to listen to music. Even though there may be a lot of work to do, everyone likes listening to music because it can help them to alleviate the pressure from their work.

Listening to music has lots of advantages. According to statistics, it can help us to avoid some diseases, such as insomnia or poor appetite. It can also help you to relax, and become healthier.

When you listen to music, you will cultivate a sense of appreciating music, and strengthen your memory. When you listen to music, you can also sing along with the songs, which can help you to sing well. With your improved singing abilities, you can join different competitions. If you join contests such as the school singing contest, you can build up your self-confidence. Your English skills can also be improved by listening and singing along with the English songs.

I always listen to songs in different languages, and I also like listening to music about Gospel and popular culture. My favorite singers are Justin Bieber and Show Lou, and my favorite bands are The Path of Grace and Stream of Praise.

Listening to music has lots of advantages. Do you agree with me?



### My Hobby

Today, I want to share about my hobby. My hobby is playing the piano. I started to play the piano when I was six years old. When I first tried the piano, I thought it was so difficult, and I could not play perfectly. Sometimes, I felt sad.

Although I haven't learnt how to play the piano at any music school, I have achieved Level Six. I like playing the piano in my spare time, and I also love buying different music books to read. Some of them are cheap but some of them are really expensive. Some of them are from Europe and some of them are from Asia. Every weekend, I would go to the piano shop to buy music books and I would play for myself right after I arrived home.

My favourite music book is 'Jay Chow', I always like listening to Jay Chow's songs. There is a nice song which is called 'Listen to what your mum says'. The song talks about mothers' love, and how they always take care of us. They will forgive and support us, no matter what mistakes we have made. You will have a good feeling after listening to this song.

If you want to have better skills in playing the piano, you should practice more. I will play the piano for at least 30 minutes a day.

I hope I will continue to improve, and play for myself, and also for you!

### The English Week – Full of fun!

Dear Peter,

How are you? I'm fine. This week, we had English Week at school. There were a variety of activities about English. The purpose was to improve our English.

First, we had games in the English Corner. We played different games to learn vocabulary. We also read some English books then completed some worksheets. I enjoyed the games very much. They were simply fun! My best friend played the games with me there. Once we finished doing the worksheets, our teachers gave us candies. We were both very happy.

During the week, we had a film show in the school hall. The movie was very interesting. We learnt much from the movie. Many junior form students came for the show. I watched the movie with my friends, Amy, Yuki and Kitty.

Finally, we had a singing contest. A lot of classmates joined the competition. I didn't sing but my friend sang for us. At last, a Form 6 student won. She sang beautifully. I think she deserved the prize.

Hey, Peter, have you ever had an English week at your school? If you have, let me know. Looking forward to receiving your letter.

Love,  
Chris



3A Lam Kung Ching, John

### The English Week

Dear Peter,

How are you doing? We had lots of fun in the English Week at our school. Let me tell you what activities we had.

On the first day, I joined the most popular activity - Fun Games in the English Corner. In the English Corner, we could play some card games with our English teachers. Moreover, we read some popular English books.

When I arrived there, I saw some students having an argument when they were playing card games. After that, one of the teachers approached them immediately and solved the conflict. Finally, they continued playing the card games. I thought the students were quite moody.

Next day, I joined the Film Show, in which we could watch some popular films in English. We watched the movie, "Harry Potter" during the lunch break. The story was about a boy who has magic powers. I saw that some students were excited when Harry fought with aliens, and some even cried when they saw Harry's mum die. It's really an interesting film.

On the final day, I joined the Cooking Class, in which we could cook with our English teacher in a cooking center in Causeway Bay. The instructor taught us how to make hot dogs and spaghetti Bolognese. I couldn't cook well as my cooking skills were not so good. Thus, I must practice more to improve my cooking skills.

How about you? Do you have any activities held at your school? By the way, I will go hiking next Monday. Do you have spare time that day? If you have, you can join me. Drop me a few lines when you're free.

Love,  
Chris

## The English Week

Dear Peter,

How are you? We had lots of fun in the English week at school. Let me tell you what activities we had.

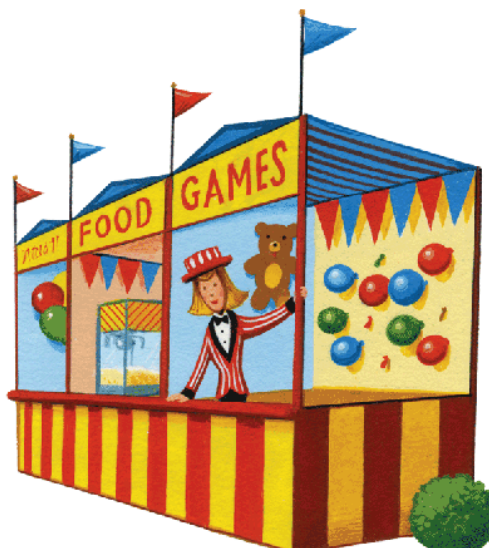
First, we had a book sale in the hall. There were all kinds of books, such as, English books, science textbooks and comics. I bought a book and it is very interesting. And the book sold there were cheaper than those in the bookstores.

Second, we went for games in the English Corner. We played a number of games there with our English teachers. Also, we watched movies in English. It was so much fun. We got candies from our teachers!

Finally, we had a singing contest. I didn't sing any song but my friend joined the competition. She won so she was very happy.

I wish you could have come to our English week too because it was so much fun. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Love,  
Chris



Your mom saved my life! Nothing's impossible!

Dear Natalie

Thanks for writing me a letter. Your mum, Charlotte, was my best friend ever. She loved me so much. I want to do more things for her, but I was really sad that she couldn't make it.

I met Charlotte at the yard. She was always hanging on the door. One day, after I was just born in the yard, I started to meet other animals. Suddenly, your mum talked to me. But I couldn't see her, and I didn't know where she was, because I didn't know that she was a spider.

She was so kind, and I asked if I could be her friend. That was the start of our relationship. After a few days, the animals in the yard were talking about something. They said I would be killed at Christmas time. At that moment, I was very scared. I was worried. I didn't think that anybody could save me. She said that she would save me and told me to get some sleep first. I really wanted to thank your mum. She would find a way to save my life.

On the second day, I woke up in the morning and I saw a spider web. There were words on it. 'That was impossible!' I said to your mum. I asked her, "Did you do this the whole night? How could you do this? It's amazing!" Your mum said, "Nothing is impossible! You have to try and you might have a chance to live! Of course we can make it possible! Trust me!"

Your mom really saved my life. I really thank her! However, as she did many things for me, she was tired, and she left you guys. I wanted to thank her so I took you guys back to the yard. I'd learned many things from your mum. I'd learned that "NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!" Remember that!

Yours  
Wilbur the Pig



### A trip in Hong Kong

Dear Janice,

I am very excited that I will see you in Hong Kong next week. Here is the plan of the visit for you.

On the first day morning, we will visit Ocean Park. It is near Aberdeen. We will go there by bus. We will go on the exciting rides and visit the animals there. We will see pandas and dolphins. In the afternoon, we can go to the Jumbo Floating Restaurant for lunch. It is in Aberdeen as well. We will go there by ferry. We will have seafood there.

On the second day morning, we will go to Shek O for swimming and having barbecue. In the afternoon, we may go to Hong Kong History Museum. It is in Tsim Sha Tsui. We can get there by MTR.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Hong Kong.

Your friend,

Alan



### An accident

I had an accident last week. I fell off carelessly because I did not notice there was a banana skin when I was walking along the street. I slipped off and I was in pain. I was seriously hurt

Then, a man walked by and offered me a help. He lifted me up and asked whether I was fine. At that time, I felt thankful because he helped me to call 999 for an ambulance and I was sent to hospital for a week.

In this accident, I learnt to be careful and pay attention to the things around me. Also, I learnt to offer help to those in need as far as I can.

3D Yeung Fan Ho, Frankie

### My hobby



Playing basketball is my favourite hobby. I like playing basketball because it is interesting and fun. I started playing basketball when I was five years old. I have been playing basketball for ten years.

Now, I usually play basketball with my friends. We usually play basketball in the basketball court. We play twice a week. We spend one hour every time. After playing basketball, we usually play computer games.

I think playing basketball is a good hobby. You can get healthier by playing basketball. Besides, you can work in a team. Also, you can make more friends. I hope you will enjoy playing basketball one day.

3D Yu Hiu Yan

### An accident

Last Friday afternoon, I left school after I had finished my Mathematics tutorial. I was going to meet my friends in Chai Wan Basketball Court. My friends were waiting for me and I was in a hurry. However, I slipped and fell outside the MTR station.

My forehead hurt and I was in pain. I felt so dizzy that I could not stand up on my own. Luckily, a stranger saw me and helped me find an MTR staff. The staff called an ambulance and I was sent to hospital.

I was thankful for the help of the stranger. I have learnt that I need to be careful and look after myself.



3E Ng Pak Him

### Harry's Holiday

Last Sunday, Harry went camping. He arrived at the campsite at 3.30p.m. He set a fire to cook sausages, chicken and luncheon meat. However, it rained all day and he stayed in the tent until Monday. On Tuesday, he packed up and walked to the town. He then stayed in a hotel. He played tennis on Wednesday. Then he went shopping and bought presents for his friends. On Friday, he went swimming in Shek O and barbecued. On Saturday, he danced all night. Then he went home on Sunday.



3E Chan Yat, Koen

### My School

My name is Koen Chan. I am a new comer from Canada. And now I study in Li Fook Hing Secondary School. It brings me a big change because the school rules are strict.

We start school at 8.05a.m. It is definitely hard for me to wake up so early. We have many lessons every day. And the funniest thing is that I have P.E. lessons every day. It looks like that I will have a great school life ahead.

P.S. the food from tuck shop is good



3E Cheung Tat Chee, Sunny

### A friend is coming to visit Hong Kong

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for your letter. I have planned a 3-day trip for you. Let me tell you more.

On the first day, I will take you to a Chinese restaurant to eat dim sum at 9.00a.m.

Then we will take the MTR to Causeway Bay and Mongkok for shopping. At night, we will go to Aberdeen to eat seafood for our dinner.

On the second day, we will go to Ocean Park. We can try the roller coaster and pirate ship. We can see the dolphin show as well. After that, we can go to Sai Kung to eat dim sum and seafood again, such as fish, lobsters and crabs.

On the third day, we will go to the Peak to see the night view of Hong Kong. I will then take you to the train station.

Do you like my plan? I am looking forward to seeing you.

Yours,  
Sunny

## A Summer Trip Planning

Hi Raymond

How are you doing? What are you busy with recently?

Guess what I've been up to! I've been reading the information about holiday packages to Sydney and Melbourne. Both cities seem like wonderful places to visit. I would also like to choose one from them.

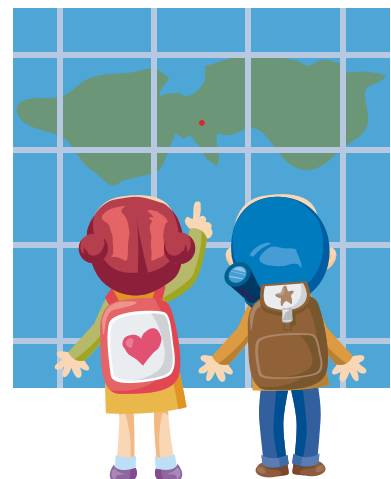
I've read the tour information very carefully. I would like to choose Melbourne for our holiday trip. There are a number of reasons. First of all, compared to Sydney, Melbourne is more beautiful. There is a great green grassland, and we can walk in the bush. When we look at the blue and wide sky, we can reduce our daily pressure. We can also relax and breathe in fresh air. It will be very comfortable and enjoyable.

In addition, we can stay in a farm where we can pick fresh and sweet fruits and go horse-riding. In short, we can enjoy the natural landscape of Melbourne. It will be interesting and exciting. In Sydney, however, we can only join a city tour.

In Melbourne, there are many outlets offering attractive discounts for major brands. We can also have more free time there than in Sydney.

Drop me a line to let me know what you think.

Yours,  
Tracy



Little Computer Boy

Cast: Narrator

Grandmother, mother

Computer boy-Johnny

Computer boy's friend Jacky

Repairman

Narrator: There was a boy in Hong Kong. He loved to use the computer for whole days and he did not eat or drink anything. His parents were very worried about him.

Mother: Johnny! Why do you always stay with the computer? It is very bad for you! If you sit at the computer for a long time it will hurt your eyes and your body.

Johnny: Mum... I was just doing my homework. I'm not playing games! Why do you always shout at me for this?

Mother: Ok. It's fine! But you need to take a rest. You need to rest your eyes.

Johnny: Ok, Mum!

Narrator: One day, Johnny's mother was sick but she needed to bring something to Johnny's grandmother. So, she asked Johnny for help.

Mother: Johnny, can you help me to send an email to your grandmother to tell her I cannot go to her home as I am sick. So, do not wait for me and I will come another time.

Johnny: I can be a substitute to go.

Mother: No, it is something very important. I need to go by myself. So please help me to send an email. After you finish sending the email, please do not play computer games. Never click into meaningless pages that may cause viruses in your computer.

Johnny Yes, mum!

Narrator: Johnny listened to his mother and turned on the computer and logged into the email page. Before he sent the email to his grandmother his friend called his mobile phone.

Jacky: Johnny, I found a new game. It is so interesting. Let's download it and play it together.

Johnny: Really? Oh, it's so great! I am downloading it now!

Narrator: Johnny clicked on-line by the email that Jacky sent. Oh! There is a problem on the game page. The computer is not working anymore!

Johnny: Oh no!! What did I do? I did not send the email to my grandmother.

Narrator: Johnny's mother found out about it and got a repairman to come to fix the computer problem.

Repairman: I can fix this problem on the computer but please remember do not click on those kinds of pages any more.

Johnny: I will! Sorry mum! I will now send the email to grandma now.

Mother: I hope you learned your lesson and remember that you shouldn't always follow others.



### A Typical Day as a Superhero

All my busy days generally begin with a bell that rings at half past eight. In order to catch the bus at 9:00, I have to do everything in a hurry, washing for example. I brush my teeth while I am dressing myself. In addition, I eat breakfast at the time I am running to the station.

I am a CEO in a company, so I have a great deal of work to do every day. I always have a meeting at 10:00 with my assistant to tell her something that will be sent by the branch of my companies all over the world and sometimes we even have meeting on the Internet. I have really grasped many languages so we can communicate easily.

How time flies! It's 12:00. It's time for lunch. I usually eat by myself or with my partners. I go to the Children's Home to eat lunch with those cute children. They all like me because I can show them how to climb the building like Spiderman. I also like them a lot. I enjoy their loud laughter.

At about 3:00 in the afternoon, I say good-bye to the children and then head to the park to meet with the homeless people. I talk with them and make things with them so they can make money by selling them. They are thankful to me and I feel so happy. Then, we have dinner together.

At night, I walk around the streets in case of thieves and if someone wants to hurt someone. I just want to protect the citizens and make them have sweet dream during the night. At about 5am, I go home and sleep for a while. A superhero's typical day pass.

In fact, a superhero can be any common person. I just wish everyone happiness, especially the orphans and homeless people.



### Oh! Big News!

Today is a great day! We have one day off from school so I decided to go to the coffee shop with May. While we were chatting, we saw a couple nearby. 'See, they look like movie stars,' May said. 'Are you sure?' I asked. 'I'm not sure but they look very angry.' May answered. Then we went on with our chat.

Suddenly, the man said, 'oh no! What's wrong?' The girl slapped the man. She looked furious. They both removed their sunglasses. We were surprised to see they were really the movie stars, Jacky and Joey. 'Oh my god! My favourite celebrity Jacky Chan!' I exclaimed. Jacky Chan said, 'I'm gonna divorce you!'

'What? We didn't know they were married!' We were both shocked to hear that. Then we saw two paparazzi taking photos of them. And some fans started to gather around them. Jacky and May knew they were soon surrounded so they ran away very quickly.

On the next day, I read a gossip magazine. It was said that they were indeed married and had two sons and three daughters. This is big news! Or should I say bad news?





### My life as a superhero

Do you want to know what a superhero does every day?

I am a teenage boy. I work as a photographer for a local newspaper. Every day, I wake up to get dressed. After having my breakfast, I run to the company as I don't want to be late. Whenever I go out of my office, I tell my colleagues that I am going to take photos for the newspaper. Once I go out, I will get changed so people won't recognize me. Sometimes, my boss asks me why I always go out. I just tell them that I want to take good photos for the newspaper. My boss and colleagues think I am strange but they believe my lie anyway.

In the evening, I stop bad guys from doing damages to our city. I also help the poor by giving them food. I feel the need to help the weak in the society.

I became a photographer because I need to make money for myself. And I decided to become a hero because I enjoy helping the needy. I find joy in helping others and I am sure you will too. Let's all be heroes for everyone around us.

Role models...or not...

On Sunday, I went to Causeway Bay for afternoon tea at Starbucks. When I was enjoying my coffee, I saw two celebrities, William Hung and Sammi Cheng.

It was quite crowded there so many people could recognize William and Sammi. 'Why do you always work and don't understand me?' asked Sammi angrily. 'I feel so unhappy and lonely, you know?' She continued. As the argument went on, she poured her coffee on William.

At that moment, William felt very mad. He said, 'my clothes are so expensive! If I don't have that much money, I wouldn't be able to buy these clothes! And you only love me for my money anyway!' Everyone was shocked to hear their argument. A man started to take video of them. I guess he wanted to post it on Facebook or YouTube.

When William became even angrier, he wanted to slap Sammi. I immediately stopped him from hurting Sammi. William looked at me, 'who are you?' 'I'm just an ordinary guy. I think you shouldn't hurt others even when you're mad. As celebrities, you should be role models for teenagers like us.' I replied calmly. The two went away with their sunglasses on. I guess they were ashamed of themselves!

The next day, I saw myself in a video posted on the internet. It was quite embarrassing but I think I did the right thing.



### Travelling together

Dear Raymond,

Hi, how are you doing? I'm glad to hear you did a great job in the Singing Contest, wished I could watch you perform.

By the way, do you still remember our trip to Beijing last summer? We had a great time there and I miss the happy moments very much. Today, I read about some details of two travelling packages to Australia – Sydney and Melbourne, so I want to tell you more about them.

We could afford both the Sydney and Melbourne packages. The Melbourne package lasts for 7 days while the Sydney one lasts for 5 days. I remember you said you wanted a longer trip to relax. Also, Melbourne is a more relaxing city compared to Sydney, so I suggest we can go there together.

In addition, we can enjoy the natural beauty in Melbourne and live as farmers in the cottage farm. Apart from the fresh air, we can also enjoy the fresh fruits and vegetables in the farm. We can even go horse riding. It simply sounds so wonderful! I guess you will enjoy it! In fact, Melbourne is a peaceful and quiet city, we can explore the nature by going on a bush walk.

On the last day of the trip, we can go shopping in outlets of major brands using the discount coupons in the package. We can then buy souvenirs and gifts for our relatives and friends.

The trip costs us \$5,950 with a 4-star accommodation and flight ticket. Sounds attractive, isn't it? Drop me a line to let me know what you think. Write soon!

Yours,  
Tracy

4C Lo Ming Lok, Henry

### An Unusual Sports

24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012

Dear Dr Kwan,

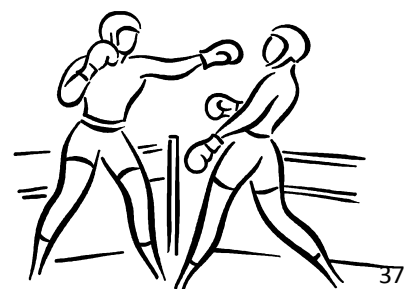
I went through the information you passed on to us on January 16. After careful consideration, I have decided that chess-boxing is the ideal sport to feature at Sports Week.

I think chess-boxing is the best. The chess-boxing contestants spend four minutes playing chess against each other, then two minutes boxing. There are eleven rounds in total. This sport is good to train up our body and mind. It can be played either indoors or outdoors. It is also suitable for all different fitness levels so it is a good choice to be played at school.

I do not think it is a good idea to play either mountain uni-cycling or underwater football because the former involves considerable dangers whereas the latter would need a swimming pool. Being too dangerous does not suit students and we do not have a swimming pool at our school. Therefore, these two sports are not recommended.

I hope you find my ideas useful. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,  
Chris Wong





### A Ghost Story

It was a stormy, chilly night. I went to watch a scary ghost movie with Ken in an old cinema. Ken liked watching ghost movies but we did not believe in ghosts.

While we were eating popcorn and drinking tea, we were watching the movie happily. The sound effect of this movie was horrible. When I saw the climax of the film, 'I need to go to the toilet', I said to my friend. When I went to the toilet, I saw something strange.

When I was washing my hands, I saw something in the mirror. Oh no! I could not believe my eyes. I saw a one-eyed ghost. She had long hair with a high forehead. Her face was round and her eyes were big. She didn't have eyebrows. Suddenly, she walked towards me. I felt very frightened. I screamed when I was running out of the toilet. I shouted, 'Don't chase me!' The ghost ran really fast and she kissed on my face. After that, I fainted.

On the next day, I woke up and the ghost disappeared. However, I was still shivering when my mum asked me whether I was alright. I have made a promise that I will not watch ghost movies again.

5A Fung Ling Fung

### A Job Application

Dear Principal Cheung,

#### Application for the Position of English Teacher

I am writing to apply for the post of full time English teacher advertised in South China Morning Post on 5th December 2011. Having read the specifications for the post, I am very interested in this position and believe I have the right background and qualities for it.

I am a graduate of S.K.H. Li Fook Hing Secondary School. Having achieved four distinctions in the HKDSE, including Chinese and English, I am very confident in these two languages and have excellent command of them. In addition, I completed my Bachelor Degree in the University of Hong Kong. I was also the Chairperson of the English Club there.

As for my work experience, I had experience teaching senior forms in two secondary schools. When I was taking my degree course, I was a private tutor. To improve my English, I spent a year living in the United States and worked as a teaching assistant.

I am very interested in this job because I enjoy teaching and I love spending time with students. Education is important to improve our society. Teaching is my dream job. I will surely work hard if I get this job. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss any details further at the interview.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,  
Fung Ling Fung

### Letter of Advice

Dear Jackie,

Hello, my friend. I'm sorry to hear about you being unhappy for a long time. On one hand, you are worried about your social network, on the other hand, you are concerned with your look and health. Let me give you some advice, my dear.

You said you got only a few friends and no one seemed to like you very much. It doesn't mean you're unattractive. To solve this problem, you need to build self-confidence. You need higher self-esteem as a young adult. Think about your own strengths. Discover your potential. And keep smiling because it makes people around you happy. Other people will think you are more positive and they would talk to you more. Remember, when you make friends, it's not the appearance that matters the most, it's the personality.

Your second concern is health. I think you have an unhealthy diet. That's why you gained much weight. You said you tried to limit your food intake but ended up eating more as you starved yourself too much. This is indeed a wrong way of keeping fit. These days, people tend to eat fast food a lot as it's more convenient. However, fast food is fatty and unhealthy for us. Why don't you limit your intake of sugar and oil? Eat more vegetables instead. Besides, you should drink more water as it improves your metabolism. In addition, you could do more exercises to keep fit. Playing sports could make you strong. You will then look fitter.

I hope you realize it's important to love yourself. Remember, joy comes from the heart. I hope my advice is helpful to you. Stay in touch!

Yours,  
Edward





Letter of Advice

Dear Jackie,

Thank you for your letter. I feel very sorry to hear that you're upset thinking that no one likes you because you're fat and unattractive. I am here to give you some advice and hope it helps!

In your letter, you mentioned that you've got only a few friends because of your appearance and you thought no one seemed to like you. The first thing you need to do is to build your self-esteem. If you want your classmates to accept you, you must let them know you genuinely. Also, if they don't play with you just because of your appearance, then they are not real friends. We don't judge a book by its cover!

I think it's understandable that you feel unhappy because of the problem you mentioned. If you want to be happy, the second thing you can do is develop your hobbies. Having a hobby can change your mood because you are doing something you enjoy. I hope you become happier once you find your favourite hobby.

In addition, you mentioned that you kept fit in an inappropriate way. It's terribly wrong. You must keep fit in a healthy way. First, adjust your diet, having a healthy diet means you should maintain a balanced diet. Eat more vegetables and less meat. Also, do regular exercises so you could burn more fat in your body.

I truly hope my suggestion is useful and you will solve your problems soon. I am sure things will improve so don't worry too much.

Yours,  
Polly

### Proposal for setting up lockers in school

To: Mr Yiu ,The School Discipline Teacher

Form: Melinda Cheung , a member of the Student Association

Proposal: To set up lockers in the school

Introduction:

Over 99% of senior form students at our school said in a recent survey that they would like to have lockers in the school. They would like to keep their books in the school. In fact, there are a lot of benefits of having such a facility. I would like to propose that lockers should be set up.

Benefits of having lockers:

(i) Improve student's health problem

According to a survey report, more than 80% of senior form students need to bring at least 13 books per day and 60% of senior students commented that their school bags are too heavy. The serious consequence is that it affects their bone development. In addition, students need to bring other materials to school. It will increase their schoolbag's weight. Having lockers can reduce the weight of their schoolbags and help their bone development.

(ii) Self-discipline

I think giving students lockers can train their self-discipline. Students have to plan what they need to bring back home for revisions in order not to have a bad record in school. Besides, students also need to tidy up their lockers and schoolbags all the time.

Concern & possible solutions:

(i) Study problem

Parents and teachers are worried that students may leave their books at the school and study less. I think teachers can regularly check their lockers to avoid this problem. If teachers find students leaving too many books in

the school, teachers can stop the students from using lockers.

(ii) Illegal stuff

Teachers are concerned that students may bring illegal stuff such as mobile phones and drugs to school. I suggest that having two students to share one locker will be a solution to this problem. They can supervise each other and it can reduce the number of lockers needed.

Conclusion:

With over 99% of senior form students in our school support having lockers in the school and with all the benefits outlined above, I hope you will consider establishing lockers as soon as possible.



5B Chan Lai Yan, Mandy

Crazy Hold-up

I have work today but I woke up a bit late. While I was rushing to my work, I thought – fortunately, my boss was a nice guy, he usually won't condemn me so this made me love my job. What was my job? I was working in a jewellery shop run by a Thai owner. There were a lot of expensive jewelleries sold in the shop and they were of good qualities. In fact, the shop I worked in is a beautiful and famous one. I was proud of working here.

During lunchtime, I took a rest after a wonderful meal. Then, I returned to my work again. The next moment, there were two girls coming in. One of them asked me, 'Do you have any gold necklaces come in a shape of a pig? I want to buy it for my mother as a birthday present.'

'Of course, we have. Let me show you the great stuff we have,' I

answered quickly. 'Please wait for a moment.'

Suddenly, three robbers wearing stockings on their faces came in. They looked ugly and fearsome. 'Freeze! Hold up! If you call the police or try to leave, I will kill you! Stay where you are, don't move!' the tallest one commanded.

All customers and staff including me felt very scared. Some screamed, others shouted and a few even fainted. We all trembled in fear.

After a while, a robber holding a firearm asked, 'Who is the boss in this jewellery shop? Come out and open the safe!'

'It's me!' I replied. I didn't want to give in so I decided to deal with these bad guys and protect my colleagues and customers. I wanted to inform the police but I couldn't because the robbers were looking at me. I startled as they came closer to me. I had no choice so I went to the shop's safe. They immediately looted all the money and jewellery. I felt so miserable.

Surprisingly, I saw the two girls trembling and they said, 'Mom, don't do that, please! This is a crime. What do you want? We can buy for you!'

'Who are you?' One of the robbers replied. 'Oh! Lisa, my daughter! How are you?'

'I'm fine.'

'What are you doing here?' and the robber put all the things down from her hand.

'I'm so sorry, this is my mom. She is suffering from mental illness and has escaped from the hospital. I'll call the police, don't worry. In fact, the other two robbers have mental problems too,' she explained while dialing her phone.

After a while, the police arrived. When they checked the firearms, they were toy guns!

When the three 'patients' were brought out of the shop, the two girls apologized, 'Sorry, we would take good care of our mom. She simply wants to have a gold pig and that's why she committed such a crime.' Then she took something out from her bag, 'To show our apology, here is two hundred million dollars. Please accept it.'

I gasped unbelievably, 'Two million? Are you serious? Am I dreaming?'

I received the money and still couldn't believe it. The truth is, I wouldn't mind having more cases like this.

### Batman movie

Ten years ago, Tumour and his gang ran Jewel City, and they greatly outnumbered the police. It was so dangerous on the streets that no one dared to go out at night. The entire city was like a prison.

Tumour was the crime boss in Jewel City, and the people of Jewel City felt scared and worried whenever they heard his name. People felt unhappy, and there was no dancing in the streets at night. Tumour committed a lot of crimes. He made and sold different kinds of pirated goods such as CDs, VCDs, DVDs, bags and computer games. Since most of the goods were copied, no one in Jewel City had the motivation to invent anything.

One night, Tumour intended on robbing a bank. When he reached the bank, the first thing he did was to kill the security guard. Then he and his gang went inside to grab all the money. To cover their escape, they exploded a bomb, and left the scene.

As they left, they saw a car flying in the sky. When the car landed, a man came out of it, and in front of their eyes was a man wearing black clothes - it was Batman! This time, he said he had to prevent Tumour from committing any more crimes.

When Tumour noticed Batman's presence, he quickly planted some bombs on Batman's car. Batman jumped out from the car, and found Tumour's gun had been aimed at him already. Batman was very skillful in avoiding the bullets, and suddenly, Tumour threw a lot of bombs on the ground. Batman had to be very careful and skillful to avoid all the bombs.

Then, the police used all sorts of things to stop Tumour from escaping. Tumour was as slippery as an eel, and was just about to escape, when Batman jumped on a motorcycle to chase him down. Tumour tried his best to escape, but this time he had no where to go.

Batman and the police were very determined to arrest Tumour. Batman and the police set up many Bat bombs, which injured Tumour and most of his gang. Finally, Tumour and his gang were arrested.

Because of the arrest of the crime boss, many people of Jewel City went to the hotel to celebrate. They were eating and drinking, and there was the return of law and order to the city. People in Jewel City felt really happy.

This story tells us that people who do bad things will be punished one day, so we should not do any bad things. Instead, we should learn from Batman and uphold justice in our society.

5C Yau Tsz Fung

### Replacing traditional textbooks with electronic textbooks

In this essay, I would like to discuss whether traditional textbooks should be replaced by electronic textbooks. I think traditional textbooks should be replaced by electronic textbooks.

Some people say that electronic textbooks have many disadvantages. For example, electronic textbooks need batteries to work. If the device runs out of battery, you need to charge it before you can use it again. Also, the student will lose some data when the tablet breaks down. He needs to send it for repairing. Meanwhile, the student may need to pay the fee for repairing it.

Notwithstanding many disadvantages of using electronic textbooks, there are also many advantages. For instance, electronic textbooks are very convenient. They have some functions that traditional textbooks don't have, such as listening to music, watching videos and checking new words in a dictionary. These can help students to study. The tablet can also help students to write faster by typing. Besides, electronic textbooks of all subjects can be put in a tablet. It can reduce the weight of the schoolbag that a student needs to carry. This can make students more comfortable and there will be more space in students' schoolbags to put other things.

Another advantage of electronic textbooks is that they are environmentally friendly. If electronic textbooks are adopted to replace traditional textbooks, the amount of waste paper can be reduced. This reduces the damage to the environment by reducing the cutting down of trees

Although electronic textbooks have many disadvantages, I think the advantages outweigh them. That is why I think traditional textbooks should be replaced by electronic textbooks.

5C Yu Ka Ho

We can make a difference—effective ways  
to protect our environment in school

Good morning, everyone. Thank you for coming. It's a pleasure to see so many of you here.

I'd like to introduce myself. I am the chairperson of the School Environmental Protection Group. I'm here to talk about how we can help protect our environment in school.

Everyone knows that environmental protection is very important. I believe that if we can adopt a green lifestyle, we can solve many environmental problems. I would like to talk about 3Rs: reuse, recycle and reduce.

First, we can reduce the amount of waste. We can have a shower instead of taking a bath. We can use energy-saving bulbs and keep the air-conditioner at 25.5°C. We can use both sides of a piece of paper. When we leave the room, we should turn off all the lights and air-conditioners.

Second, we can recycle our waste. We can sort our wastes and put them into the recycle bins. After reading newspaper, we can put it into the recycle bin for paper. After drinking a can of coca cola, we can put it into the recycle bin for aluminum cans.

Third, when we go to school, we can bring our own school bags. We should reduce the use of plastic bags. Moreover, we should bring our own water bottles. We should use public transport instead of private cars.

To conclude, it is a responsibility of every citizen to protect our environment. As students, we should share the message with our parents. We can make a difference. Thank you.

### Reading online is a double-edged sword

What comes to your mind when talking about reading online? Most people associate online reading with negative images. However, I believe that online reading has brought about some benefits.

The main reason why many people like to read story online is that people think it is convenient. Nowadays, our society has moved along with the rapid development of technological advances, the popularity of electronic books (e-books) seems to start taking over the traditional printed books in some places. Just take my school as an example, my school has introduced the use of e-books for a few years. I enjoyed using e-books as I do not need to worry about forgetting to bring textbooks to school. All I need to take is the e-books device. It saves me a lot of trouble and I am happy to have a much lighter schoolbag than before. So online reading is really convenient for students.

Another advantage of online reading is that it is user-friendly. We all know that traditional printed books waste a lot of papers and shelf space. Even worse, when we throw our old books, this creates a lot of waste which is harmful to our environment. Conversely, when we do online reading, it can save a large amount of resources like trees and fuel. Using more e-books means that we do not need to have a big headache when having nowhere to put the books on our crowded bookshelves and struggling whether to dump these precious books to the landfill or not.

Although online reading has many advantages, some people still argue against the use of e-books due to the health problem that it may cause. Some studies showed that the LCD computer monitor is harmful to our eyes. People who always read on the computer screen will easily get short-sighted or sore eyes. Besides, some people suffer from neck pains or back pains because of the wrong posture they have when facing the computer. In fact, some people will feel more comfortable when flipping through the pages of traditional printed books.



Another argument is that the infringement of copyright will be an issue when we promote online reading. Many books are uploaded to the Internet but we cannot make sure that they are not pirated. If people start to share resources online without the awareness of copyright infringement, I cannot imagine what the prospect of the writers and bookshops will be. Without educating the e-book users a proper attitude towards copyright issues, e-books may harm the earning of our writers and bookshops.

To sum up, using e-books have both its benefits and drawbacks. Using e-books can provide convenience to users and can be more environmentally-friendly. However, it can also harm our health and the creative industry. In my opinion, the benefits of using e-books still outweigh its drawbacks and the drawbacks can be addressed by giving proper education to e-book users.



6A Tsang Tsun Yat, Elaine

### Exchange trip to France

Having an exchange trip to France was always my dream, and my dream came true last week through the culture exchange programme. The trip showed me a different style of life from ours in Hong Kong.

I chose to go to France because everyone says that France is one of the most adorable countries in the world. And it was true. All the blonde-hair men and women walking in the street were wearing the most fashionable clothes, they were like the models walking on the catwalks. They were a feast for my eyes. I discovered that French people have a strong sense for fashion and they like things to look nice and elegant.

Their food culture is totally different from Hong Kong's. We prefer fast food, but they prefer enjoying food of high quality. They are willing to spend more than two hours for a meal. The French are used to staying around and chat with each other, having fun and talking about gossips. I believe that this will not happen in Hong Kong as everyone is so busy and not willing to spend so much time for a single meal.

Another cultural shock for me was the enthusiasm they had. The people I met at the street treated me so well. They were a big contrast in their attitude compared with Hong Kong people. They would kiss people whom they just met to show their acceptance and friendliness. I was so shocked at the beginning when my host family treated me this way. However, as I got used to it, I would say that that was my first taste of what warm hospitality was. Their passion would break the ice and their genuine warmth delighted me.

This trip was fantastic. However, the high cost of living standard freaked me out. The goods were very expensive for an exchange student like me. However, overall speaking, this was an enriching experience that I will never forget.

6A Jennifer Yuen

### Youth Crime

'Smoking is cool!' 'Drugs make me feel high!' 'There is bullying in our school every day.'

It is not difficult to hear the above remarks. Youth crime is no longer somewhat shocking news in Hong Kong. Some people would even just take a quick look when they find these sorts of reports on newspapers. Yet, this social phenomenon certainly deserves our great attention as the youth crime rate has been on the rise in recent years.

In the first place, it is necessary to find out the root of the issue. Personal emotion is a culprit in these cases. Some teenagers have no one to talk to about their problems. Others may not be willing to admit that they have doubts and fears. Even if there is someone to talk to, some teenagers might not discuss their problems because they are afraid that people will make fun of them. When they are unable to deal with their tension, committing crimes like smoking, drinking and taking drugs become the attractive and readily available escape from their real-life headaches.

Peer influence is another main cause that we should never ignore. There is tremendous peer group pressure. Teenagers behave as everyone else does, even if that behaviour is not good. For youths, they find it impossible to resist pressure from a gang of peers. In some extreme cases, group members are forced to participate in some petty crime such as shoplifting, vandalism and gang fighting.

Study pressure is also one big factor, if not the only, contributing to youth crime in Hong Kong. Doing well academically seems to be more important than balanced development in local communities. Local students thus have to do their best to climb up the academic ladder. Who can't withstand study pressure may quit school at early age and go on the path to juvenile delinquency.

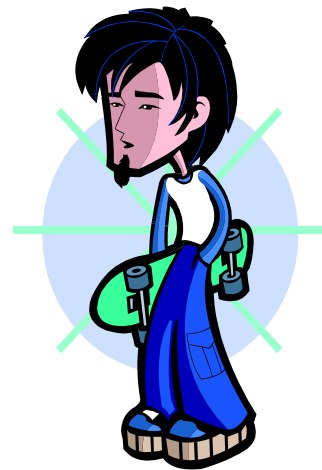
Individualism and materialism are commonly cited as having harmful effects on young people's growth and development. Advertisements put pressure on people to be trendy. Electronic gadgets are one of the prime examples. Very often, young people are obsessed with materialism and may go astray in the end. Some may even commit crime to gratify their vanity, typical examples are drug trafficking and prostitution.

We can ascribe these youth crime problems to the lack of parents', schools' and social's emphasis. In order to prevent further harm, we have to tackle the problems accordingly. In family scale, parents should pay attention to their kids with sympathy and understanding as well as try to bridge the generation gap. Besides, making concession is also necessary. With a little encouragement from parents, young people will do better.

When coming to schools, campus must be resources with more social workers to help schoolchildren in need. Holding talks and seminars to promote wholesome interpersonal development may be a great help.

From the social aspect, a wide variety of healthy activities should be provided so that teenagers can be on the right track. Young people are also encouraged to join youth clubs in which they can share their experiences and problems with others.

In short, we ought to listen to the voices of teenagers. More effort should also be paid to prevent kids from picking up these deadly habits. Action speaks louder than words. Please take prompt actions to deal with youth crime!



## No Smoking

Dear Diary

Today, I saw a disgusting incident in school. I couldn't believe that smoking happened in our school.

I went to the washroom at recess and suddenly I heard some swear words from a boy and he scolded the teacher. I paid no attention to their talking. But after a few minutes, I smelt something strange. Then, I saw a group of Secondary 3 students smoking. I heard a boy saying, 'Do you want to smoke together? It is very cool and makes me pay attention in the lessons.' The boys invited others to smoke. I saw that boy try to get the cigarette and smoke.

I got out from the toilet immediately after I saw the boy smoking. They were very frightened. I told them, 'Don't smoke anymore or I will tell the teacher.' They were afraid. At that time, somebody came to me and urged me not to tell the teacher. I felt their sincerity so I gave them an opportunity to change. After that, I told them my father's story. My father had lung cancer due to smoking. After hearing the story, they promised me not to smoke again. I asked them to make some good friends and have some good habits. I will tell the teacher if they smoke again.

I was very disappointed in this incident. I cannot imagine Secondary 3 students having smoking habit. Smoking will affect their health deeply and they may die earlier. When I saw them, I can see the shadow of my father and I swear I must not smoke. I think smoking is not cool and second-hand smoke may affect people's health and pollute the environment! So cigarette is very dangerous as it makes people addicted to it. Besides, smoking cannot help us with our attention. In fact, we should have more healthy exercise in order to get rid of this bad habit.

I thought today is very meaningful. I hope the Secondary 3 students will keep their promise and do not smoke anymore. I will pray for them.

### Why teenagers not interested in volunteering

According to a recent report, Hong Kong teenagers are not interested in taking part in charity work. The report claimed that volunteering has gone out of fashion, as teens are only interested in working if there are financial rewards. Actually, why teenagers are not interested in becoming volunteers? In this article, I will talk about this issue.

In fact, volunteer is someone who wants to help others who are in need in the society, e.g, the elderly, the single parent family or the poor people, without any costs. Teenagers are not interested to be volunteers, I think the main reason is they need to help people but they can't get any salary. Also, teenagers have a lot of hobbies such as shopping, playing ball games, reading, etc. They might not have enough time to be volunteers or they think voluntary work waste their time. Another reason is that some teens may want to be volunteers but they do not know how to be volunteers. I think these are the reasons why there are fewer teens becoming volunteers.

Although voluntary workers are not paid, they gain a lot of benefits. The teens can get good experience in their lives because they help the people who are in need. Also, they may feel happy or success when they are helping the people. At the same time, volunteers can meet some new friends. They can help each other or support each other when they have any problem in doing the service.

I can suggest some ways to make teens interested in volunteering. First, I think teachers can promote the advantages in doing voluntary work at school. Thus, students can know more about volunteering and they can join the voluntary work. Also, I think the role of parents is really important. They should bring their children to do voluntary work when they are young. When they grow up, they will know helping the people in need is very important. So, the teens will be more interested in volunteering. Finally, I think school can organize some talks about charity work which let students know how they can be good volunteers. Besides, students can join the volunteering with their friends or classmates. There will be more and more teens becoming volunteers.

All in all, some people like to be volunteers because they can learn a lot e.g. communication skill, in volunteering. Join voluntary work together!

### An experience in a day camp

Last Thursday, our class 6B went on a day camp in Sai Kung. It was sunny. It was a nice day and suitable for us to go out together, so our class teachers and classmates suggested going for hiking and barbecue.

When I went to the day camp, I prepared something, for example, a map and a compass to avoid getting lost. I brought my mobile phone if I needed to seek help at emergency and took photos and videos along the trip. Also, I planned to cook and buy some food. For instance, chicken wings, sausages, meatballs, water, juice, etc..

After we arrived at the campsite, we started barbecuing first because it took a lot of energy for hiking, then we went hiking after the barbecue.

It's lucky that we quickly found a barbecue pit. We lit the charcoal and set a fire. We brought a lot of food and drinks, and we played some games as well. The atmosphere was good.

At about 4 o'clock, we went hiking. On the way, the scenery was impressive. Some of us went cycling on the trail and some took a rest.

The day camp made me feel glad. It was a great time for me to relax. Although going hiking was exhausted, it is still a spectacular experience; I can learn teamwork in various activities. It is a terrific and unforgettable memory in my life.

Most of the classmates love the day camp very much and they shared their experience on their blogs after camping.

The day camp is great and we all thank for the love and support among classmates.

English Festival

Dear Mr. Chan

I am pleased to write to you to introduce our school's English language festival. In order to boost students' interest in learning English language, our school will hold an English Language Festival for all forms from 15 February to 20 February. The main attractions at this festival include English language films, scenes from Shakespeare's plays performed by the Drama Club and live bands performing English music. To celebrate this festival with our students, we would like to ask for your sponsorship for this event by printing 500 copies of promotion leaflets for free.

This festival will bring a lot of benefits to your organisation and the society. Firstly, your company has profound history of embarking on the charity work. The sponsorship for this event is one of the effective approaches adopted by your organization to fulfill the social responsibility by helping the students. Added to that, it will help to build up an image as 'socially responsible corporation'. Furthermore, when the students' interests in learning English language are stimulated with these festival activities, they will purchase more English books, magazines and DVDs, etc. Being our school's major textbook supplier, your company will be given the first priority to display your products in our annual book fair for sale. Hence, your business opportunities will be expanded substantially. Last but not least, the cultivation of students' habit in learning more English will provide long term financial benefits to your organization because once they buy the English materials from you, the brand loyalty will be developed. In the future, the students will have more intention to repeat the purchase with your offerings.

Your sponsorship would be definitely beneficial to both your company and our students. We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

Chris Wong

Chairman of English Festival Organising Committee

S.K.H. Li Fook Hing Secondary School



### Students should bring mobile phones to school?

Nowadays, mobile phones are common. It is a daily necessity for almost everybody. Students always bring mobile phones to school. They should not ignore the school rules. Here are some good and bad points about bringing mobile phones to school.

I think students should not bring mobile phones to school because they have too many functions. Students can use them to send messages during lessons. They will be distracted by doing that. This affects their studies.

In order to attract people to buy mobile phones, companies usually develop new functions. Nowadays, mobile phones can be used for playing many games, and some students are addicted to them. That is why some will play games during lessons. If students leave the mobile phones unattended, maybe they will be stolen by others, and it will make a big loss. Teachers may need to check every student in class. It does not only affect the victim, but harms all students who have mobile phones. It is bad for everyone.

However, there are some benefits of bringing mobile phones. Sometimes, there may be urgent matters about family. If students have brought their mobile phones to school, their parents can make calls if needed. It can stop the delay of message.

For some students who live far away from school, their parents may worry about them. If they have brought mobile phones to school, they could call their parents quickly after school. It can make their parents less worried about them. And the students can call their parents for any emergency.

In short, there are good and bad sides of bringing mobile phones to school. But from my point of view, banning mobile phones can help students concentrate on studies.

### Share the work in Helping Hand

Helping Hand Social Services Centre is famous in Hong Kong. Its centres are located in different districts, such as Causeway Bay, North Point, Quarry Bay and Chai Wan. In 1999, there was only one centre in North Point, but now there are altogether five branches in different districts. Have you heard of its service? The centre helps needy people. If families have nowhere to stay, the centre will help them search for cheaper flats.

The centre started in America. When I studied in the U.S., I didn't know about this centre. But the junior school students knew about this. One day, my junior school invited the centre to promote its service on how to help people in need. Then I thought it was interesting. I wanted to be a voluntary helper. My first task was to go to the kindergarten to look after the kids. They were not ordinary kids because their father and mother didn't want them. So these kids had to stay in the centre at Christmas. I played and talked with them. On Christmas Eve, the centre also held a Christmas party for the old people. We took them to a theme park. And we went to their home to help and cook for them sometimes.

In America, there are rich and poor people, but of course, the poor outnumber the rich. Since the government can't help much, I want to do something for those who are in need. I like to help them because I feel happy when I am helping others. I worked on Saturdays and Sundays. I had worked for 5 years. I knew the poor people couldn't find jobs, and then they had many problems. They couldn't buy their necessities. I felt sad for them. Therefore, I hope I can try my best to help them, though not much.

When I came back to Hong Kong, I usually go to the centre. It is because I know there are still many people who need help in this world. In fact, they can't find work and enough food and they are living in difficulty. Sometimes the organization helps them by giving them food, like canned food. If I can help them, they will be happy and that is why I like to be a volunteer.

Although I know a volunteer doesn't get paid, I still can get some precious experience out of it. It makes me realize there is a wide gap between the rich and poor, but if we can do something, it helps relieve the burden. I hope you can come and join the voluntary work.

7C Johnson Chiu

**Believe in yourself**



The implicit nature of our culture is shown in our introversion and shyness. The phenomenon is in accordance with a survey recently conducted in Hong Kong examining 4000 students from 25 schools, in which their self-esteem fell below the international norms in terms of intellectual ability, happiness, anxiety and popularity. I am happy to comment that, from my observation of our school, students have denied the conclusion drawn by the survey.

As mentioned by the survey concerning students' self-esteem on their intellectual ability, they are reluctant neither to give response nor air their opinions to their teachers lest they should answer wrongly. This indicates a lack of confidence in what they are capable of doing. However in our school, students are motivated to explore the world of mysteries rather than being a pure listener. Various activities such as leadership camps, volunteering service and inter-school competitions are to encourage them to develop their potential. These help our students reassure themselves of their talent and ability. Consequently, they never hesitate to raise their hands to express their ideas and doubts in class, which facilitates learning and stimulates class discussions.

The survey follows to suggest that students' worry from public examinations contributes to a slipping level of happiness. In addition to feeling stressed, they also suffer from broken family relationship. On the contrary, besides boosting our learning atmosphere, the school has been educating us that school life is not only about studying while students are required to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity. It believes that sparing time on our own interests is essential in relaxing ourselves and, only with a relaxed and peaceful mind, our revision is the most effective. Furthermore, our school always places its utmost effort on enhancing family relationship through parent-and-child activities, parenting talks, counseling services... you name it. A harmonious family relationship will definitely direct our students to a cheerful life.

When it comes to anxiety, the survey has again displayed a shocking result, comparing with students from foreign countries. Students in Hong Kong worry a lot about their career path as, under the cut-throat competition, the unemployed population is enlarging. Nonetheless, on one hand, the school provides our students with much-needed information about career choices and further studies while, on the other hand, it believes that students should remain anxious. A sense of awareness is good for us in order that we will therefore plan for our future earlier. Proper anxiety is the motivating power driving us to strive hard for a better life.

Regarding popularity, the survey criticizes Hong Kong students for the lack of confidence in themselves. They can hardly name some aspects they excel the others in. Contrarily, students in our school are highly recommended to demonstrate their talents in variety shows, singing contests, inter-school sports competitions as well as the Music and Speech Festival. With close relationship and harmony, they gain support and admiration from their fellows. What's more, our students are also popular among teachers and parents for being self-disciplined and well-behaved.

Self-confidence is an indispensable element of success. No matter how hard we try and fail at the end, it is always our self-confidence and self-esteem to drive us away from giving up. Let's believe in ourselves and toast to the future.

### Power in Numbers

Group buying is known as a strategy to acquire discounts by using the power in numbers. With the convenience of the Internet, hungry buyers are constructively connected to draw consumption on an identical product. In this Information Age, online group buying has been a world-wide trend of consumption behaviour which has triggered a heated debate between its supporters and objectors.

Supporters refer to the efficiency of online group buying that aims at making information of transactions easily accessible – it provides a much-needed platform to connect the consumers and suppliers by boosting their communication. Transactions being facilitated, consumers are now free to price out and do shopping without the limitation of location and time. Directly linked to their potential suppliers through a search engine, transactions are no longer time-consuming.

Supporters also point to the discounts offered by the group buying websites. The platform is to organize consumers as a cooperative and, through bulk purchase they always gain an immense price reduction. On the other hand, producers can ensure a sufficient demand by building up the connection with group buying websites as well as lowering cost by enlarging the production size. Therefore, the practice of online group buying is cost-effective to both demand and supply size.

Shopping, however, should be about hanging out with friends, commenting on each other's taste or slaving outside the window – online group buying does not provide these. Skeptics criticize that it is no more than promoting a materialistic living style. Attracted by the irresistibly low price, online buyers may easily draw reckless decision by misusing the credit payment, in extreme case leading to the sprawl of shopaholism.

The fact that the security of online transaction is doubtful is beyond dispute. Online fraud, illegal hackers and hoax websites are not rare to be seen while innocent victims do always suffer, not to mention the

invalid coupons due to the bankruptcy of certain companies. Therefore, group buying websites are indeed full filled of underlying menace that could bring consumers great loss at any time.

Online group buying has now become increasingly popular among teenagers. Since they are especially vulnerable to misleading messages and online frauds, they should be well educated and informed of the hidden danger of misusing group buying websites. More regulations should also be implemented to ensure the security of online transactions.

7C Tsoi Wing Kin

### 'Hong Kong Kids' – Characteristics, Reasons and Solutions

Recently, a video featuring a kid who yelled at his parents in a shopping mall was broadcast on Facebook. The behaviour of this boy has drawn grave concern from the general public. Professionals and critics describe this kind of boy as 'Hong Kong Kids'. This newly-invented term symbolizes the common behaviour and characteristics among young people of the 'Y Generation'.

There are billows of characteristics of 'Hong Kong Kids'. They cannot cope with daily tasks independently, tie their shoelaces or bath themselves. This is a complete nightmare that puts unbearable pressures to parents. Their personalities are generally believed as self-centered and naively optimistic. As a matter of fact, these kids are heavily spoiled.

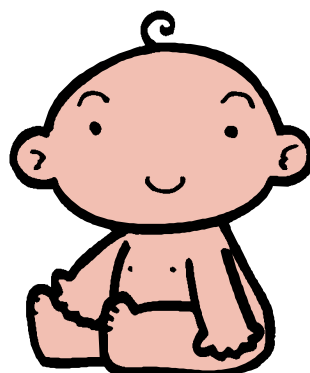
Why do most children nowadays behave like this? With reference to recent studies conducted by psychologists, lacking time to communicate with kids is the underlying ground of the matter. Seemingly, many parents especially the grassroots need to work long hours in order to support their daily lives. Subsequently, when children cannot ventilate their concerns, they will resort to violence to express their voice. Anti-social behaviour and emotional problem may thus be established.

Another crux of the matter is that the kids have been spoiled by parents. Compared with the last three decades, most modern families only have one child. Their only sons or daughters are therefore crowned as princes or princesses. With sufficient daily necessities and resources given to them, these spoiled children may ultimately lose the abilities to tackle and handle challenges surrounding them.

It is thought that only by immediate action could the 'Hong Kong Kids' be able to rehabilitate and reshape their personalities. On the top of the list, it is parents who are duty-bound. They should provide opportunity to face and deal with the daily problems on their own. Helping to do housework, tidying their own stuff and learning to cooperate with others are the fundamental measures the parents can take to develop their children healthily.

Encourage children to participate more activities and workshops are another feasible solution. Parents can choose the suitable one from the wide variety of programmes organized by the government and educated institutions. To a large extent, they could learn how to mingle with others, and polish inter-personal skills.

Having applied the mentioned rationales and initiatives, it seems reasonable to conclude that the problem of 'Hong Kong Kids' has become more severe, and therefore parents must take immediate actions before it is too late.



### Publicity or privacy?

Dear Editor,

I am writing to air my opinions on the issue of setting new laws to protect the privacy of public figures and celebrities. In this digital age, televisions and tabloid-style newspapers are prevalent. Juveniles can know the up-to-date news everywhere at any time. However, the nature of news has been shifting from a political to entertaining one. Media attach inordinate attention to the personal lives of renowned people. I utterly agree to set up laws in protecting privacy.

In Hong Kong, people are at liberty to speak and the media has total autonomy in editing news. Yes, we enjoy the freedom to write. Yet, having freedom does not necessarily imply that we can infringe on others privacy. Although setting up new law will stir up much controversy over the curbing of press freedom, we should strike a balance between privacy and freedom. Newspapers are supposed to provide us with information on what is happening in Hong Kong and all over the world. But the newspapers nowadays seem to distort their original purpose. Emphasizing on the personal lives of famous people could have some detrimental effects on youngsters whose minds are not fully developed. Something has to be done to put a halt on these unethical practices.

It is incontrovertible that news on personal lives of celebrities is a magnet to some people and so disclosing scandal of them can attract more readers. However, we should consider the feeling of them. What the media doing now is force the celebrities into an awkward predicament, putting their career at stake. One thing we should not forget is how the media find out news about pop stars. They follow the famous people and shoot them, claiming that they are just taking photos in public places. While we can be put into jail because of stalking others, what they do should not be any different.



Some unscrupulous media even take photos when the celebrities are changing clothes. Worse still, they post all the photos on the front page of newspapers and magazines, hoping to increase their sales. Their acts are equivalent to installing cameras in toilets. They deserve the same punishment. Not only do their acts seriously invade the privacy of the celebrities, but also leave an irremovable scar on them. They are making money at the expense of others' sorrow. Laws should be enforced to deter these immoral practices.

Focusing on the personal lives of famous people could also pose a negative effect on the youth. The adolescents may mistakenly think that the media has done nothing wrong. This will surely hinder the development of teenagers, especially when they can easily get a copy of newspaper or view the online newspaper. The juveniles may even think that it is of no problem to take photos when others are changing clothes. Obviously, something ought to be done before things go rampant.

When we think thoroughly about these issues, we will find that the media is explicating the use of press freedom. We should in no way tolerate their acts. Deplorably, no law is set up so far on the grounds of the concerns over the curbing of press freedom. The government should contemplate this issue again and the implementation of law is indispensable. The government has to give first priority to the law about privacy in a bid to combat the problem. Otherwise, things can go worse and become difficult to counter as time goes by.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong

*POEMS by our  
Budding Poets*

The country park in four seasons

Hey! Look!

In spring,

a cuckoo is singing ,

and seeds are budding.

Animals that hibernated are awaking.

Hey! Look!

When summer is around,

figs appear on the trees.

Dragonflies are near the ground

when it is raining.

Hey! Look!

It is autumn —

leaves turn yellow

and fall to the ground.

A maple leaf says 'Hello'

to the children who love to bound.

Hey! Look!

Every winter,

there is a snowfall.

And there are some small footprints —

of children who threw snowballs.



## Growth

When I was born,  
I could only cry.  
Everyone was strange to me,  
so I felt very lonely.

But there was someone who took good care of me –  
She is kind and friendly.  
Throughout my life, she has accompanied me  
And taught me a lot of things.

In kindergarten,  
I learnt how to play,  
and played with other children.  
She told me that every book is like a well – a well of knowledge.

After I went to primary school,  
I had many new friends.  
She encouraged me to join the piano class.  
I also got some 'note' friends.

From adolescence upward,  
stubbornness made me naughty.  
My academic standards went downward,  
and my skills in music was deteriorated certainly.

Then, I grew  
and I understood more and more,  
I tried to gain the love  
from friends, family, isomerism and lore.

I learnt how to love others during my growth.  
Many came to my life, and then went away.  
Our futures are unknown and not for us to hold,  
we need to keep exploring in whatever ways.

### Four Seasons

In Spring,  
many animals give birth and sing.  
Some of them are scared of different animals,  
and some of them aren't scared of anything.  
What do the parents do?  
They need to find some food for their babies.  
And teach them necessary skills,  
such as to run fast so they won't get killed.

In summer,  
the weather is hot.  
People like to swim in the pool,  
in order to make themselves cool.  
What about the animals?  
Some hate summer, some like it,  
some will stay away from the heat,  
and some will form a group to fly high in the sky.

In autumn,  
the weather is cold and windy.  
Some animals are preparing for the hibernation,  
they have to find and save food for their intention.  
Soon after autumn,  
many things will change.  
People start to wear thick clothes,  
and animals start sleeping in their holes.

In winter,  
animals become calm in some places.  
People are packed in thick skin.  
And start their new season of spring.

The Internet World

The Internet world,  
a fantastic world,  
a popular world,  
a world where human can enjoy entertainment.

The Internet world,  
a sociable world,  
an interactive world,  
a world where human can connect to each other.

The Internet world,  
where it can ruin human's everyday life,  
where it can waste all of our time,  
a world which can actually destroy many things!

The Internet world,  
where it can be a wonderful place,  
where it can be an abominable maze,  
a world which great contradiction lies.

The Internet world,  
where it makes me confused,  
where it gives me bad feelings,  
a world which I will never become addicted to!



## Our Fight

Our battle is exam.  
Our enemy gives us much alarm.  
Every day before the fight,  
we will study until midnight

When we look back,  
we refuse playing,  
there is no whys,  
we just want to win,  
and be the Number one.

Sometimes we want to give up,  
because we have some evil ones around us,  
but our peers will cheer us up.

When we get our results,  
we will scream and shout,  
because we are satisfied with our hard work!

Excellent is the word we have longed for and finally,  
now received!



### 3A Yau Man Sze Michelle



#### Real Friend

What does a real friend mean?

When I fall down, he will help me!

When I want to cry, he will borrow his shoulder to me!

When I do something wrong, he won't blame me!

In my opinion, real friend means...

He won't care much about my appearance!

He won't care much about my money!

He won't care much about my power!

What does a real friend mean?

A real friend doesn't take advantage of each other!

A real friend is always there to share whenever needed!

A real friend doesn't abandon and forget me!

The meaning of a real friend is ...

Real friend won't abandon you whatever your current status is!

Even without frequent contact, the friendship won't dismiss!

Now, take a look and see who and where your real friend is!





## Pain

Physical Pain, Psychological Pain,  
There are different pains on my way.  
Physical pain is easy to recover,  
But psychological pain is difficult to discover.

Pain effortless comes into your way.  
It may be a severe physical injury,  
or a psychological breakdown due to relationships,  
that you couldn't bear to suffer, could you?

Many people wish it will rain all day,  
Maybe this will take their pain away.  
Or they would give up their 'way',  
But I truly understand it is a wrong way!

Pain! Pain!  
In my life, I have lots of pain!  
But I truly realize that...  
No Pain, No Gain!

Summer to Fall

Something seems less fun and I can't get it anymore.  
What have I ignored? It's coming FALL.  
The summer hotness, the cloud's lost.  
The students need to go back to the hall.

Teachers wear their cardigans, students have no more fun.  
September has come, they think it is a bad month!

Coming FALL, the leaves and the dawn,  
and the swans in the river, they are gone.

Let's face the fact, summer is dead.  
I lie on my bed, thinking of the good dreams tonight I'll have.  
Next season is FALL, I still hope summer could pause.  
But ... my favourite chestnut is ripe in FALL.

FALL, FALL.  
I love your dawn.  
Let's start a new FALL, no more pause.



## Christmas Holiday

A wonderful festival,  
that's Christmas without evil.  
Evil was deported  
as my mood becomes excited.



Everyone has their long holidays  
for them to enjoy and play.  
Do you think seeing illumination is enjoyable  
or playing Christmas games are more playful?

Lovely children pray and pray,  
waiting for gifts that coming from far far away.  
As dispatching gifts is a toilsome job,  
we need to say "Thank you" to Santa Claus!

Kind parents are slicing meats,  
getting ready for the Christmas feast.  
"Guests will arrive soon!"  
Don't just sit there and look at the moon!

Pitiful students do their revision,  
to stave-off the brutal examination.  
Study and study...  
I am becoming crazy!!!

Are you the one who studies hard,  
or the one who plays with a joyful heart?

Endless homework For Kids

As the great big bell rings,  
kids dash out of the door.  
Feeling relaxed and joyful,  
it is time for them to go home,  
never have they thought what was after them.

School repeats day after day.  
The sun falls asleep and the moon awakes.  
Underneath them, the kids are true warriors,  
here they are, ready for their next battle,  
swinging their swords through the jungle of homework.

Feeling tired and exhausted,  
they have won the war.  
Off to bed they go,  
waiting for the next battle as the sun rises.

Off to school they go again.  
Day by day, becoming a better man!



**SUMMER begins and ends**

Spring has just gone,  
I'm crazy about summer time.  
When it is at dawn,  
summer chimes...  
Upper class families usually travel overseas,  
But we prefer to get friends together  
having gossips and a cup of iced tea.  
And that's all we can offer.

Miss Chan usually gives us lots of summer work.  
Nine out of ten times we would say,  
'Miss! These works irk!'  
'You must finish all of them! No excuses!' she brayed.  
Earache we get after her speech,  
the holiday begins.

'Yeah! Summer! Summer! Summer!' we all screeched.  
Then we went to have a party on the beach.  
The endless homework drives me round the bend.  
Finally school starts,  
and we go back to school and work!

