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## 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!

The English Department

1A Ngan Kwan Yee, Queenie

## An Unforgettable Experience

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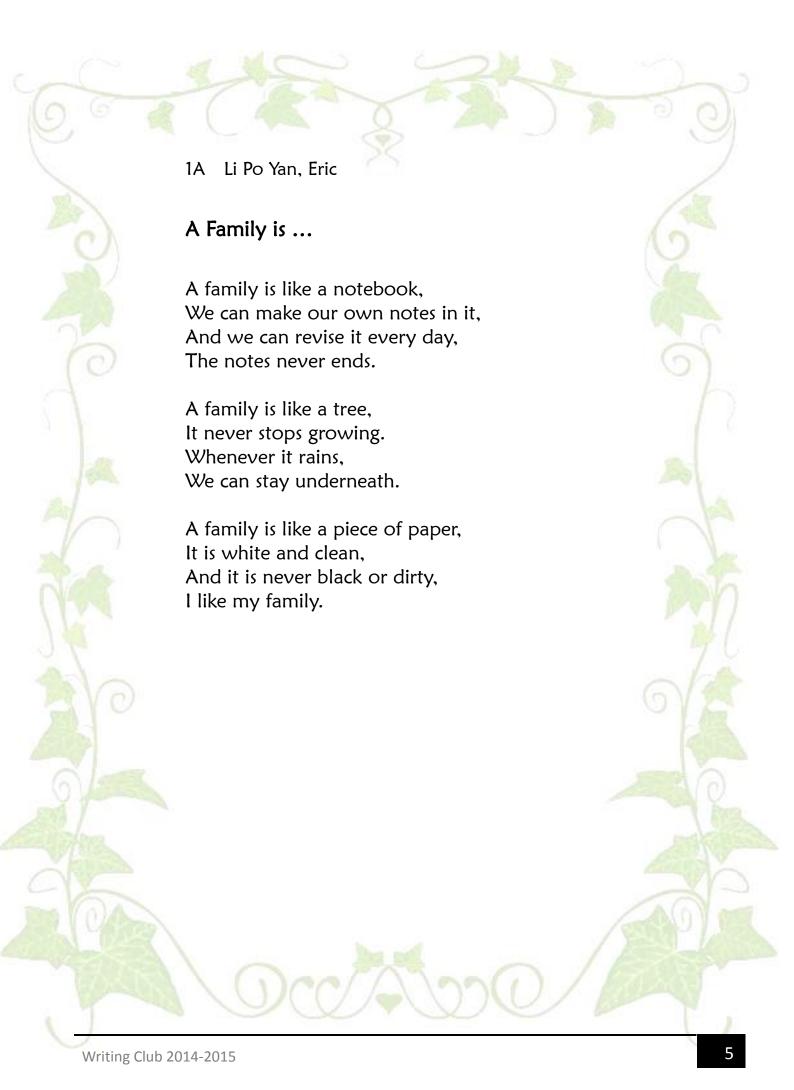
It was a sunny day! Things were a bit different today. I went to Hainan Island with my classmates and teachers for an interflow tour. I woke up early in the morning at seven because I needed to get to the airport on time. I felt very excited as this was my first time travelling with my classmates instead of my parents!

When I arrived at the airport, it was raining heavily, so the flight was delayed. I felt worried. Luckily, the airplane could take off after an hour. Thank God!

After we arrived on the island, we went to the museum that the locals told us about. We saw many things including local's living styles, habits, costumes ... etc. I learnt more about the culture of Hainan Island.

After visiting the museum, we went to a local school. We joined the lesson with the students. I found that the students there had the initiatives to answer teachers' questions. On the contrary, Hong Kong students were more passive. Although their classrooms were smaller and they lacked classroom equipment and facilities, they were very attentive in the lesson. I need to learn from them because having a good learning attitude is important.

At the end of the day, my roommate and I talked about our thoughts and feeling on our first day. I thought it was an amazing day and I learnt lots of things. For example, the Hainan culture and how to communicate with the locals. I think tomorrow is going to be another fruitful day!



1B Ng Wut Sim, Sammy

## My Dream School

My dream school starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. There are three lessons in the morning and two in the afternoon. We can choose our favourite lessons to learn. We can spend more time doing outside reading. The students do after-school activities for one and a half hours every day. We needn't do a lot of homework. We are all happy to stay at school.

Besides that, my dream school looks like a garden. There are many kinds of flowers around the modern buildings. Sweet perfume can be smelled all around. If I want a rest, I can lie on the grass, listen to the music by the lake or I can look out at the flowers from the classroom windows.

The teachers here are kind and helpful. They are not only our teachers, but our good friends. The students are polite and friendly. We all know how to keep our school clean and tidy. There is no litter around our campus.

I hope we can achieve this dream school and enjoy it together.

1B Cheng Wing Hung, Winson

## My Sports Day

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November Sunny

Last week, we went to Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground for our school Sports Day. I was very excited. The Sports Day had a lot of races. I joined the cheering team and the relay race. We needed to encourage some classmates in the events.

I was a little bit hungry so I took some snacks and sweets to eat. When my race was up, I felt very unhappy because I couldn't win. I was disappointed but wouldn't give up.

In the afternoon, we had lunch. I ate yummy chicken thighs and two sandwiches. I was full of strength to continue the race and the other events. In the long jump, I was very happy because I won the event. I got the championship. Finally, I got a beautiful medal and took some photos. The day was a great day!

#### 2A Wong Chi Ching, Tracy

#### Mr. Time

Mr. Time, Mr. Time.
Run, run, run quicker.
Why, why, why?
Why do you run so slowly when I am studying?
and run so fast while I am playing.

Mr. Time, Mr. Time.
You never wait for anyone.
You are amazing.
You can run fast or slowly but you can't stop your steps.

So Mystic! Mystic! Mystic!
You are mysterious!
We never know that you're running.
And you don't like people knowing that you're running.
I saw you standing at one o'clock
and I saw you standing at three after I finished my homework
Mr. Time, you are such a shy thaumaturge!

2A Ma Yee Wa, Anna

## Lived Life To Its Best

Sketchbook, pencil and eraser
The master's good companions,
They slided through different exams and interviews.
They saw their master progressed,
They saw their master failed.

As time passed by, Their master grew up, And their master did not need them anymore.

And as they reviewed their lives,
It melted like ice.
Although very soon,
They disappeared unnoticeably,
They faded away,
They were once a great help to their master.

Although they couldn't make it to the final stop, They showed no fear. And they enjoyed their roles.

Things like this happen in our lives.

Many 'little' things work together for the success of one.

As long as we do our best, we leave no regrets.

2A Tsang Ka Wing, Trinity

## The Last Time I Saw You

I remember the day I missed
The chance for the last final kisses
I should have embraced you
I should have brought you...
To the park we first met.

I have never thought that would be The last day you loved me. It was the last appearance of you And the sun set for us two. I didn't know that you would go... Go to a place without me and you.

Such a regret, I have never called you
Before the chance went overdue.
I watched you walk away from me
I don't want to keep you
Coz I don't want to shed tears on your face.

You had gone by the end of our last night I stood on a hill under the full moon. City lights in the horizon flickered I never thought that was the last time... Your green eyes were staring at mine.

2A Ma Yee Wa, Anna

#### An Email of Reply (1)

Dear Jo,

How are you? I'm so exhilarated to hear that you're visiting Hong Kong on the 28th and 29th August. Congratulations that you have been given an interview by the Hong Kong Museum of Art. I'm so enthusiastic when I learnt about this news! I remember you said in your last email that you wanted to join some art events in Hong Kong when you're here and you need more information about the walking tour. Luckily, I have found the information you needed.

I found two advertisements of art activities that I can go with you. First, there is an art event called 'Art Jamming'. It is a painting event opening at 1-9 p.m. every day. No specific art skills are required. We can simply walk into the studio, grab a paintbrush and have fun creating our own masterpieces! I think this is nice because I don't have any art skills. Another one is a photography event called 'City Images' opening until 30<sup>th</sup> August in Hong Kong Arts Centre. It allows us to take a fresh look at the people and places in Hong Kong through the lens of local photographers. Besides, a famous photographer, Sam Wong said that is was truly beautiful and inspiring. So I think this event is wonderful! What do you think? I think it will be great to have both art activities together on the 28<sup>th</sup> August.

As for the Central Walking Tour, I found that there is a tour until 29<sup>th</sup> August. It usually starts from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The visit includes St. John's Cathedral – one of the oldest churches in Hong Kong, and it's built in the shape of a cross with an impressive bell tower. Apart from that, it stops at Central Police Station too – one of the most famous historic buildings in Hong Kong, and it's a mixture of western and Chinese building styles. Last but not least, there will be a visit to the art galleries on the Hollywood Road that include a modern art and Chinese antiques, such as furniture, jewellery etc. I think this walking tour will be fabulous! What do you think?

Please write back soon! I can't wait to have a day with you!

Best wishes, Chris 2A Wong Chi Ching, Tracy

### Dark Days

On 27<sup>th</sup> September, the Occupy Central Movement started at midnight. When I heard about the Occupy Central Movement, I was shocked until now.

On 28th September evening, I turned on the television. The news reporter was reporting about the Movement. I didn't get much sleep that day. I turned on my mobile phone, there were many messages that I had to take some time to finish reading them. While I was reading the messages, I noticed all of them were about the Movement, there were even voice messages! There were so many messages and I was not sure which one was true and which one was fake. The Movement has lasted for 7 days already and the society is becoming more chaotic. The atmosphere is not peaceful.

My father said, 'this is politics, you need to know, it's dirty'. I was still young, so my father does not support me joining the Movement. There is nothing I can do. Wearing a yellow ribbon is the only thing I can do for Hong Kong.

2B Ho Ho Tung, Tony

## My Successful Grandmother

Dear Keith.

Hello, how're you recently? It's been a long time since we last met. Do you have any role model that you like? You know, my role model is my successful grandmother who has done well in the following four areas in her life:

My grandma is a good eldest sister in her family. She did all of the housework for her family. She helped young siblings such as teaching them about their homework.

My grandma scored high marks at school. She had excellent academic results in every subject especially Mathematics and Science. She was also the chairperson of the Student Union.

Being an international news journalist, she travelled to many places like Iraq and China. She also reported numerous good news stories that a lot of people praised on the Internet.

My grandma's attitude is also very proper. She has confidence to speak up on the stage in front of a huge number of people. She also has a good sense of equality and is kindhearted. She tried to save Iraqis. Once she was kidnapped by terrorists and fortunately later on she was released. How brave she is!!

I love my grandma, she's great! Please write back and tell me who your role model is. I look forward to your reply. I'd better sign off now. It's already late.

Love, Chris 2B Fok Siu Lung, Alan

## A Dog Saved His Owner

One afternoon in the last month, Ben Jo was taking a nap on his sofa because he had a party in a friend's home making him very tired. Suddenly, his dog 'Beach' barked continuously and loudly at him.

'Don't disturb me, Beach!' Ben Jo said angrily.

However, the dog continued to bark at him and Ben Jo had no choice but woke up. He walked to the fridge and got some milk from it. All of a sudden, he noticed that there was a huge crack in the ceiling which seemed to fall down.

'Get out of here, Beach!' Ben Jo cried.

The ceiling dropped to the dog and killed it instantly.

Ben Jo used all his strength and was able to get the corpse of Beach, the very loyal dog! He used his last breath to run out of the building, which was collapsing quickly. Unfortunately, he died with Beach peacefully on the street.

God saw all these and He was so touched that He made them relive! Ben Jo and his dog Beach were brought back to life again and slept on the street together. Suddenly, he heard some continuous, loud barking noise. He then woke up and discovered that it was from his most beloved dog – Beach!

Ben Jo said, 'You are my best friend, Beach!'

Ben Jo lived with Beach happily ever after.

### 2D Kam Chi Kuen, Antonio

#### The Shadow

I am here when there is light,
I often come out at night.
When light is next to me I will grow,
I'm invisible when the light is low.

I won't leave no matter what you do, I am a second version of you. My legs are attached to yours, And they won't detach for years.

Everything you have been through, I was there with you.
When you were lonely or sad, I was there by your side.

Sometimes I wonder,
If I am free, does it even matter?
You might not even notice me,
But to me, you are my buddy,
I want to stay with you instead of having a body.





## 3A Tam Ka Fung

#### Dream

Dream? Do you have a dream?
I mean this dream, that dream,
I mean this dream will let you scheme,
I mean it will get you to change.

I have a dream;
When I grow up I want to have a great job.
I have a dream;
I will contribute to this world.
I have a dream;
People will show gratitude in the future.

When I grow up, I want to be a doctor. I will treat people's diseases.
When I grow up, I want to be a doctor. I will let people love me.
When I grow up, I want to be a doctor I want to solve everyone's problem.

Dreaming is something that causes you to make change.

Dreaming is something which allows you to see the truth.

Dreaming is something you never give up,

I will never give up on my dream!



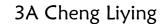
#### Animals and Humans

Animals are different,
Different from humans.
We think we are smart,
We think we are better than others,
We think we are the best.

Are we really the best?
Are we really clever enough?
Think it over carefully,
Are we really better than animals?

Animals are brave, Animals are strong, Animals are wonderful, Much better than us "people".

Animals and humans, They are not the same. Humans are humans, Animals are animals.



## **Always**

Love is transparent. We cannot see it But we can feel it.

When you feel happy or upset, He will touch your head And talk to you, Saying, "you are the best for me "

You look at her hands and your hands, They are different. Her hands are very coarse. Why? Think about what she did for you.

At midnight, You should think about what love is. Love, we cannot see it, But we can feel it.

## 3A Leung Wai Shan

#### But When You Were Gone I Knew

The tree had grown, the seeds had budded,
The cloud had followed the wind drifting across the prairie;
Then, the flowers bloomed and you were gone.
But when you were gone, everything changed.

Sometimes, I thought, how did you leave? But when you were gone, I knew, while I was thinking, you had already gone.

Taking something out of my life,
Bringing something into my life,
It seems that you could change anything.
But when you were gone,
I knew, to change anything by myself is only impossible.

There were many things I liked - pretty toys, meaningful books, beautiful dresses,

Oh and my yummy ice-cream. But when you were gone, I knew they were no match for you.

And all the things, Do not come back.

### 3A Kameyama Masako

#### **Perfect**

What is perfection?

A person who looks handsome or pretty?

A person who does things with their best?

A person who does not need to worry about anything?

Do you know, no one can be perfect. If you want to be perfect, The most important thing is self-confidence. If you don't have any self-confidence, You can't do anything.

Perfect and imperfect, Happy and unhappy, What is your choice? 3A Wong Sei Ya

## Book Sharing: 'Life Without Limbs'

My name is Seiya Wong and I am from SKHLFHSS. Today, I would like to share a book called 'Life Without Limits', This book is a true story about a Christian called Nick Vujicic. Nick was born without any limbs.

When he was young, he always got laughed at by his classmates. However, he came to learn that this situation was not his fault. He realized that God gave him a unique life and what he had to do was not to give up.

When he was born, his parents were astonished and inconsolable about Nick's situation. Once, his mother even wondered what God wanted them to do with this predicament. Therefore, she asked her chaplain why this happened to her. The chaplain just replied, 'This is God's plan.' So what she could do was to accept the reality.

I was amazed to learn that when Nick was 10 years old, he jumped into a 10-meter pool of water. He tried to teach himself to swim like a fish or turtle. He knew he couldn't swim at that moment, but he tried to learn and think about a special way to swim. It taught me that I should never give up easily, I shouldn't be scared of failure.

I believe that we might fall down along the way. But we always get back up. Unfortunately, sometimes we do not have the strength to get back up. This is a situation for Nick every day. Nick, not having any arm or legs, tried 100 times

to get back up. He thought that if he gave up,he would fail forever. So, no matter what the situation is, we can find strength. Nick found strength from Jesus Christ.

This book taught me that my arms and legs are given to me as a blessing from God. Nick always thinks that God gives him grace even if he doesn't have arms and legs. The man without limbs always shows gratitude, then why shouldn't we be like him? He could either be angry or grateful. But he chose to be grateful and is using his situation to help others.

Life is not always good and rosy, but life is worth living when you have a purpose. At that time, he found his purpose and knew he had to follow his heart.

So, I would like to end by saying this is not just for people like Nick, it is for anyone with a dream. Yes, our lives may have a lot of difficulties, but Nick shows us that life is precious. We may fail several times before success, but success comes from trying. His life shows us that.

'Nothing is Impossible' and if we want to succeed in our dream,-don't be scared to fail!

#### 3A Eric Cheung

## Book Sharing: 'Stand Strong'

Good morning everyone! I'm Eric Cheung and I am here to share my book called 'Stand Strong', You can Overcome Bullying" written by Nick Vujicic. I think most of you have heard of Nick's story. But for those of you who haven't, I will give you some background information.

Nick has had an unlucky life. He was born with no arms or legs. He was very upset about his situation and he even tried to kill himself. Luckily he couldn't. Nick's family gave him support and love that made Nick strong.

Since Nick was a very special child, it made him be the target of bullying. Nick's classmates made fun of his imperfect body. For example, they laughed at him and said he walked with a small chicken wing. And they also teased him about his height.

They would ask, "Why are you so short?" Every time when Nick heard about that he was really sad and felt lonely, but he never took offense to the people bullying him. He knew the guys who bullied him maybe alone too. They wanted to gain happiness by bullying others.

In this book, Nick pointed out some ways to avoid being bullied by others. There are some points I'm going to share with you. First, take responsibility for your own life. Actions speak louder than words. If you can control your own life, you can tell others that you are strong, so bullies have no power over you.

Second, choose your right path according to your hobbies and talents and be successful in that, so no bully can shake it. Third, build your backup by being friendly to others, make more friends to build strong and supportive relationships. If you have done all these to avoid bullying but it still doesn't work, use a simple way-walk away and don't focus on what others say. Just do you work and make others respect you in your actions. If you do your work brilliantly, it will give other no cause to bully you.

I felt really touched after reading this book. To be honest, I have never been bullied by others, I have never bullied others, but I have seen people being bullied and I did not react immediately. I felt sad for that person and I knew they felt bad, so I told them to be brave and strong. I hoped that my support could make them feel a little bit better.

I really respect Nick. He is a very positive person. When he got bullied, he didn't give up. He stood strong so that others would not bully him again. Now, he uses his story to help others who are being bullied as well as those who bully. I hope everyone can stand strong and be brave. Do your best to silence them in your head, and your actions will speak louder than their words ever can!

## Book Sharing: 'Anne Frank: The Diary of A Young Girl'

Good morning Everyone! My name is Sophie Wong and I am here to share my book, 'Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl'. This story is about a little girl who was a witness to the brutal annihilation of Jews in the hands of Adolf Hitler during War World II.

The 'Diary of a Young girl, is a well-known book based on the real life of Anne Frank. Anne had a sister which was totally different from her. Her sister loved Maths, but Anne loved reading and writing. Hence on her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, she received a diary from her Dad.

In her diary, Anne described her life as fearful and sad. Even though she had met a lot of friends, she was still scared. She always wrote about starting a new life. And she was terrified of hearing news as she did not want to hear about the deaths that were happening.

Anne was my age, but I wasn't born at that time, so I can hardly know how she felt. When I read her book, I just felt like she was talking to me. While I was reading, I came to know her through her thoughts and sharing. I was so happy that Anne could stay positive during that time

This book teaches me about staying strong when you are in danger. In the war, Anne kept herself happy every day. She wrote her thoughts and shared her feelings with us - the readers.

When I read this book, I cried a lot of times because I thought that Anne is one of the strongest girls I have ever seen. Her story was very touching. The part that touched me the most was the part where Anne had to leave her home and find some place to hide. Her positive attitude towards moving impressed me. Anne said, "To move out is just like a holiday." I want to learn how to be brave like her.

I would recommend this book to my friends. It is a very good book. Besides learning a lot about Anne, I was able to learn about myself. I could see how strong I have to be in any situation.

## 3A Ho Chu Hang, Hunter

#### You're A Great Author, Dr Silverfish!

Dear Dr Silverfish

How are you? I am Milo. I read your book. Your book was great and interesting. Let me tell you how I found your book and what I did. It was very funny. I am sure you will laugh.

One day, I went to the library. I was just looking for a good scary monster story, but your book suddenly dropped down and hit me on my head. That hurt! And then I picked up the book and read the cover. The book is called "Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days!" I felt that the book was very interesting, so I started to read the book.

Your book taught me how to be perfect and you told me that things are not always what they seem. I followed your order, read the chapters one by one, because I wanted to be a perfect person.

The first thing you ordered me to do was wearing a broccoli around my neck. You know what! I felt very embarrassed and I needed to tell a lie to my sister, classmates and teacher, because it was so hard to explain to other people. When I was having the PE lesson, the broccoli began to give a pungent smell and was dropping little green flowers all over my T-shirt. I knew I was very stupid, I did the stupidest thing I've ever seen too! But thank you. I have a lot of courage and I will never be embarrassed again.

The second order was not to eat or drink except sip some water, because I had to conquer fear. So I followed your order even I saw my favourite toast and cereal. I did not eat them. I was able to resist temptation!

The third thing was that you ordered me to do nothing to train my will power, so you asked me to bring home a fully-grown gorilla. When I read this part, I felt very scared, but I knew you were just joking with me. You're very funny.

But in the last chapter, you told me no one was perfect. "Perfect is never doing anything wrong which means never doing anything at all. Perfect is boring." So I would just be a good person, not a perfect one.

Your book is very useful. I will share this book with my friends. You are great. I will never forget your teaching. Thank you!

Best wishes Milo

## 3A Henry Yeung

#### A Film Review

"Rocky" is about a story about a boxer, who wanted to become a professional boxer-Rocky Balboa. He was very poor and worked in a small club as a fighter. His opportunity began when he had the chance to fight Apollo Creed, who was the champion at that time. This match seemed impossible for Rocky to win, but he didn't give up and kept insisting on his training.

This film was a huge success because it was very powerful for the audience. Not only for the character-Sylvester Stallone, but also the music was melodious and positive. Those things made this film more exhilarating and attractive. Behind the film, the interesting background of Sylvester Stallone took this script to various distributors and they didn't want to invest in him until one did.

The story was similar to the movie - a story about struggle. It showed the story moving from struggle to success and this is one of the main reasons I would recommend this movie to everyone. The action and the determination of Sylvester Stallone, which I admire makes it one of the best movies I have seen.

## 3A Tam Ka Fung, Emma A Letter of Advice (1)

Dear Friend.

I am so sorry to hear about your dilemma. Please do not worry about your situation. I am here to give you advice and some suggestions on how to solve your problems and how you can help your friend.

First, you try to eat lunch with her daily. If she always makes excuses for not eating, you must not listen to her. You can buy some snacks and ask her at different times. She may feel hungry at different times of the day. If that doesn't work, I have another idea. You try to tell her not to put weight in her mind. I think this will be of a little help, but you can try.

In addition, if she uncompromises for the first bit of advice, that is okay. I have another suggestion which is better than the one above. You tell your friend that, "if you don't eat more, I will never be your friend and I am doing this because I want you to have a healthy body." I think this will be more effective because she doesn't want to lose your friendship. I suggest you explain to her details of anorexia and in that way she may improve.

I am happy about your friend because she is a fortunate girl. She has your help and support and she will have a healthy body and mind in the future.

I hope this advice helps your friend. If you have any other problems, you can write to me again and I will help you to solve any problem

Yours, Emma Tam 3ABC1

## 4A Lau Dick Man, Jeffrey A Letter of Advice (2)

Dear Kermit.

Hello, I'm your new classmate from your class. I'm sure we'll be friends. I have many things I want to share with you but first, I want to give you some tips on how to excel in Ms. Chan's class.

Let's talk about some basic rules for Ms. Chan's class. First, you need to call Ms. Chan Boss, later on you'll know why. You need to do all your homework before you go to school. You also need to prepare for your dictations before coming to school. You need to bring all the things you need for the lessons as well. Maybe you think that it's easy to do well but most people always make that kind of careless mistakes.

Now, let's talk about some important rules that you must follow. You cannot sleep in her lessons. You cannot eat anything except chalk and remember, never put other subject books on the desk. If you can't do these things or follow these rules, just prepare to escape from the school. I'm serious. Just prepare to leave!

Well, let me tell you about the punishment. Different mistakes bring you different kinds of punishments. If you forget to bring your books, Boss will ignore you. If you talk in the lessons, you will never have a chance to speak. Moreover, if you drink water without her approval, you need to drink all the water in the school toilets!

I hope my advice will help you survive in Boss's lessons. I mean how to excel in her class © I hope it helps. Stay alive!

Best wishes, Jeffrey 4A Li Ka Yan, John

## A Letter of Advice (3)

Dear Kermit,

I'm John in 4A. I'm happy to hear that you will come to our school. All Form 4 students are so excited about your coming. However, our English teacher, Ms. Chan, is strict about our studies. So you need to be careful.

'Never sleep in English lessons.' It is the first rule of Ms. Chan's lessons. Ms. Chan is a nice and funny teacher if you don't break her rules. Now, I will tell you all the rules of Ms. Chan's lessons. READ CAREFULLY!

The second rule - you must hand in your homework on time or she will hate you. Then you'd rather die. Also, you need to be serious when doing your homework. When you follow the rule, you can build up a good learning habit. You should also write tidily.

The third rule - you can't chat with others in the lesson. You could talk about things related to the English lessons. Ms. Chan doesn't want her students to do other work in her lessons. You need to be focused all the time. Never try to hide your work when you do it in her lessons. She can see everything we do.

These are the THREE BIG RULES for Ms. Chan's lessons. If you want to do well in her class. \Read the following paragraph:

Prepare before the lessons is the basic habit. If you prepare, it is easier for you to learn in her lessons. It is because Ms. Chan speaks quickly. If you can't hear clearly, don't be afraid to ask Ms. Chan to speak more slowly for you. She will not scold you for that. She understands our needs. Do revision after school is the second basic habit. Doing revision can help you remember some main points in the lessons. This is my suggestion for you to be an excellent student.

We're all waiting for you to come! Looking forward to meeting you.

Yours, John 4C Wu Tsz Man, Stephanie

#### A Letter of Advice (4)

Dear Kermit,

Hi! I'm your English teacher's student. I know you are new to our school. And since my English teacher is Ms. Chan, too, I want to give you some advice and welcome you. When you learn English with Ms. Chan, call her Boss. If you want to greet her, call her Boss. You don't need to know why, just do it. I will tell you how you can learn English well and how to excel in her class.

First, I will tell you how you can learn English well. When you have time, you can watch English TV shows, read English books or newspapers. You can learn more vocabulary and do more revision. I know it is boring but it helps you improve your grammar. Sometimes, I will listen to English songs when I'm at home. I will also use English for whatsapping. It trains your listening and writing skills. These ways are for your reference. The main point is that you don't have to be afraid to speak English. Try your best! You can do it very well. Hope you will be one step ahead in learning English.

Next, I will provide you with tips on how to excel in Boss's class. It's very important. In her class, you need to have good responses and remember to be hardworking. Also, you need to hand in all your homework. Long time ago, there was a rumour. A student failed to hand in his homework, the next day, he went missing! So be careful! In her lessons, remember not to play with your chair. Otherwise, you will have to hold the chair for 10 minutes. When you read the questions, pay attention to the instructions. Actually, there are more tips about how to excel in her class. However, I think you should have your own experience.

Finally, Boss is the best teacher I have ever had. I know she will be the best teacher in your life, too. And I hope you can be an honest student. Don't let our dear Boss become sad or disappoint her.

Good luck, Stephanie P.S. Don't let her know I wrote to you! 4A Lam Pei Kwan

# Mysterious Disappearance of an English Teacher: Students Suspected

A local English teacher went missing in a Chai Wan school on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Students are suspected to be involved in this incident.

The missing English teacher was last seen wearing a black shirt and a floral patterned skirt. She wears a pair of glasses with black frame. She has long hair and big eyes. According to her students, she is friendly and often makes jokes with them.

A witness, who is one of her students, saw her in 4A classroom. She was seen teaching her students and writing notes on the blackboard. Students were said to be paying attention to her, however, one student fell asleep.

'He is quite crazy at times!'

According to the information released by the police, the student who fell asleep is called Bob. He is taught by the missing teacher. It is suspected that he kidnapped the teacher. He was last seen wearing his school uniform. He is tall and is considered chubby by his classmates. Students from 4A described him as a crazy student and he would sometimes suddenly shout and run out of his classroom.

'We have sent counsellors to the school.'

One day before the incident, the missing teacher was seen talking to this student angrily. She was trying to punish him as he was falling asleep in her lesson. One student from his class mentioned to the police that the missing teacher tended

to give him a lot of homework. It is now suspected that the student has kidnapped the teacher because of his anger towards her.

'She gave us lots of homework!'

The school has set up a crisis management team to offer counselling to students who have shown signs of worry and depression because of this incident. The Education Bureau has sent professional counsellors to the school for support.

The police is trying to contact those who saw the missing teacher on the day before she went missing. If anyone has any information or clue to this incident, please call 2560 5678 to reach the police.

4C Anthony Shing

#### A Reply to An Invitation

Dear Harry,

Thank you for your letter and your invitation but I'm sorry to turn down your invitation. These few days, I've been very busy with my studies. I really can't go out for dinner. Maybe we can go out for dinner the week after 14<sup>th</sup> February. I'll be there if nothing comes up suddenly.

To me, you are a friendly, interesting and well-mannered classmate. You said that you had something you wanted to tell me, and Valentine's Day seemed to be the perfect day. I'm so sorry that I can't go out to have dinner with you that day and you miss the perfect day to tell me something. Maybe you can tell me next time when we go out for dinner. I guess you have something very important to tell me.

Regards, Jane 4D Lau Yan Ming, Jack

## Asking for a Letter of Advice from Helpful Henry

Dear Helpful Henry,

I am very worried about my friend, Amy, who has been acting strangely lately. I am worried because Amy used to be chatty and energetic, but now she is withdrawn and tired.

I noticed that she seems unhappy and stressed lately. Once, I even saw her shoplifting at a supermarket.

I tried to talk to her but was told off. 'Mind your own business,' she said. I tried to talk to her again but she has been avoiding me ever since.

I think the reason for her strange behavior is that she feels extremely stressed about her parents who have just separated. That's why she looks so tired and tensed.

I would like to know what I can do to help even though it is very difficult. Should I tell the police officers? I'm worried that doing so might hurt her. I don't want to do that.

Thank you very much for the time. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely, Chris 4D Ng Wing Yiu, Yoyo

## Seeing My Idol Arguing!

Dear Tim.

Today's Saturday. There's no school today and I am at my favourite café waiting for my order of pineapple bun with butter to arrive. It's quiet at this time of the day with only a few customers. I don't even need to share a table.

Suddenly, I hear shouting coming from a nearby table. I see a couple having a heated argument. The woman has a long face. What her partner is drinking is a cup of tea. He removed his glasses. Wow – I can't believe it! It's Kim An Yee! That woman must be his girlfriend.

I'm glad that I'm writing you this message and describing what I'm seeing to you firsthand. She's arguing loudly with Kim! They are fingerpointing at each other. They are waving their hands in the air! Kim's girlfriend pushes her chair back. Then she stands up and throws the cup of tea at Kim.

Kim says, 'Hey, what are you doing?'

Kim's girlfriend replies, 'Ask yourself! You deserve it! You are having another girl!

His girlfriend hisses at Kim. She is furious. She slams her fists on the table and rattles the cup.

She says, 'I want to break up!'

Kim replies, 'Ok, it's up to you!'

Then they both go away.

Suddenly, there is a flash of light from the corner.

Kim says, 'Oh no...who is that?'

There are two men hiding at the corner taking photos of them. That's paparazzi! Kim's manager comes and says, 'Be quick!' Kim says, 'Leave her alone. Let's go now!' Kim, his girlfriend and the manager get on a car and leave. What a surprising scene that I have ever encountered! Hey! Do you like Kim An Yee? Are you a fan of him? I'd rather sign off now. Is this very shameful? Please write back soon. I look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes, Chris

## 5A Stephannie Hoo

### A Letter to a Teacher to Seek Help

Dear Ms Chan,

I am writing to express my concern about Tom, who is suffering from the pain of being bullied online. Here are some reasons why I suspect Tom is being bullied online and some of my views on cyber bullying.

Firstly, I am so worried about Tom's mental health recently. As we all know, he is a positive person who always makes us laugh in class, he is outgoing and active. However, I notice that he is so quiet recently, such as not answering questions in class and not chitchatting with us during recess. He smiles less than before and looks absolutely depressed. Just like an introvert that is totally different from who he used to be. It is worrying how he is changing. Until one day, I found out that Tom is being bullied online.

I feel so angry seeing the Netizens bullying him online. They bully Tom in different ways, for instance, posting Tom's personal photos or video by putting some insulting stickers on them, also spreading out rumours of Tom and using the social platforms like Facebook and Twitter to say something unacceptable to assault Tom. These actions can cause big problems to the person being bullied if no one can give a hand to that person.

There was a case, a 17-year-old teenager called Peter who had been cyberbullied before. Without any help from his family and friends, he couldn't get out from the dark and committed suicide in the end.

Since cyberbullying is extremely merciless, it will be a big nuisance for a person who is bullied and his/her life will be invaded. One of the effects of cyber bullying is low self-esteem and confidence for the person who is being attacked. More seriously, suffering from cyber bullying will cause the person sleeping disorder and eating disorder. Additionally, the person can suffer from depression. Thus, it may drive people to end their lives.

In my opinion, we need to talk to him to know about his situation. As I don't think he is very depressed right now, I suggest to bring him to meet the social worker and let him realize his pressure of being bullied online. Besides, support and encouragement from peers, family and teachers is the key to cheer him up. We can do sports or chat more with him to let him feel relaxed and he is not alone.

Lastly, this problem should be tackled immediately since it affects his emotions such as feeling frustrated and then, unable to concentrate on his studies. In fact, the final examination is coming soon, if we don't help him in time to cope with the problem, I'm afraid his situation will get worse. These bad scenarios may include failing in the exam, being fearful that people are looking down at him in different aspects. In the end, Tom will be done with those things, he may commit suicide.

I know you're very busy with your teaching and other duties, but I don't know who I can turn to for help. I'm sure you will agree that this is an urgent matter that we need to pay attention to right away. Hope you will approach Tom as soon as possible and see what can be done to help him. I'm always here to lend a helping hand. If you need more information, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Chris

# 5A Cheung Yuk Shan, Yuki A Letter of Application

16th December, 2014

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Application for Counter Manager

I am writing to apply for the job as a Counter Manager, as advertised in the Hong Kong Post on 12th December 2014. Having read the specifications for the post, I am very interested in this position and believe that I have the right background and qualities for it.

I am very interested in the Counter Manager because I like exploring beauty and cosmetic products such as make-up products, body care products...etc. I like trying different beauty products that can help me look more beautiful. Also, I love meeting different people. In today's society, many people have different needs. I like helping them to solve their problems by giving them advice. Also, I will arrange follow-ups with them to make sure they are better than before. I like this job because I can work in the beauty industry, which can let me study different beauty products to help many people. I am very satisfied if I can help different people. In addition, in today's society, appearance is very important, good appearance gives good impression to others. If the customer can use different beauty products to enhance their look, it can help the customer to build up their self-confidence.

In my Form 5, I had a part-time job in Nature Republic, a famous beauty shop and company in Korea. The company trained me to help the customers and to sell the products to people. Having achieved four distinctions in the HKDSE, including Chinese and English, I am confident that my proficiency in these two languages will prove useful in this job. Also, I can speak fluent Mandarin. I believe that I have enough ability to communicate with different people. I was the chairperson when I was in the university. It trained me in leading a team. I believe I am well suited for this position and would welcome the opportunity to discuss my credentials further in an interview.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (9123 4567) if you require any further information. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully, Chris Wong

#### 5A Hu Hoi Ying, Natalie

# Memory

"Release her!" ordered by a strong and powerful man. It was a terrible and painful memory for me. It was raining outside. The rain was falling in a soft but relentless way. I recalled these memories by watching the beautiful scene of the countryside, sitting at the terrace and doing nothing.

When I was walking by the Peninsula Hotel, someone brought his car to a screeching halt and the expensive sports car caught my eye. When I looked carefully, the one who was driving the sports car was my brother Sean! "Isn't he still finding a job?" I thought.

After a week, I started to suspect my brother. He wore expensive clothes and drove different luxury cars every day. Sometimes, he even bought me brand name clothing. I really felt curious about his job. I started to look into him. When I woke up, he disappeared again. One day, while my brother and I were enjoying dinner, he put a credit card on the desk, "This is for you." "Sean, I really don't need it. Maybe you can..." I could not hide my anxiety. "That is three million dollars. It must be enough for you." My brother continued eating his meal indifferently. For me, I really felt shocked and there were a large number of questions hovering in my mind.

When I was sleeping, rain started to patter against the window so I woke up. There was a light flashing in the living room and my brother came back suddenly! He woke someone up in the living room. Then I skulked behind the door to listen to what they said. "Tomorrow, see you at 8:00am." My brother ended the call. When my brother went back to his room, I had a sleepless night. I kept thinking about my brother's meeting tomorrow.

In the morning, my brother prepared to go out and I decided to

follow him secretly as I wanted to figure out the truth. After he took off in his car, I took a taxi quickly. When I arrived, there were lots of people and they were having a deal. Two men were shaking hands but I couldn't recognize their faces because I was quite far away from them. My curiosity couldn't be satisfied until I arrived home.

Afterwards, my brother came back. He kept on calling someone. "Sai Kung, 119 Street." It was located at the outskirts but I just saw an old and a shabby building when I arrived there. "Is my brother working here?" I was confused. The door was opened. I saw so many boxes placed in the room. When I wanted to open those boxes, a few men rushed out and attacked me. Finally I fell on the ground. When I opened my eyes, it was pitch dark. I wanted to stand up but I could not move! I realized that I was tied around the chair. Someone asked me, "What is your purpose of coming here?" "No! Let me go!" I was so scared that my hands were trembling. I felt helpless.

Suddenly, a man who wore black jacket and black trousers came. "Boss, a girl broke into our place. Do we need to...?" a cruel man asked. "RELEASE HER." He said flatly. "Boss, maybe she is..." Two men whispered. I grabbed and threw my eye-patch on the floor and I saw that the one in front of me was my brother. I felt speechless and feeble. "Is there anything inside the boxes?" I asked. "Drugs." My brother told me softly.

When I remembered this experience, I felt painful. I was staring at the view at the terrace. The thought brought tears to my eyes. "I miss you...Will you be back?" I murmured sentimentally.

5A Yvonne Yau

## A letter To Grandpa about Mary's Debut Performance

Dear Grandpa,

How is everything going? Do you still exercise regularly every morning? I know it's chilly cold in the USA. Please take care of your health for me, okay? Do you miss us? We miss you a lot! When will you come back and be with us? You know what, Grandpa, Mary did an excellent performance last Saturday. It's so sad that you missed it!

Can you remember how old she is? Yes, she is a 7-year-old girl now. These days, her teachers' teachings are all about superheroes, therefore, they had to perform a show about Superman. Mary was assigned to be a main character, the Superwoman. She prepared the costume and props at home wholeheartedly the week before the performance (P.S. the costume was made from paper!). Mom, Dad, and I went to watch her fabulous and hilarious show last Saturday. We are so proud of Mary although a small accident happened.

It was a short drama with a monster ruining everything in the city as the start of the story, the superhero team (including Mary in the team) was ready to pop in to the scene. As a superwoman, Mary and her teammates flew down from the sky and yelled the slogan of their team, 'We will punish you, as the God has ordered, you evil gangster!' They shouted at the monster with an extremely angry look. The monster did seem to be afraid of these superheroes. Then, every superhero was busy to show off their superpower to the audience and fought against the monster with their teammates by different poses.

All of a sudden, Mary's costume was torn off! The clothes underneath was her school uniform! We didn't know what was going on at that time. 'Is it how she shows off her superpower? Or something went wrong?' We thought and discussed the problem with each other anxiously. Mary then stared at her foot and she realized that she herself stepped on her costume and tore it off! So, she shrugged her shoulders and opened her hands to show that she didn't know what was going on! But after a while, she started to devote herself into the performance again despite her torn off costume. She still showed the spirit and the professionalism of a performer. She continued to perform and finally all the monsters that appeared were defeated by Mary and her teammates! We gave her a big hand for what she'd done in the show.

Do you feel so proud of her, Grandpa? For she was able to resume her performance in a short period of time. Mary is such a brave and clever girl! (And her ears were totally red like wine when her costume was torn off!) Anyway, it was a good week for us! It's just a bit sad that you didn't have the chance to watch Mary's live performance. But I've attached the video of her performance that Dad took that day! Enjoy!

Please tell us if you are coming back to Hong Kong at Christmas, okay? Take care!

Best wishes, Chris 5A Chan Kwun Shing, Ivan

## A letter To a Teacher on Cyberbullying

Dear Ms Chan.

I am writing to express my concern about Jack who I suspect being bullied online. As the monitor of our class, I have the responsibility to prevent any unacceptable incidents from happening. After consideration, I think I should inform you as cyber bullying may have severe consequences which are unpredictable.

To begin with, cyber bullying may affect social harmony. In today's world, there are lots of social media which help to connect people from different places or backgrounds, everyone can feel free to talk and express themselves. Take Facebook as an example, people can easily post statuses and photos on their wall whilst they can leave comments without thinking adequately. As a result, some of these comments may not be appropriate. I have come across some comments mentioning rude languages, improper words or even attacking people. These inappropriate comments are exactly how cyber bullying appears. It makes people restless. Sometimes, it adds stress levels too. Everyone can easily criticize others without any reason even though the comments may hurt others. Therefore, cyber bullying really has a bad impact on social harmony.

Besides, cyber bullying causes mental disturbance to people too. Most of the time, cyber bullying happens through the press on the Internet, people are using words which are assaultive as well as negative. Those who are being bullied may be mentally injured due to the attack from these comments. As a consequence, they may start to think of themselves in a negative way, such as struggling whether things they did were right or not. They will start to be emotional, and worse, they will hurt themselves or commit suicide.

Thus, after my observation on Jack, it was not difficult to know that he is being bullied online. These days, I keep searching on Facebook, there are many posts and comments criticizing him. Additionally, I observed that Jack seems to be afraid of chatting with others. Once, I saw him in the changing room before the P.E. lesson, I saw that there were injuries on different parts of his body when he was changing his clothes. I'm really worried that Jack hurts himself since he cannot deal with the stress that comes from the comments on the Internet. As his classmate, I will ask if he needs any help but I think it is better for a teacher to counsel him. Moreover, the education about the responsibility of using social media must be promoted to avoid our students from being bullied or bullying someone online.

At the end of the day, I understand that it is not easy for someone to come out from the effects of bullying. But I believe everything comes to an end, it depends if the end is good or not. Let's help Jack to step out from cyber bullying.

Yours sincerely, Chris Wong

#### 5A Chin Leonard Palelei

#### 'OH NO!'

I was waiting for the lift. 'Everything seems fine, my work is done and I am the first one to leave the office. Oh yes! Party time!' as I was looking around and talking to myself. The lift arrived. I walked in and pressed the button to close the door. At the same time, a colleague walked in and stopped the door from closing. 'Oh No!' 'Oh No!' I repeated in my mind as fast as a horse running for its life. The colleague was Eve----the person I dislike the most in this company!

'Wow, Chris! You're finally the first to leave the office,' said Eve with a grin on her face but I knew it was fake. I tried to ignore Eve. We both stood on opposite corners of the lift, looking at the numbers and thinking '10, 9, 8, 7...' just like counting down for on the New Year's Eve. Suddenly, the lift was stuck on the 7th floor. 'Oh No! Not again!' I thought as the light in the lift went off. I pressed the alarm to alert the guard, then sat right in my little corner and rolled myself up. 'Why? Why am I trapped in a lift with a woman I dislike?' This question kept swirling in my mind. Suddenly a voice whispered towards me, 'Chris! Can you come over here? I am scared, can you do me a favor?' cried Eve. 'No! No! No! Don't expect me to go over there!' I said in a rude voice. 'Please!' said Eve as her tears started to roll down her cheeks like rain. 'Okay! Eve, I won't go there but I think I can lend you a tissue instead.' I searched for my tissues and held it in the air, waving it just like telling people I was going to surrender after what Eve had said. Fine chilly fingers touched my hands and a powerful force pulled me out of my little corner. 'Got ya! Chris?' said Eve. I struggled to get away from her.

'Are you afraid of me, Chris?' asked Eve after I failed to escape. 'No' I said while I was trying to get away. 'I just want to ask you something. Chris! You have to promise to answer me or else I will not let you go.' Eve said with a gentle, comforting voice which could melt the ice block in my heart. I stopped struggling. 'Fine! What are you going to ask me then?' Eve let go of my hands, 'Why do you hate me that much?' 'Oh, don't you know that it's because you're too arrogant. Remember the time when we successfully invented a new product 'Karma' and it became prevalent in the market. You took all the prizes that we won together! Why did you do that to me?' My face turned red and my words were just like sword that stroke into her heart. 'No! No! I am sorry, Chris! I didn't mean to take them all away, it was because ....' Eve suddenly stopped in the middle of her words. I was waiting and said, 'Because of what?' I could not wait any longer. 'Because of my father, he has been diagnosed of kidney failure and the medical treatment was a pressure for me....' Eve voice trembled and could not hold it anymore. She sobbed with pain 'Oh! Sorry, I thought you...' I sat close to her and gave her another piece of tissue. 'If you don't mind, I can lend you my shoulder!' I blurted. Eve laid her head on my shoulder. 'So is your father still here?' I whispered to her ears. 'Yes he is, but he needs to keep doing hemodialysis treatment regularly to stay alive.' Eve said with a more calming voice.

Suddenly, a bright light cut through the darkness. 'Are you okay?' asked a fireman. 'We are fine!' I said. 'Wait for a few seconds. I will take you out of there.' said the firemen in a firm voice. Eve walked out the lift and I looked at her cheeks. It was red like an apple. She's beautiful! My heart was beating so fast that it was going to jump out of my chest. OH NO!

5A Lam Chi Tat, David

# What A 'Big' Misunderstanding!

It was really ridiculous! Last Sunday, I planned to have a buffet dinner with my girlfriend in the Peninsula Hotel which was the most expensive hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui. Therefore, I walked to the Peninsula Hotel to book a table ahead of time. But as I arrived at the hotel, I saw my brother getting off a Lamborghini sports car, which was the most famous and expensive car in the world, outside the Peninsula Hotel's parking lot. I was shocked since I did not know why he could become so rich that he could wear a gold Rolex watch, a pair of sunglasses from Chanel and drive an expensive sports car;. I had no idea where he got those things, it puzzled me.

I must find out the truth! Firstly, I am an ordinary person and I am a typist, I type many word documents for some banks and publishers. My parents know I am a person who does not like to take risks or do something illegal. In contrast, my brother, Casey, is a cunning person, he never stops his 'mission' – 'playing'. Moreover, he will not engage in any honest work. I remember that last summer holiday, he was arrested since he sold pirated DVDs in Mong Kok. And a couple of months ago, he sold pirated things again! I could use a Chinese idiom to describe him, 'No repent even facing death'.

It's completely ridiculous! The last time I spoke to him, he was still looking for a job, but after several weeks, he turned rich!? It was impossible, so I thought he must be doing some illegal things to earn money again. 'What is that this time?... Selling drugs?'

Oh my god! The truth was killing me! I was very worried about him, so I just hid behind a small van to watch him. After a couple of minutes, I saw him again and this time he gave a bag of white powder to a man with tattoos, 'It should be Cocaine!' I said.

Enough! I couldn't endure anymore so I walked forward and asked him how he became rich and whether he was selling drugs. He looked frustrated and whispered, 'I'm doing something urgent, I'll explain to you later. Now, can you please just leave me alone?'

I got extremely angry and my hands were out of control, I just smashed his face hard with my fist. Suddenly, there was a loud man's voice, 'What!? What are you doing here? What's wrong with you, dumb!' I couldn't figure out what was happening, so I asked Casey. He just got indignant and stared at me and shouted, 'I'm shooting a movie and now you have just screwed my job up. You ruined my career and my life!' After that, he just ran away.

I was wrong! After this misunderstanding happened, he didn't contact me anymore. Thus, I just took courage and picked up the phone to call him, I was ready to give him a sincere apology. 'Sorry, my dear brother, I misunderstood you! Please forgive me' I cried. 'Shut up! Thank you for breaking my dream, dumb!' Casey shouted.

5A Law Hon Yin, Tommy

### The Obsession With Physical Beauty

Dear Editor.

I am writing to express my concerns about obsession with physical beauty. Nowadays, most people prefer the outer beauty which is the appearance of a person, to the inner beauty, which is the personality. They tend to ignore the inner qualities of a human but over-focus on the beauty of a human they see.

Inner beauty can be defined as being friendly, kind and honest. People with inner beauty treat people fairly and nicely without considering their abilities, family background and appearance. I am sure that all of us have been educated with such virtues and values since kindergarten. However, is there any reason driving us toward obsession with physical beauty?

First and foremost, the inborn biological factor – the desire for perfection and idolization may cause people to become addicted to the pursuit of beauty. Many people are sensitive of being good-looking. Teenagers, in particular, are influenced by pop idols. Most idols have an attractive appearance which draw people's attention, so teenagers desire to be as beautiful or handsome as their idols. Besides, why are all Korean idols so attractive? It is because they are successful in changing their physical appearances through plastic surgery. Therefore, people believe that going under the knife can make them beautiful and there is nothing wrong with having plastic surgery.

On the other hand, the value held in the society has influenced the perception of beauty. People will perceive you as friendlier if you are beautiful enough. "The more goodlooking you are, the better treatment you get!" Teenagers believe that a better appearance can guarantee a better future,

so they spend more time and money on their physical appearance.

In fact, people ignore the genuine beauty of humans. They wrongly define the outer beauty as the true meaning of perfection. Inner beauty is neglected in evaluating one's perfection.

To conclude, the obsession with physical beauty seriously affects the psychological health of human. People should confront the problem and assess the over-emphasis put on physical beauty. We must stop this unhealthy phenomenon with respect for the well-being of our society.

Yours faithfully, Chris Wong

5A Lo Hoi Ki, Samuel

## 'Once Again, You failed'

My stupid cousin asked me to go to a hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui. It annoyed me to even step out of my room. I was walking like a zombie, the kind that was always shown on the TV series, 'The Walking Dead'.

'Honk!!!' There was a splitting roar that brought my spirit back to life. I glanced at the expensive car. "Porsche', its loud roar indicated its territory and its royal place. I stared at the car with big eyes, hoping a white prince would actually come out and say to me, "Want to go for a ride?" What!!!.........This was totally insane!!!! Out came a tall, dark

familiar image. Well, he had some beard just like my brother, but my brother is as poor as a beggar, he doesn't even have one cent. I leaned

closer and squinted my eyes, I dropped my glasses.

Actually, I nearly passed out. It was really my brother. The mole on his forehead was so obvious. The first thought that stroke my mind was 'robbery'. My brother was kind of like a parasite of the society. He even had his arm tattooed. He had a long list of crimes and he probably hadn't turned over a new leaf. I wasn't a good sister either for my entire life. My intention was always good, but always turned out to quite the opposite. This time, I finally did something right. I went forward to him and started scolding, 'All this time, I thought you had changed, but you didn't change at all.' I swung my arms in the air and started pointing at him. I was exploding like a volcanic eruption. His face turned red, just

like tomatoes. He actually wanted to say something but I was blowing like a machine gun, not giving a second for him to interrupt. This was due to the fact that I was absolutely disappointed with him. Just then, the door clicked and a woman came out of the car. "What's happening?" she said in a sweet voice. My natural instinct was that she must be my brother's partner and she definitely tempted my brother to do illegal things, she looked like a red piece of cloth and I probably assumed myself as a red bull, charging my anger at her.

Immediately, I gave two tight slaps on her face and I was actually pleased to see the red handprints on her cheeks. She shouted at the top of her voice 'You are delirious, you're gonna pay for this, I'm gonna sue you!' I mocked at her foolishness. Is she a lamb pushing herself into the lion's den? She and my brother stormed into the car, with a loud noise, the car was out of sight almost immediately. Just when I thought it was all over, I heard a person's voice. 'I am a passerby and saw the whole incident. Are you serious? That woman is the CEO of Samsung and from your brother's uniform, he most probably is a driver.' I was shocked and my jaws dropped but I didn't have time for the panic attack. I better whizzed back home to comfort my brother.

The door was left opened and I could hear my brother's sobbing sound. I did what I did best, thinking that a nice cup of coffee would cheer him up. 'How about a cup of coffee?' I gave him my biggest smile, with my teeth gleaming. Seconds later, an ear-piercing scream and glass shattering on the floor was heard.

Thinking about the whole incident, I felt deeply sorry to my brother. For once in a lifetime, I would like to become a "Sleeping Beauty". Hopefully, when I woke up, there would be a light at the end of the tunnel. 5B Esther Yip

### A Letter to A Friend About Voluntary Work

Dear Pat.

How are you? Were you busy this year? Have you participated in any activities? Have you done any voluntary work? In my summer holiday, I became a volunteer for Oxfam. Oxfam is an international confederation of seventeen organizations working in ninety-four countries worldwide to find solutions to poverty and to injustice around the world. Oxfam works directly with communities and seeks ways to ensure that the poor people can improve their living standards and have a say in decisions that affect them.

When I worked for Oxfam, I looked after children in Ethiopia. Ethiopia is a poor country. Many children lost their parents. Most of them did not have enough money to buy food and books. They needed to face the problem of being hungry and poor. They became very weak as they did not have enough food to eat. I went to Ethiopia to understand these children better. I played interesting games and sang English songs with them. I taught them Mathematics and English. Besides, I bought some new clothes and shoes for them. I think that I have spent my summer holiday meaningfully.

Ethiopian children enjoyed playing with me as well. I learned how to take care of them with love, patience and respect. Also, I learned how to communicate with children. Oxfam provided me with the opportunity to broaden my horizons by participating in different kinds of invaluable programmes and activities. I feel so fortunate that I could spend time with children in Ethiopia.

This Oxfam programme was important as it could let the children have the opportunity to study. In addition, they could have some new clothes and shoes to wear. We raised some money to help them improve their lives.

Last but not least, the voluntary work is an eye-opening experience for me. It provides me with a better understanding of the world that we are living in. Although I did certainly encounter thousands of difficulties throughout the whole process, with the support and encouragement given by my parents and friends, I have accomplished my missions. The precious experience that I gained not only has affected my understanding of the world, but also other aspects of my life. Such experience has helped me to increase my confidence in facing the challenging adventures ahead of me. This experience is extremely valuable as it has given me an opportunity to learn and apply necessary social and communication skills into the real world.

I have to stop here as I have got lots of assignments to do. Write soon and let me know if you are interested in joining Oxfam.

Best wishes, Nick

#### 5B Jason Fan

## A Letter of Advice (5)

Dear Mary,

Thank you for your letter! I am sorry to hear about your problem. I know you must be feeling upset and disappointed. I would like to give you some suggestions that might help!

I understand why you are worried. Firstly, you mentioned that you got few friends and no one seems to like you – all because you're fat and unattractive. You might try to think about what real friends are for. If they judge you simply by your appearance, they are not your real friends. However, if you really want to to lose weight to keep yourself healthy, I think you should do more exercise.

Secondly, you mentioned that you have tried every crash diet on earth, but nothing seems to work. Why don't you discuss it with nutritionists? You might try to find them to help you design a healthy menu. You must not try any crash diet! It is not healthy! If you try crash diet, you will feel sick and hungry because you don't have any nutrition. And then, you might try to have a balanced diet. Try to eat more fruit and vegetables. You must not eat too many snacks, such as chocolate, sweets, French fries and ice cream because they contain lots of sugar, oil and fat.

I also suggest that if you feel hungry, you should drink some water or eat an apple. Please do not think that you are hopeless. It is not wise to think in that way because I think every problem can be solved. Actually, controlling your diet is not too difficult, but you must have the determination to do it! Everything will get better soon!

Last but not least, if you have any question, please don't hesitate to ask and drop me a line to let me know how things are going. I look forward to hearing from you soon! Remember – I'm here to help. That's what friends are for!

Best wishes, Jason Fan 5B Tam Wai Tat

## An Email of Reply (2)

Dear Pat

Thank you for your e-mail. How are you? In this summer, I spent two weeks in a local charity working as a volunteer and helped with office administration.

The summer job was an eye-opening experience for me. I worked in "The Salvation Army". Office administration is the process of overseeing the day-to-day operations of an office. The task of administration is usually the responsibility of an office administrator or manager. Depending on the general operating structure of the organization, and the complexity of tasks associated with the operation in general, the responsibility of the manager or administrator may focus on a few core tasks, or involve the management of a wide range of functions. There are no excuses, when I have done something wrong, I have to bear the consequences.

At a local charity, the Salvation Army, I have worked very hard at all my tasks, especially cooperation with other people. I am sure that I can make positive contribution to our society in the future as the experience gave me lots of opportunities to come across interesting subjects in various disciplines. Such experiences allowed me to discover my own interests and potential.

I remember when I was in the local charity, coordination among different departments was definitely difficult for me, but it has now turned into my interests. We should not be too discouraged by failures in the past. The experience helped me explore various possibilities which were endless. More importantly, I have met caring, dedicated and intelligent people who have supported me through this exploration.

This job helped me identify and develop my abilities and talents to their fullest extent so that I can become a person with faith, knowledge and dreams. I am fully devoted and can demonstrate an ability to work as a team in a highly efficient workplace environment. I think I am ready to accept responsibilities and live a hard-working life.

I think it is important to support local charities because local charities can help a lot of needy people. In addition, in local charities, young people can learn how to work as a team with other people. It is a good idea for people to join some team activities or do some voluntary work. This will help them understand more about cooperation, compromise, working with other people and sticking with rules.

Bye for now and write soon. Let me know if you are interested in voluntary work.

Best wishes, Eddie 5C Fung Ho Long, Owen

## My Summer Job Experience

Dear Sam,

Hey! How are you? What have you done this summer? Guess what! I got a summer job! Before I was employed by a local theme park, I thought doing a summer job would be very boring. However, it was completely the opposite, I had a meaningful holiday! Working in a theme park is an amazing experience, I enjoyed being a costumed character performer, let me share with you about it!

Every morning, I needed to wake up at 6. It wasn't difficult for me because I also need to wake up early during school days. After breakfast, I needed to dress up in the character costume. It wasn't an easy work because the costume was so heavy. I needed to wear it for 9 hours. I went to the theme park every Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays as well as Thursday evenings.

There were enjoyable things being a character performer. Actually, there was a secret passage to the different areas. That's why you never see Mickey Mouse meeting Donald Duck in the park. In addition, after work, we could visit the park using the staff ID card, I now knew every part in the park!

Being a costumed character performer, I had to make the spectators happy. They always looked at me with gleaming eyes. I could see them through the costume and hear them requesting for a photo. I enjoyed to be someone so welcomed by many. It was rewarding when I saw people come and go with smiles on their faces.

There were some unforgettable memories though. It was a hot day and the street was as hot as a sun. The biggest problem was my fan wasn't working. I needed to wait until my break came and got my fan repaired. Just imagine wearing a thick heavy costume walking around the park under such weather! That was the worst day of my life!

After doing the job, I gained valuable working experience. Also, I have built good relationships with my colleagues in the park. Until now, we have kept contact with each other!

Working is not easy but the process is enjoyable. How about you? Do you have anything interesting to share about during this summer holiday? Have you done your homework? School days are coming! Drop me a line!

Best wishes,

Chris

#### 5D Luk Choi Ying Alice

## My brother

One day, I saw my brother, John, reading the newspaper to find a job. John is twenty-four years old. He went for interviews for months. Last week, he received a phone call. The caller said he couldn't get the job. He was unhappy. My mum was very angry and scolded him. He left home and I did not see him any more.

Three days passed. It was a sunny weekend. I visited the Space Museum because John and I liked to go there to play when we were young. I tried to call him in the museum but his line was cut. I was worried about John.

I left the Space Museum and I was walking by the Peninsula Hotel. In the car park of this hotel, I saw a blue car. This car looked like John's

toy. His favourite toy car is of the same model, with two seats. When I looked into the car, I asked, 'What?!' I couldn't believe my eyes. 'Why is John in the car?' I wondered. John was driving this expensive car.

I followed him behind his car. He drove it to Kowloon Park and he walked into it. When I got off the taxi, I saw him and a thin weak guy. John gave a bag of white powder to the guy and the guy gave a five-hundred-dollar note to John. I thought he was selling drugs, so I ran to John and grabbed him by the wrist. 'Don't sell drugs! Don't be a bad person. You're my dear brother,' I shouted and cried.

John laughed and told me, 'This is my job. The white powder is not drug. This is high calcium milk powder for adults. My boss is a milk powder seller and wants to help this poor man, so he asked me to give him this milk powder sample pack. He hopes the poor man won't be hungry and my boss lent him five hundred dollars before. He returned it to my boss. My dear sister, you're so cute,' John said. I was happy John was not selling drug.

'Then when did you buy this car?' I asked John. 'This is not my car. It's my boss's. He lent the car to me,' he answered. 'I live in my boss's home. Don't worry for me.' 'Okay, but we kept calling you! Why didn't you answer them and cut the line?' I asked. 'Okay, my dear sister,' John laughed.

I was very happy that I found my dear brother and he's not a bad guy!

#### 6A Yim Wing Ki

#### An Article on Depression

In recent years, there have been more cases of teenagers suffering from psychological problems. The cause may be career problems or relationship matters. I have a friend who suffered from depression last year. I could still remember the symptoms she had. First, she felt very sad and she was bored all the time. She didn't want to do anything. Once, I saw her at the corner of the room talking to herself. I tried to invite her to play volleyball with us after school but she still sank into her thoughts. She simply couldn't hear what I said. Sometimes, she would cry at her desk by herself and look very miserable.

Secondly, she was quieter than she used to be. Before she suffered from depression, she always talked and was never quiet. She was a lively person. She faced all her difficulties with smiles. The fact that she changed so suddenly shocked us. Also, she felt very tired all the time. She slept a lot but she was still exhausted. She looked just like a little panda. Until one day, her mother asked her to visit a psychologist. The professional started to offer her therapy sessions. She later revealed she was worried about her DSE and was afraid that she wouldn't be able to meet her parents' expectation. Her mother understood and comforted her. Soon, the cheerful girl I once knew came back again!

With my friend's experience, I realise that seeking help is very important. People with depression could also chat with social workers. Remember that you should reach out for help as there is always someone for you. For more serious cases, doctors may have to be consulted and medication would be prescribed. When we face stress, we have to remember that no one is perfect in this world. We need to work hard but we shouldn't push ourselves too hard. Fight depression bravely and we can all win!

6A Ng Kim Hung, Tony

#### If You Can Do It, Do It!

Nowadays, many people are discussing the issue that Hong Kong will run out of landfill space in the very near future. According to the government's information, Hong Kong has 13,800 tonnes of waste dumped to the landfill sites every day. The main sources of waste are from food waste, shopping waste and electronic waste in Hong Kong. In this article, I will suggest some possible solutions to deal with the landfill problem and encourage the public to take an active role in reducing domestic waste.

One of the culprits of the huge amount of waste produced every year in Hong Kong is the lifestyle of Hong Kong people. Hong Kong people are used to dump a lot of waste every day, it has become a part of their life. It is so common to see people order a lot of food, which is more than the amount that they can eat. Needless to say, it produces a lot of food waste. Besides, as Hong Kong people are very busy, they tend to buy take-away meals for lunch and dinner. This aggravates the waste problem as restaurants use disposable products such as polystyrene lunchboxes, plastic spoons, plastic forks, plastic knives etc. It would intensify the problem in the landfill sites as plastic does not degrade in a hundred years. In short, people's environmental awareness is weak. They do not live a green lifestyle.

There are some practical ways to deal with the waste problem. Firstly, we should suggest the government to put a sales tax on people who like shopping. I think this can deter the shoppers from buying too much and eating too much. Besides that, expanding the landfill sites is another effective way to solve the problem of the landfill sites since the government's recycling plants will take three to ten years to

put in place. In the long term, building recycling plants is inevitable as it can recycle most of our food waste into something useful such as fertilizers, poultry feeds, etc. Thus I think expanding the landfill sites is necessary because this plant needs a long period of time to build.

In addition, it is very important that the government can strengthen the education of environmental awareness to students, households, food and catering industry, retail industry, etc. Students can be a starting point for educating the seriousness of waste problem in Hong Kong. Students can start to take actions and influence their friends and family members to work together in environmental protection.

In conclusion, a true saying to share with you, 'You get something, you lose something.' It means that when you gain something, you will lose something at the same time. When you enjoy your materialistic life, remember that you may lose the beautiful natural environment. With our concerted effort, we can make a difference to our environment.

6A Derek Li

# The Plight of Hong Kong Waste

It has long been a controversial issue concerning landfills problems. All existing landfills have been filled up since 2010. Despite the government's good faith in trying to introduce policies to battle the current waste, the situation was even deteriorating.

It is believed that something should be done as soon as possible. Some voiced that building incinerators was the only way out. Undoubtedly, incinerators can solve landfills problems. However, it has its down side. For the time being, the landfills will have been filled up

in a few years and the problems should be tackled in no time. Yet, constructing incinerators takes at least four years and we are not allowed to wait any more. Besides, toxic gases will be released causing hazardous health problems after burning the wastes especially the plastic ones. Thus, building incinerators does not help alleviate the problem.

Instead of constructing incinerators, the following effective measures should be adopted immediately by the government to reduce waste.

First of all, economic incentives can encourage people to actively recycle unnecessary items such as used paper, empty cans and metal. Instead of punishing those who create the refuse, those who reduce the waste and recycle should be rewarded. I do believe that the citizens are more likely to take action to save the earth with the lure of money. Everyone can benefit if you recycle and reduce. Not only do you save your money, but also our environment. As a consequence, economic incentive helps change people's wasteful life.

Apart from encouraging citizens to reduce the refuse, advanced technology eases the problem as well. Take "Go Mixer" machine and biodegradable goods as examples. It is said that "Go Mixer" machine can magically churn leftover into water. As we all know, food waste is one of the major solid waste in Hong Kong. If this technology is applied in Hong Kong, it will ease the pressure of the landfills. Some biodegradable products are environmental-friendly. They can be biodegraded by the germs in the soil in a few years. It is necessary for us to make good use of technology to stop the dire situation from getting worse.

Although the measures mentioned above are useful, people's ethical sense takes an even more vital role. It is suggested that related speeches

and lectures could be held by the green organizations. In order to draw people's attention to this problem, advertisements should be published frequently. Aside from publicity, it is important to educate the younger generations. Workshops and seminars should be organized to let them realize how bad the situation is and hopefully youngsters will avoid them from leading wasteful lifestyles. Publicity and education, in fact, can effectively deal with the root of the problem.

I hope the public can take an active role in reducing waste. Your small steps will lead to a big change one day!

6B Lam Kung Ching, John

## Landfill Problems In Hong Kong (1)

Recently, the landfill problem is being argued controversially. The residents who live nearby the landfill are concerned about the problem of landfill expansion most as it must bring tons of trouble to them such as the disgusting smell the waste gives off. The landfills expansion is not the most feasible way to deal with the increasing waste, but only an instant measure. It makes no good for long term and sustainable development. Before I suggest several possible solutions to the problem, let's begin with why the problem is caused.

One of the main causes for the problem is the careless waste disposal. Industries and households usually discard the used things when it is still usable and can be recycled. This action definitely contributes to the increasing amount of wastes. Another reason leading to the problem is the countless domestic wastes. At home, we must feel annoyed with domestic wastes since there are no any convenient and environmentally friendly ways to handle it except throwing it to the rubbish bin. These two prime factors mainly aggravate the situations, therefore the possible solutions should be aimed at reducing the domestic wastes and raising the public's environmental awareness.

To reduce the domestic wastes, the implementation of a penalty system is essential. One may lack motivation to recycle used materials when it is extremely inconvenient and time-consuming. Setting a penalty system can be an effective incentive to help reduce the generation of domestic wastes. However, legislation takes time. Hence, setting up more

recycling station can be a short term solution to the problem. This probably makes family get access to recycling stations more easily which encourages them to recycle rather than disposing wastes into bins. Manufacturing domestic waste is inevitable, so the government's action become the most critical point to tackle the problem.

As for raising environment awareness, both education and promotions are the keys. More talks related to the environment should be taken place at schools. Students can better understand environmental problems nowadays. Schools should also spontaneously hold more attractive and environmental activities to make them know more about our world, aiming the emergency of treasuring resources. Promotion is another key point. The more advertisements of recycling exist, the more people tend to do recycling. Moreover, the large-scale activities conducted in the city can be effective to draw the public's attention at the same time. So it must be a one move, two gains action. From these, it can be seen that both education and promotion are significant ways to raise the public's environmental awareness.

After all, tackling waste problems all rely on us. Thus, in order to get a satisfying result in the future, we all need to make an effort in reducing domestic wastes. Let's love and cherish our world more.

6B Lau Nga Yee, Angela

## Landfill Problems In Hong Kong (2)

Nowadays, Hong Kong has 3 landfills, namely, Tseung Kwan O, Tuen Mun and Ta Kwu Ling landfills. They will be filled up by the mid-2010s. Landfills collect rubbish coming from industrial waste, solid waste and kitchen waste. They cannot be decomposed. Meanwhile, the landfills cause a lot of problems.

Landfills will be filled up by the mid-2010s, and the government wants to expand the landfills. But many people who live near the landfills are fiercely against the expansion. Landfills will affect people who live near them. They cause air pollution in Hong Kong. Also, they will affect people's health, especially those suffering from asthma, the elderly and children. Meanwhile, the smell of the landfills would affect nearby buildings, causing decline in property prices, and affect the economic development of Hong Kong.

So, what can the government do to solve the problem of landfills? First, according to a research by Friends of the Earth, a green group, advanced countries like some European Union members introduced producer responsibility scheme towards the end of the 1990s. The plastic bag levy was imposed in mid-2009 in Hong Kong. I think the government needs to formulate policies to control solid waste. The plastic bag levy is a good example.

Also, the government can build incinerators to deal with solid waste. Meanwhile, the government should educate the public and encourage them to be environmentally-friendly. The government can work with some green

groups to promote environmental protection, such as recycling kitchen waste.

What can the public do to reduce domestic waste? The public can use 4R – reduce, reuse, recycle and replace. People can reduce the use or purchase of unnecessary things. Do not discard useful things. Reuse and recycle them and donate good things to people in need. If things are broken, put them in recycling bins.

In conclusion, if people change their lifestyle, less rubbish will be sent to the landfills.

6B Lo Ching Man, Candy

# Proposal For Running The SKHLFHSS Students' Union

To: Mr Yung, Teacher

From: Chris Wong, F.5 student

#### Introduction

The Students' Union is a communication bridge between school and students. It is important that Students' Union enhances student's sense of belonging to the school. We think that the previous Students' Union was not very effective in playing the role I mentioned above. Thus, we would like to suggest some ideas that can serve our students.

#### Role of the Students' Union

As I mentioned above, Students' Union is to connect students and school. We should collect complaints against the school and work with the school to fix these problems. Besides, Students' Union should also provide activities or welfares to students to develop their sense of belonging to the school. Moreover, Students' Union should provide students with diversified activities to increase student's learning experiences.

# Suggested ideas to the Students' Union

We would like to propose the following items:

## 1) Student welfare

Many of our students come from low-income families. They want to buy some cheaper stationery or other things that they need in order to save money. Moreover, we can have an umbrella service. For example, it was raining last week, I saw many students did not bring their umbrella. Therefore, we think we should have a service of lending umbrellas to students. Of course, we should also have a good

system to get back the umbrellas. Furthermore, we suggest that we should put tissue paper in the toilets to ensure the quality of hygiene and bring convenience to our students.

2) Improving academic studies and joint-school activities All students want to improve his/her academics. Hence, we

should provide a "Big Brother and Big Sister" scheme. S.5 and S.6 students can teach S.1 and S.2 students homework and guide them how to do revision. This scheme can give group or one-on-one tutorials to our lower form students. This can also benefit our \$.5 and \$.6 students to enrich their knowledge. Moreover, we propose that there is an exchange of exam papers with other schools. We can cooperate with other CMI or EMI schools, but CMI may be better. It can improve our knowledge and know the difference between different school's exam papers. Also, this can help \$.6 students to prepare for their DSE. Furthermore, we also suggest that we have joint-school activities. This will hopefully help students to build their self-confidence, meet new friends and have fun with each other. For example, we can conduct some competitions, such as singing contest or Christmas party. This kind of activities will help everyone to relax before holiday or after exams.

# **Conclusion**

We hope that these suggestions will be useful and we sincerely hope that you will kindly consider and approve our proposal. If you have any question and details that you want to know, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your attention.

## 6C Leung Ka Ho

## Proposal for A Three-day Trip In Stanley

To: Mr. Kermit Chan, Teacher-in-Charge, ECA team From: Chris Wong, Chairperson, Student Union

## **Introduction**

In the past few months, we practised much for our HKDSE. Now, we have finished the examinations. We would then leave this school very soon. Before we enter universities, we think it would be a very good idea to strengthen our bonding even further by going on a trip together. Therefore, I would like to propose a three-day trip to Stanley.

#### The trip

#### 1. Location

I would like to propose that we go to Stanley for the trip. It is because Stanley is a place with unique culture. We could try some local food there and we could also visit different historical sites together. Stanley is quite a spacious place, therefore, it would be a suitable place to carry out outdoor games there. Stanley is also close to our school. If we depart from school, it would not take us so much time to get there.

#### 2. Time

I would like to suggest having the trip on 6<sup>th</sup> June. The camp would last for 3 days until 9<sup>th</sup> June. It is estimated that we could leave the campsite at 3 p.m. on the last day. We believe that 3 days would be enough for us to conduct some activities and, at the same time, keep the budget low to a minimum that students can afford.

#### 3. Activities

It is recommended that we play some team sports there.

Different types of team sports would provide us with chances to cooperate with teammates. We could also conduct some leadership training. The skills developed would definitely be useful for our future at the universities.

#### 4. Items needed

We would include a list of items students should bring to the camp. Since we would be staying there for 3 days, we would definitely have to bring enough clothes and some cash. Team leaders would coordinate the necessary shopping, e.g. food for the different meals and eating utensils, etc.

#### Conclusion

I hope the above suggestion could be considered. Form 6 students have worked very hard for their examination. And it would be a great time to have them spend a few days together on a trip to create collective memory. I am sure all participants of the camp would be grateful to be given this opportunity. I would be glad to discuss details with you further at any time you find convenient.

6D Wong Tsz Kong, Prince

# Proposal of an Interactive Discussion Forum on the New Online Teenage Magazine

To: The Principal

From: Chris Wong, Chairperson, Student Union

#### Introduction

I would like to put forward the suggestion of an Interactive Discussion Forum on the new online teenage magazine, Salad Days.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Student Union, over 70% of students complained that it was hard for them to know what was happening in the school or community because they were neither informed nor did they know where to get the information.

The Interactive Discussion Forum should serve three purposes. Firstly, it should develop students' understanding of the school because under

the influence of technology, more and more students spend a lot of time playing computer games, they do not have time to know what happens around them. So, this Interactive Discussion Forum can improve students' understanding of the school. Secondly, this Interactive Discussion Forum should enhance communication among students. Thirdly, it should also help students overcome their problems, such as studying, friendship and family.

# Details of the Proposal

Forum Managers
 On this Interactive Discussion Forum, we not only have

some teachers from our school but also have some students who are good at I.T. to manage this forum. It is to make sure that all discussions are carried out in a pleasant manner.

#### 2. A Different Topic Every Day

Different topics will be introduced every day. Nowadays, there are lots of things happening around. Students cannot understand them clearly because there is a lack of channels. So, if there are different topics covered on this forum, it may help students develop a better understanding of our society.

#### 3. Technical Support

The Computer Society can design the page and provide technical operation.

#### Conclusion

This Interactive Discussion Forum is a perfect vehicle, it is a communication channel between the school and the students. Youngsters are more willing to seek information through the Internet. Students would like to take part in discussions on an online social media. It will surely become a popular feature of the magazine. I hope this proposal will be considered.