

Foreword

Writing Club continues to find its place in promoting English Writing. Knowing that writing is not an easy job for any student, 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 sharing their thoughts for our publications to come!

The English Department

1A Chan Ka Shing, Jacky

**Short Story –
The Day I Won a Big Apple Pie**



Today was the first day of the Easter Holiday, I went to KFC with my friends. While I was eating, one girl appeared and said, ‘We are holding a cooking competition now, would you like to join this competition?’ I was surprised and said ‘yes’.

What I needed to cook were chicken wings. My competitors were my friends – John and Sam. I felt uneasy because they were my best friends and they could cook well. I couldn’t beat them.

My partner Peter encouraged me saying that we could finish this competition. ‘I believe in you,’ he told me. So we quickly finished cooking our chicken wings. I passed the food to the judge and he said, ‘Wow! This looks like my mum’s chicken wings!’ I felt a bit relieved.

Finally, the judge announced, ‘The winners are Jacky and Peter!’ I was so glad that we won a big apple pie. I gave the whole pie to Peter because before we started cooking, he said he believed in me.

1A Lai Ally Juliana

Article – Jesus' Birthday Festival

In the world, many people believe in God, Jesus. I would like to have a festival to celebrate and thank our father, Jesus.

Why do I want to have this festival? It's because I believe that Jesus made this world. He made everything in it. If we don't have him, we would not be here. So, I want to let the world know that and thank God together.

I suggest we choose two days around Christmas and Christmas Eve. That is 23rd and 24th of December. The meaning is that on that day Jesus made everything come together. We can celebrate this festival everywhere, but preferably in a church.

People around the world can celebrate this festival, although they do not believe, they can still celebrate this festival. I think it is the perfect time to let preachers come together to let the world know about Jesus' story. Also, it is a good time to give each other gifts to let them know that Jesus loves everyone.

I hope we can have this festival and let everyone know that Jesus loves us!



Article – Colourful Festival



If there is a festival in the world and its purpose it to let people appreciate different arts. I will create a festival called Colorful Festival. It is from March 20th to March 24th and it is done in families of each country.

In the colourful festival, every family must draw two pictures. On the 20th day they must post it on the door, so the neighbours can see it when they walk past. They can write comments on their favourite pictures.

In the street, the colors are everywhere. Sugar gourds and egg biscuits and fish eggs are all coloured. But during this festival you can't sabotage someone's paintings. This is disrespectful to others. You can't say bad things about the colours. If you do, you will not be liked very much by those people.

There are a lot of painting competitions in this festival. If you like to paint or draw this is the festival for you.

1B Yuan Huei Ling, Alice

Diary of a LFH Kid



7:00 am

I woke up at 7 o'clock. I brushed my teeth and cleaned my face.

10:00 am

My friend, Rita, and I watched a pop concert DVD at my home. She liked it very much.

2:00 pm

We went to visit a book shop in Chai Wan. We enjoyed reading very much. We bought a lot of books.

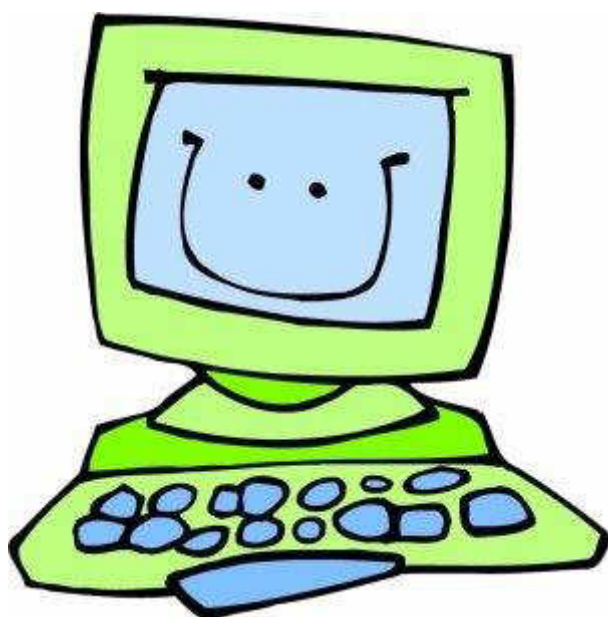
5:30 pm

After visiting the book store, we went shopping in Causeway Bay. There are a lot of shopping malls. We hung around for a few hours. Rita bought a lot of snacks. We were very happy.

9:00 pm

We went back home with lots of fun. What a great day!

Argumentative Writing – Using Computer is Helpful for Teenagers



Nowadays, it is common to see teenagers using computer to do different kinds of activities, it has become a hot debate whether computer helps or harms teenagers. I personally think using computer is beneficial and would like to share my views.

One of the many benefits of using computer is it can make learning more interesting. Currently on the market, learning software is dazzling. Compared with traditional books, using e-books on a tablet is much more flexible and can easily attract learner's attention. When you are tired of learning, bright colours on the screen may cheer you up. Also, the resources on the Internet can help teenagers find suitable and stimulating learning materials. So using computer can motivate students to learn.

Another advantage of having computer is it is a useful tool for establishing relationships. Teenagers nowadays are often the only child in the family. Excluding school time, they are generally alone at home. Through the Internet, they can use chat rooms and other social networking sites to chat with their peers. In the virtual world, they can talk about their favourite topics. Netizens, regardless of young and old or from all kinds of background, as long as the topic is of their interest, they can utter their voice. This is a great opportunity for those who long for a friend, a desire for friendship as well as desire to talk, to express themselves.

Being able to quickly master important information and knowledge is another useful feature of using computer. The computer has become an important source of knowledge. Most of the information of the world's largest libraries can be obtained through the computer. It not only quickly accesses information but also saves users a lot of additional spending. Through the computer, we can see the latest, the fastest and the most authoritative news on the Internet, one can also learn a wide range of technology frontier so that users can master different slopes of knowledge.

With all the benefits mentioned above, I strongly think that computers can help teenagers learn more effectively, enhance communication as well as obtain information needed. It is an important tool in many aspects in life.

**Short Story –
An Amazing Encounter with Stitch**



It was a breezy sunny afternoon, I went to a shopping centre to help my mum buy a new television set. When I was buying the TV set, a salesperson gave me a lottery ticket and told me that I could have a chance of winning the lottery. So I stayed in the store and watched the lottery. Surprisingly, I won the first prize. The prize was a ball. The staff said that the ball would bring me luck. It sounded like a scam so I just put the ball into my pocket and left.

At home, when I was taking a shower, something strange happened. Suddenly, the ball came out from the pocket of my clothes, it turned into a monster called Stitch. I was shocked and screamed loudly. My mum rushed into the toilet and asked, ‘what happened?’ I pointed at Stitch but she saw nothing and thought I had gone mad.

After she left the toilet, Stitch said, ‘a scientist turned me into a ball and I am trapped, can I stay here?’ I agreed to let him stay in my room. We ate, slept and played together.

One day, Stitch seriously told me that he was an alien and needed to return to his planet. I felt so upset after hearing this but I still had to help him out because he was an alien. We waited for mom to leave the house before we started our work on fixing his spaceship.

Before Stitch left, we decided to go shopping. When we were walking in the mall, ‘BOOM!’ Suddenly, a bomb exploded and many parts of the building fell from the top. In a blink of an eye, Stitch pulled me in a flash and protected me from getting hurt. ‘Sorry to get you involved, the scientist wants to kill you because you know our secrets.’ Stitch got hurt and I saw it turned into a debris of light in the air and disappeared. I grieved and felt guilty about it.

An important lesson for me is that we have to try our best to protect the people we love, because many things are irreversible. I miss my friend – Stitch.

Short Story – Old Mr Fox



Ten years later, Mr Fox became an old fox and all his children became adults. They left their treehouse and moved to a big forest to live. There were many other animals living in the forest who were very friendly and kind.

Mr Fox and his family lived near a lake and they started fishing because they did not want to steal anymore. Mr Fox was very smart and helpful so animals in the woods often went to him for help.

One day, the three farmers arrived at the forest and wanted to cut some trees down so they could have fire logs. When they were cutting down some trees, they saw Mr Fox fishing. The three farmers took out their guns with anesthesia and shot Mr Fox. The animals in the woods saw this and were terrified.

The farmers took Mr Fox back to the farm and wanted to peel off his skin to make some clothes. When they were preparing to cut him, the foxes and the animals from the woods made loud noise to wake Ms Fox up. Mr Fox opened his eyes and noticed he was in great danger so he used his claws to scratch the farmers' eyes. All their eyes were hurt and they could see nothing. Mr Fox and the animals used a lock to lock them in a cage before they ran back to the forest.

Finally, Mr Fox and the animals led a stable, worry-free life in the forest.



Short Story – Meeting Shrek

It was a breezy sunny afternoon, I decided to go to the library to relax and read some books.

When I arrived, I picked up a book called ‘The Not so Little Green Man’. As I opened the book, a tall, fat guy came out from it. His skin was green! He had big eyes and ears. I looked closely at him and noticed that it was Shrek! I saw his worried look, but I was too shocked to say a word. Then I told myself to calm down and took him to the playground to have some private talk.

He told me that his wife was turned into a human by a witch, now his wife was trapped in a castle which lived a dragon. At that moment, I knew that Shrek had to fight a war to get his wife back, so I cheered him up and took him around the city.

First, we went to a café to have some cupcakes. I love cupcakes so I thought he might like them too! Then I ordered some hot chocolate for Shrek to warm him up. I felt contented to see Shrek enjoying the cupcake and chocolate.

Then, I took him to a clothes shop to buy some clothes as if he had to travel to the palace, it would be cold and wearing thick clothes could keep his body warm.

Finally, I took him back to the library and told him that he would be strong enough to defeat the dragon in order to save his wife. He smiled and thanked me before he went back into the book.

I opened the book for Shrek to return, then I saw brave Shrek wearing the clothes I bought, fighting with the dragon. Of course, he won and rescued his wife. They lived in the Far Far Away Land happily ever after ...

2B Shek Kwan Ho

**Informal letter –
Planning for Jo’s Trip to Hong Kong**

Hi Jo,

I’m glad to hear that you’re coming to HK! Congratulations on your job interview! I hope you can succeed in getting the job!

You want to attend an art activity with me during your stay in HK, and I love it too! I found that there is an activity called The Hong Kong Street Photography. It will be held at Hong Kong Arts Centre on 28th August from 2 to 3 pm. I recommend this activity because we can take a fresh look at the people and places through the lens of local photographers. It will be a great opportunity for us to know more about our community. What do you think about it?

I also found some information about the walking tour around Central that you’re interested in. We can join the tour on 29th August from 10 am to 12:15 pm. During the tour, we can see St John’s Cathedral. It is one of the oldest churches in HK. It was built in the shape of a cross with an impressive bell tower. Many wedding ceremonies are held here as it has great view and comfortable environment.

We can visit some art galleries along Hollywood Road as well. There, we can see modern art, Chinese antiques and jewelry. As you are fond of art, I guess visiting these art galleries will be of great interest to you.

Let me know what you think about my suggestions. Write soon!

Chris

**Article –
A Successful Person - Kris, the Pop Singer**



Being a successful person is not easy. In this article, I am going to introduce one of the most successful people in the world. He is Kris Wu, the captain of EXO-M.

When Kris was young, his mum always told him to exercise, so he started playing basketball, hoping to be fitter and taller. He practised basketball until 9 pm every night. When he grew up, he became a basketball player. He always won. But his coach didn't want him so he gave up playing basketball.

Kris changed his mind and wanted to be a singer. Before his journey started, his mum sent him to Guangzhou No. 7 Middle School. He made a lot of friends there. All the students in this school thought he was tall and handsome, but he didn't think he was.

One day, he succeeded in an audition. To be a singer in Korea, he practised every day. He had never got tired. He made some Korean friends and he joined a famous band called EXO. He got very famous and he had a lot of fans. The other day, he left the band. He became more famous than he was in the band. Also, he won a lot of prizes, like Mnet Asian Music Awards (MAMA) 2016. He was also chosen by the famous director Xu Jinglei. He played the Tang monk in *the Journey to the West 2* and he became more famous because of this film. He also acted in a lot of films.

I have introduced Kris to you in this article. I think he can be the Role Model of the Year. The teenagers can learn to be fitter, healthier and strive for the best, like what Kris does.

3A Wong Ming Ki, Nicky

Letter of Advice – Healthy Tips

Dear John

Thank you for writing me a letter. I'm very sorry to hear about David's problems and hope I can help.

You mentioned that your brother David went to bed very late and didn't get enough sleep. In fact, there is one reason that causes this. It is because David often chats on the phone with friends. I know that it is hard to stop chatting with friends. I think David should better manage his time, such as going to bed early and no chatting after 10 pm. It is because a teenager needs more than 8-hours sleep a day. If I were David, I would chat with friends at lunch or after school.

You also mentioned another problem which is that David doesn't exercise and even eat junk food after dinner. Two reasons have caused this problem. First, David doesn't eat enough during dinner. Moreover, David doesn't have time to exercise. Junk food contains lots of sugar which is unhealthy to our body. One piece of advice is to eat fruits instead of junk food. It is because fruits contain lots of vitamins. Plus, David must set a timetable for doing exercise. Doing exercise has many advantages, such as improving your level of self-esteem and releasing your pressure. If I were you, I would invite David to go jogging together.

I hope this advice helps. If David can listen to and understand my advice. I am sure that David will get better, he will not fall asleep in lessons and his results will get better. Please write to me again if you need any help.

Yours,
Robert



Short Story – A Punishment of a Computer

Last Sunday, Chris was watching his idol Terry's music video. Chris was wearing a headset and listening to music, he was eating potato chips and drinking a cup of hot chocolate. He felt relaxed at that time. However, it was 9 p.m., he had to go to school the next day, so he should have gone to sleep.

Chris' mum came in and she talked to Chris, 'Have you tidied your room yet?' 'Not yet, mum.' Chris replied. Chris' mum ordered, 'You have to tidy your room before tomorrow, your cousin Tony is coming to Hong Kong. He is living in your room for a month.' Chris did not reply to his mum, he was still playing online games.

Suddenly, Chris saw himself on the computer screen with an upload progress bar. He didn't know what was happening. He tried to turn off the computer but he could not! Oh, what can Chris do? He shouted, 'Mum, mum, where are you? Come and help me, mum!'

Mum heard Chris shouting, she rushed into Chris' room and saw his face on the computer screen. Chris was hitting the computer screen. Chris tried to break the glass of the computer screen, but it did not work. Both of them felt anxious and panicked.

Chris' mum decided to turn off the computer and turned it on again. However, it did not work. Chris' mum took the computer and shook it hard to see if Chris could fall out from the computer. Finally, Chris fell out. A sentence showed on the screen,

'If you use me a lot, I will not let you come out of my body next time. You have to work with me, Chris. Be a good boy!'

– by Computer

Chris promised himself and his mom that he would never be addicted to playing computer games anymore.

Short Story – Chris' New Mum



Chris was a lazy boy, he loved playing computer games and idolized Justin Bieber. So after dinner, Chris went back to his room and turned on his computer. He wore his headset and watched his favourite idol's latest video at 6 o'clock. At the same time, Chris turned on his MacBook, drank coffee and ate potato chips. He didn't do his homework, but he looked very happy and enjoyed his own personal time. And he never knew how messy he was.

At 8 o'clock, his mum came into Chris' room. Mum saw Chris' desk was very dirty, there was a lot of rubbish on it. And mum started nagging at him. 'Why is your room so messy? Can you tidy up your room? Do you remember your teacher will come to visit us tomorrow?' But Chris ignored her because he was watching a video with his headset on. Chris' mum came to Chris' room five times to nag at him.

Suddenly Chris saw himself on the computer screen with an upload progress bar. And he heard a voice from his headset, 'Why are you so naughty and lazy? Have you heard your mum telling you to clean your room? But you only watched your idol's video.' Chris replied, 'I just want to take a rest, why are you so cruel?'

So, Chris was trapped in the computer. He shouted ‘No – who are you? What do you want to do to me? You can’t do this to me! Do you know my mum will kill you! Mum help me!’ Mum heard Chris’ voice and ran into his room and saw that Chris was trapped in the computer. Mum said, ‘What happened? Are you kidding?’ I must go to sleep now, goodnight my son. Remember to tidy your room!’ Mum then left.

The computer said to Chris, ‘I will let you come out when you know how to be a hard-working boy.’ Chris knew he was wrong and promised the computer that he would be a hard-working boy and spend more time doing his homework.

The computer warned Chris that if he made the same mistake again, he would be trapped in his body again. So Chris had two mums since then.

3A Li Po Yan, Eric

Letter of Advice – Living a Good Life

Dear John,

Thank you for your email. I understand why you are so worried about your brother, David. Hope my advice can help.

First of all, I think David has two problems. You have mentioned that he goes to bed very late and does not get enough sleep because he often chats on the phone with friends. It makes his test results get worse and he always falls asleep in class. Plus, another problem is that he does not do exercise and even eats junk food after dinner. I think the reason for this problem is that he does not have enough food at dinner, thus he feels hungry and wants to eat junk food at night. As time goes by, he may develop a bad eating habit which is eating junk food after dinner. That is extremely worrying because junk food is unhealthy for our body. It contains a lot of fat and sodium which are not good for our body. You must stop him. I suggest asking your parents to cook more food to make him feel full at dinner.

If I were you, I would limit his chatting time. For example, stopping him from chatting after 11 p.m. He can't play or chat anymore after that time. That not only lets him play less, but also sleep earlier. However, another problem is about the lack of exercise. Why not let him try to play basketball? It is beneficial to him as he needs to do more exercise. You can also go with him, this can also improve your relationship with him. Why don't you try?

I hope my advice helps. Please write to me again if you need help.

Yours,
Robert

Short Story – The Day Chris Quitted Computer

After school, Chris was as exhausted as a starving tiger when he returned home. He saw that his desk was so messy that it was hit by a storm. He felt it was so troublesome to clean the mess so he put his focus on the PC screen to watch a humorous, exciting and interesting video. At that time, nothing was more important than watching this video that was about his idol, Ben.

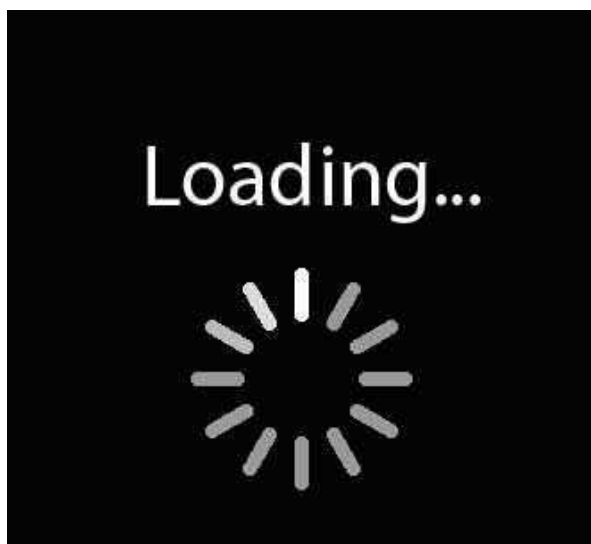
When he was enjoying the video, his mother came into his room and kept on nagging, she ordered him to tidy his room. He felt extremely confused to get a quandary between tidying up his room and watching videos. Last time, his father beat him hard when he kept ignoring his father's order.

When he did not know how to choose, he discovered that his face appeared on the computer screen surprisingly. He tried to press the buttons on the keyboard indiscriminately to stop this strange thing. But there was no reaction and more seriously, his body started to disappear!

While he was feeling panic, the upload progress bar was full. He found himself in the computer when he started to be clear-headed. He was desperate to seek help. His mom heard him yelling for help but she just helplessly stared at her son.

His mom tried to seek assistance from neighbours because the room was scattered with gadgets. She stumbled on a charger and pulled the plug of the computer out of the socket. The computer went out of power and Chris appeared in front of his mom. After that, Chris found that he would go back into the computer when he turned it on. Although he replaced his computer, the circumstance did not change. Chris never touched computers after that.

**Short Story –
The Unforgettable Dream**



Last Friday after school, Chris got back to his house very quickly. He turned on the computer and started to enjoy the time for playing computer games and listening to music on the computer. His favourite idol's show would be on air tonight.

Chris enjoyed playing computer and listened to his idol's songs very much. He forgot to clean his room though he had promised his mum that he would clean his room after school.

Suddenly, Chris' mum came into his room and asked him when he would tidy his room. Chris felt sorry and told his mum that he would clean it very soon. He felt very afraid that he might be punished because he did not obey his mum.

A few minutes later, he saw himself on the computer screen with an upload progress bar. When the upload progress bar was uploading to fifty percent, Chris found something strange happening to his body. Half of his body disappeared. He felt very afraid and started to panic. He did not know what he could do at that time.

When the bar completed uploading to one hundred percent, Chris found that he was not in his room anymore, he was trapped in the computer. He shouted very loudly, he wanted someone to come and help him. Chris' mum came into his room and helped Chris to clean his room. Chris felt very happy but also helpless because he needed his mum's help, but his mum seemed not able to see that Chris was inside the computer, so Chris' mum left the room after she finished cleaning Chris' room.

Soon, Chris' dad came into his bedroom. Chris thought his dad could save him out of the computer because he was good at using computers. Unluckily, his dad also could not see him. Chris felt upset and thought he would never come out of the computer. 'Ding.....dong.....ding.....dong...' the school bell rang and Chris woke up. 'It's only a dream!' Chris shouted out. He ran back home after school very quickly, but this time he did not play computer games first, he cleaned his room and helped his mum to do the housework.

A Letter to a Character in the Secret Garden



Dear Colin,

Hello! How's everything going? Do you feel much better recently? I am surprised that you could be more optimistic and grow healthily. It's so nice to hear that you play with Mary and Dickon happily right now.

Honestly speaking, your circumstance was really bad when I heard about it for the first time. Your father didn't like you because he put all the responsibility of your mother's death on you. Also, your body was so weak. This made you locked up at home because your father worried about your body. As a result, you became pessimistic and introverted. After that, your maids' perfect care spoiled you and led you to become self-centred. Once you were unhappy about something, you would cry or vent your anger on your maids. You even threatened people that you would die if they didn't follow your will. Luckily, you met true friends, Mary and Dickon, who helped you to face your behavioural problems bravely. Finally, your problem was solved with a happy ending.

Although the past was sad, you are a strong and healthy boy now. You could enjoy a life the same as a normal person. Your circumstance recalls my memory of the days when I was sick and had to stay in the hospital, I was so bored and lonely. Thus, I sympathise with you very much. My reminder is to keep myself healthy, go out to the garden and exercise more. When you have pressure, you should share your feelings with your friends and family to relieve them. Don't let yourself feel down and sad as this would accumulate pressure. Last but not least, explore nature more often, you can feel energized when plants, trees and animals are around you.

I think your situation can be an excellent encouraging story, so you can write a book that talks about your experience. I believe it can touch and inspire many readers. Also, you can be an emotional support to patients. I hope I can see you in the future and chat more about your recent condition.

Yours,
Jack

Reading Report – Stand Strong

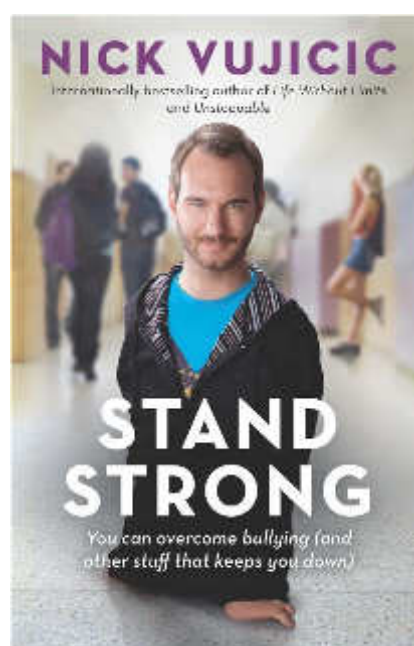
Good afternoon everyone. It is my great honor to be here to learn from you and to have a chance to share what I have read in a book. The book is called *Stand Strong* written by Nick. Nick wrote this book in 2014. Nick was a victim of bullying before, but he did not do the same as other victims, which is to tolerate the bullies. Do you know why Nick wrote this book? In my opinion, Nick wanted to teach others who faced bullying to be more positive. Before my sharing, I would like to ask you a few questions. Have you ever been bullied? If you have been bullied, how do you feel? Painful, angry or frightened? Would you like to find a way to deal with this problem? I believe that you can find the answers for these questions after my sharing.

First tip from Nick is that we need to take responsibility for our own life, so that bullies have no power over us. In the book, Nick reminded, “You cannot make me feel bad about myself”. Do you know why Nick does not feel bad anymore? It is because Nick knows who he is and stands on his own. When I was young, I had a similar experience as Nick. Yes, I was bullied too. But the difference is that I was bullied by teachers, not by classmates. Ridiculously, my teacher did not punish other students who did wrong. I felt unfair and upset. I began to lose my self-esteem. I thought that I was more inferior to other students. Luckily, I still had a best friend. He reminded me that I know myself the most. I should face the teacher who might have misunderstanding about me, I should tell her what I felt after her bullying, I should let my inner self feel that I’m in control of my life but not the others. At that time, I realize that I have the responsibility of treating myself better.

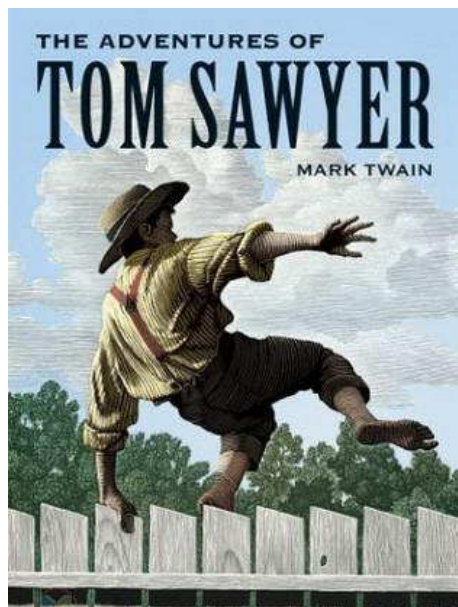
Second tip is that we need to create a safety zone which is to establish inner security and strength that makes yourself more confident. After Nick read a letter from a social worker called Jenny. He learned that he needed to create his own safety zone in

his mind. This special room or place in mind should be filled with peaceful soul. When I was in primary school, most of the time I was desperate. At that time, it was regretful that I did not try to seek help from adults, like a social worker or my parents. Every day I went to school with fear and desperation. So what is the safety zone Nick has mentioned? I have thought about this for a while. I started with a question, ‘Why was I bullied by others in primary school?’ I think I did not have friends because I did not have good communication skills. I was passive in joining any social groups and I was not bold to talk to others. One day, I started to play computer online games. I worked hard on playing a game. I finally got a glorious result and achievement. I felt that I was not useless anymore. Playing computer games is one of the ways to create a safety zone, it is where that I have found my self-confidence. I started to have more friends as I finally found a common topic and interest that connected me with them. Friends, find something that you can be good at, create your safety zone!

Thanks to Nick for writing this book, many of us have faced bullying in some ways in the past years. Facing bullying is a painful experience. However, it also sends us a message, the world needs love and we can make this world a better place, ‘Stand strong and spread love!’ Thank you.



Reading Report – The Adventures of Tom Sawyer



Good afternoon everyone. Today I want to talk about a book called The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, there are 15 adventures in the book. It was written by Mark Twain in 1876.

First I will talk about the main character -- Tom Sawyer: he is a romantic, imaginative and playful boy who does a lot of pranks on people around him in his town. He doesn't like school, that's why he thinks how to skip the lessons. He

has a classmate called Becky. Tom loves her at the first sight. Tom develops a crush on Becky but their relationship does not go smooth. Finally he saves her from the dangers of McDougall's cave.

The first time I meet Tom Sawyer, he is in Aunt Polly's pantry, stealing some sweets from the jam jar. Tom is caught by Aunt Polly and punished to whitewash the fence. Whitewashing the fence is a chore that no teenagers want to do as it is so boring and wastes the time for adventuring. But Tom gets out of the punishment by tricking a local boy, Ben, to do the whitewashing for him. Tom lets Ben feel the privilege of whitewashing the fence. Then Tom heads off to enjoy himself. How clever Tom is! This part has totally fascinated me as Tom uses his wit to release himself from what he does not want to do, but at the same time, he lets the other person get pleased to do the work for him. This is only the beginning of Tom's rascally adventures.

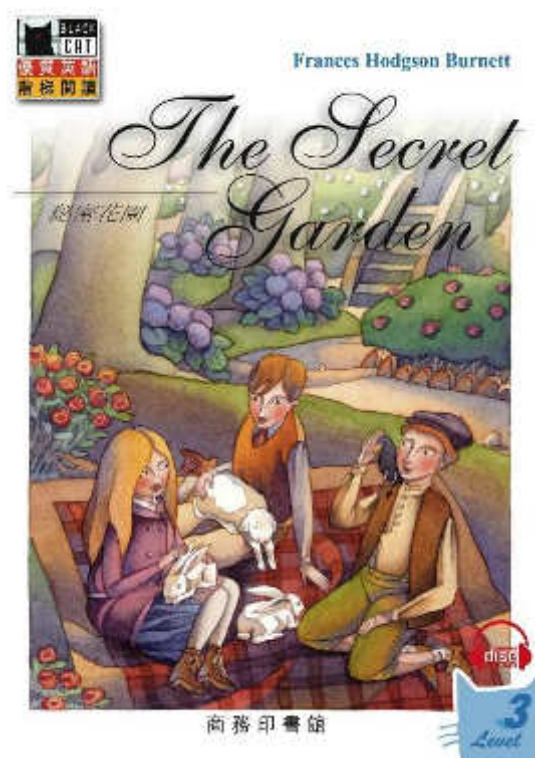
Another impressive chapter is when Tom falls in love with his new classmate, Becky. Tom bravely tells Becky about his feeling and he gets Becky to tell him she loves him and gives him a kiss, but he ruins the romantic moment when he carelessly mentions his old girlfriend, Amy Lawrence. Becky is so angry. He tries to

make up by giving Becky a gift, but she rejected him. Tom is defeated and runs off to the woods after his disappointment. I thought Tom would cry or get angry with Becky. Instead, he starts to dream of being a famous 'pirate'. He thinks that one day Becky is going to regret and adore him because he is going to be the bravest man who ever sailed a ship. Tom decides what he is going to be in the future and is filled with hope, sending his heartbreak away. Friends, I am impressed with Tom's positivity. As a teenager, we have difficulties and disappointment that we have to face. Many teenagers will just complain 'Why me?', 'Why is life so hard?', 'Why, why, why?' And just keep on grieving or even give up. Tom teaches us not to waste our time grieving or complaining, we just need to remind ourselves of our dreams and find ways to achieve them.

The third adventure I like in the book is the one in the graveyard. Tom is always getting into trouble with his friends. This time, he and his friend, Huck, sneak to a graveyard one night, where they witness Joe murder Dr Robinson. Therefore, Tom and Huck, run away for a while, making the town think they are dead. Eventually they come back, though, and Tom testifies against Joe in court. This shows that Tom is a brave and conscientious boy. Many people may reject to be a witness for the murder because they do not get into troubles or even threatened by the murderer. However, Tom is not afraid of pointing out Joe is the murderer of Dr Robinson.

I think teenagers of today are going to like *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* even though this book is a classic. There are still some naughty teenagers and they might want to read about Tom's adventures and see how Tom uses his cleverness and positivity to bring breakthroughs to his problems. While reading this book, Tom has reminded me of a friend, he is Benny. He always speaks about something funny and brings laughter to my classmates. He can help my friends turn sadness to happiness. I hope that I can learn how I can bring positive energy and fun to life. Thank you very much for listening. Hope you enjoy it.

Book Recommendation – *the Secret Garden*



Good morning, fellow schoolmates. I'm Liz Cheung, the Chairperson of the English Society. I'm going to share with you a book called *the Secret Garden*. It's about a little girl called Mary Lennox.

This is a story about Mary, a spoiled, bad girl. She lived in India with her father and mother, but she did not see them very often. Mary's father was busy at work and her mum loved parties and did not take care of her. She left Mary in the care of an Indian nanny.

One day, her parents and servants died. She moved from India to England to live with her uncle, Mr Craven. He lived in a large house with many big gardens. In the morning, Mary woke up when she saw a young housemaid called Martha. Martha took care of Mary. In India, Mary's housemaids were not kind but Martha was kind. Mary learned to love.

Mary found a rusty key to a secret garden. She went in secretly and helped the flowers to grow. Dickon, the housemaid's brother, worked with Mary together in the secret garden. Her cousin called Colin was ill and lonely. She calmed him down by reading and talking with him. Mary trusted Colin and brought him to the secret garden. Colin started to recover and said he would live for ever and ever.

The magic of the garden made Colin strong. He believed he would not be sad anymore. He walked again. Colin's father was surprised to see his healthy son running! Colin's father had never been that happy when they walked together.

I think the story is interesting. It is touching to see Mary calm Colin down as he had to stay in bed. He was very excited at the secret garden and Colin's father was surprised to see Colin healthy. After reading the book, we learnt that we should treasure friendship and our parents' love. Also, I learnt to care for others and love them.

To sum up, I recommend to you this good book, the Secret Garden. I hope you like it. Thank you.

3B Wong Pui Man, Angel

A Letter to a Character in the Secret Garden

Dear Mary,

How are you? Are you busy in the garden? What happened this week? How about Colin? I've finished reading the short novel, the Secret Garden, so I want to write a letter to talk about your changes which impress me a lot.

At the very beginning, you were not only a spoiled, ill-mannered and bad-tempered girl, and you also didn't have friends. At that time, you were very negative. As time went by, you had a new change. You became optimistic because you met Colin and Dickon. They made you change as they became your friends. They told you what your problems were. You actually felt lonely and helpless so you beat your servants. But now you don't have this ill behaviour anymore, you have become optimistic and polite to everybody in the manor.

I appreciate that you have such a change. I think your character in the Secret Garden brings some reminders to me and other teenagers. Many teenagers are spoiled and have bad manners, some teenagers are rude to their parents or grandparents. In school, these teenagers disrespect teachers and schoolmates. This is unacceptable. Thus I think you have set an example to encourage us to change our bad-temper tantrums.

There can be challenges in the future. If you have problems or difficulties, remember to share them with your friends. Don't keep it with you, you will be negative again. Calm down, the problems can be solved eventually. Keep going, support you!

After reading this book and meeting you, I also had a change. I have had a self-reflection, you let me think about my manners and interpersonal problems. I think you have encouraged me to be more optimistic, you told me what is good for me. Thanks a lot, I will remember you forever because you have helped me change.

Best wishes,
Angel

4A Leung Ching Ting, Ellen

Informal Letter – Suggestions for a Holiday Trip



Hi Raymond,

How are you recently? Have you thought about our trip this summer? The travel agent has sent me information about holiday packages to Sydney and Melbourne. I think the Melbourne package would be best for us.

First at all, the duration of the Melbourne package is longer than the Sydney package. The reason is we need to use two days for the flight and we still have five days in Melbourne. The Sydney package only lasts for five days which means we only have three days in Sydney. I think it's not enough for us to enjoy the trip because the Sydney package looks very rushed. Moreover, the Melbourne package provides the direct night flight, so we can use a shorter period to arrive at the destination. On the other hand, the Sydney package has indirect night flight, so we need to use more time for transport. Although Sydney package is cheaper, I still choose Melbourne package because the Melbourne package is more flexible.

In addition, we can enjoy bush walking in Melbourne. I heard that 'everything is unknown in the bush'. As a result, I think it will be a very exciting and rewarding experience because we can see different kinds of things in the bush. For example, the lizards, the snakes and the dingoes. We can't see these animals in the zoo because those animals live in the wild. Not only this, we will have an opportunity to visit the farm too. In the Melbourne package, we will stay in the farm for two days. We can meet the animals and play with them. The activities in the farm include, fruit picking, sheep shearing demonstration, visiting cheese factory and horse riding. The rewards in farm visit are not only fun but also the knowledge we could gain there. In the Sydney package, they have harbour cruise, city tour and theme park visit. I think it's not enough for us. The most important reason is we love animals.

Next, we have shopping time in Melbourne package. I want to buy some souvenirs there because we can't buy them in other places. I think the souvenirs can represent their local characteristics. The Sydney package gives us some free time but we don't know which places are worth going or we go outside aimlessly, so we may end up getting nothing.

At last, I will choose the Melbourne package despite the prices. If you have any ideas, please reply to me and tell me what you think. I look forward to our summer trip and I'm sure it'll be extremely fun and awesome!

Love,
Tracy

Short Story – My Little Pet

Today, I want to share with you a story about my little pet and me. It was a sunny day. I was having a picnic with my friends. I was washing some food the river nearby. At that time, I saw an egg.

It was a huge egg, as big as a watermelon! I was very surprised. I didn't want to let my friends know about it though. After the picnic, I went to locate the egg again. It was very heavy. Maybe it would be a big bird? I guessed.

I moved the egg carefully because it was very big. I wondered perhaps someone would steal it. Finally, I arrived at my home, I put it under the light. 'The light will make you feel warmer, you can come out faster!' I said to the egg. During that week, I was very happy and excited. Every night I read a story to it such as Snow White and the Ugly Duckling. 'Maybe you will be a real ugly duckling.' I laughed. At that time, the egg cracked open!

'What are you exactly? Give me a shout!' I cried. But ... a long tailed appeared! And then came a wide mouth with sharp teeth. Yes, my pet was a crocodile! I was first worried that it would bite me but thank God it didn't.

For a long period of time, we lived together very happily. I fed him with meat and milk. Oh, right! My little pet was called Cola. He had a pair of small eyes, a lot of sharp teeth, a long tail and green skin. At the beginning, Cola lived in a small tray. A few weeks later, I had to move him into a bigger tray. It was a little too small for him. Cola was very smart. He knew what he could eat and what not. When I got home, he would give me my shoes. A month later, I had to handmade a box to keep him. Seeing him squeezing himself in that tiny little box, I started to wonder...maybe the river was truly his home.

On a sunny day, I drove Cola back to the river. He looked at me as if saying ‘don’t let me go, please.’ I was very sad but I knew that was the right thing to do. I pushed him back to the river and some other crocodiles came out and swam around Cola. He played with them joyfully and they ate fish together.

So now, I visit Cola every week. And do you have such a great little pet like Cola?



Informal Letter – Tips on Adapting to a New School

Dear Kermit,

How are you? I am Laura who will become your new classmate in 4A. Thank you for your letter and I hope I can help. You mentioned you were very interested in your new English teacher. Let me tell you about her.

First at all, when I heard you would come to 4A. I was going to say ‘good luck’ to you. When I know your name, I was happy because your name is the same as her boyfriend’s. Do you know her personality? Let me tell you. She looks serious and strict. If you stay alone with her a bit longer, maybe just a short time, you would find that she is actually very funny. You mentioned in the letter that you were weak in English although you came from the US. I think you must pay attention to it. As she speaks English very quickly, you must listen very carefully. Oh yes, do you want to keep fit? Last month I had dinner with Ms. Chan, I was using English the whole time. I found that I actually ate less than before. She is very caring for her students, she is not the same as other teachers, she not only cares about our results, but also cares if we are good people or not. She teaches us to do the right thing at the right time.

Let me give you some tips of learning English, it is very effective for me. You search some videos on the Internet about learning words, before you read an article, you must have enough words. Sometimes, Ms Chan will teach us how to learn English. For example, in the last lesson, she taught us how to get full marks in the dictation. You write a word on a piece of paper, and write the meaning on the other side. Look, how easy is that! Do not sleep in her lessons, because you will miss the funniest part of your life. If you copy homework and she finds out, she will kill you. Do not say raunchy jokes, she could be raunchier than you.

You want to be an excellent student in Ms. Chan's class, I suggest you do more practices at home to improve your English. The most important thing is to pay attention to her left hand. It will kill you in a split second. Do not ask me why I know. Let's go to Tai Po this Sunday. I will tell you more about her. I hope my idea can help you know about Ms. Chan.

Best wishes,
Laura



Informal Letter – Sydney or Melbourne?



Hi Raymond,

How are you doing? We haven't seen each other for a long time. How are your parents? I think I'd better come visit your parents soon. Do you remember I invited you to travel to Australia with me this summer? The travel agent has sent me information about holiday packages to Sydney and Melbourne. I've read the information very carefully, then I choose the Melbourne package.

First of all, my budget is just about HK\$4,000 to 6,000 for the tickets. Although the Sydney package is cheaper than Melbourne package, I prefer the Melbourne package because I need to spend more money in Sydney as the prices of stuff are more expensive than Melbourne, so I prefer the Melbourne package. It's about HK\$5,950.

Secondly, the Melbourne package lasts longer than Sydney's. I'm fascinated by the local culture. The residents are well-mannered and passionate. In Hong Kong, we don't have these manners because we are selfish. I hope I could stay longer in Australia.

Besides, I like to walk in a forest because I could see many plants and animals. Nonetheless, Hong Kong doesn't really have a rainforest. I always plan to travel there so I could have a walk in the forests. The Melbourne package offers bush walking. It is fascinating! I know that you hate animals but I think it is a training for you. It's beneficial for you.

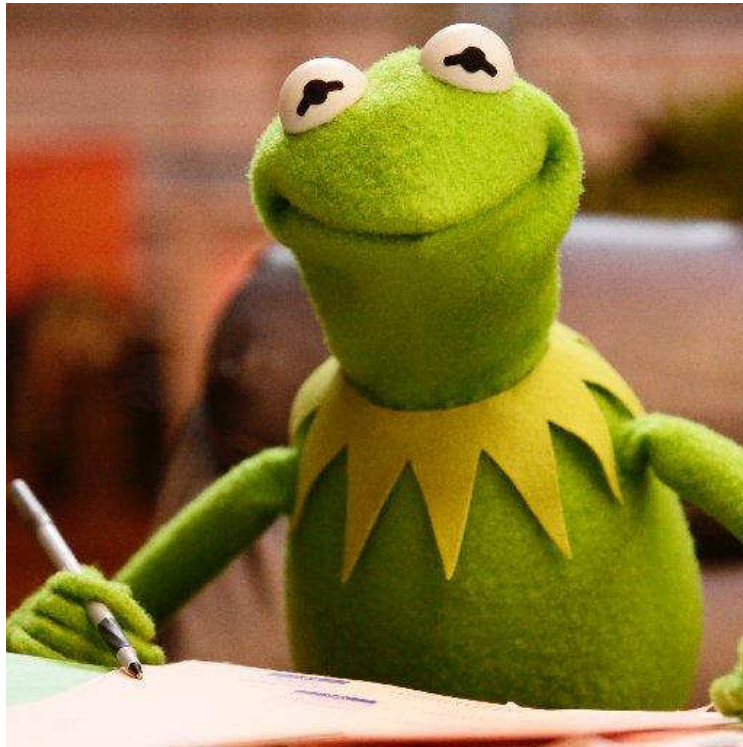
Lastly, the Melbourne package offers plenty of activities. It includes a farm stay, visiting Melbourne city centre and shopping at outlets for major brands. Isn't it amazing? I think you will like it. There is one thing that may make you feel disappointed. This 7-day trip doesn't have free time for you. Nonetheless, you could learn more knowledge about their customs.

Is it the best package for us? Before the holiday, hope you could get the best grade in the exam, let's study hard!

Love,
Tracy

4A Ting Lui Yan, Vicky

**Informal Letter –
How to Lead a Happy School Life?**



Dear Kermit,

How are things going?

I have got a new pet by chance recently, I want to invite you to meet him at my home this Sunday. By the way, I heard that you got admitted to my school to study. Right? I am so thrilled to hear that. I am your new English teacher, Ms. Chan's former student, so I want to tell you how you could learn English well and excel in her class.

There are a few useful and effective channels to learn English better. First, talk to your English teacher naturally. In this way, you will find what you still don't know and practice spoken English. Second, make some word cards that can be taken anywhere with you. Accumulating words is an essential process every day. Third, watch English films in your free time. Next, some foreign primary schools' books are also helpful. The level of difficulty is suitable for you to handle and help you strengthen writing skills. But don't just limit yourself to English books.

If you want to be outstanding in Ms. Chan's class, the first thing you have to do is to have a sense of responsibility for your homework and class. Doing more analysis on each question is one thing which could not be missed as well. Beside Ms. Chan's help, you ought to have ambition, proper attitude and be confident in yourself.

I hope my suggestions will help you to get used to the school life here. I could say for certain, you are going to study well and love it eventually.

Last, do you have time to come to my house? I really want to tell you my interesting experience! Looking forward to hearing your reply soon.

Yours,
Vicky

4A Ting Lui Yan, Vicky

**Short Story –
Half the World Away :)**

In order to fill my pocket and improve my English, I worked as an assistant for my English teacher Miss Chan last summer holiday.

In my impression, this job was the most unglamorous and boring job in the world when I just began. But I found it was also a funny job that made me feel like a teacher. I received respect and thank-you cards from the students.

I usually set tests, photocopied worksheets, typed work or marked students' papers as what a teacher would do. Sometimes I helped them with their study and discussed some questions with Miss Chan. I was also empowered to participate in their lessons.

During work, there was an interesting episode. One day I took my pet dog in a bag to work because of some emergency situations. Everything was going well initially, until a few students came to the office to hand in homework. My bag moved suddenly.

Someone shouted, then many more people came and stared at my bag. It seemed that everything stopped for me. I was very nervous. What's worse, my dog jumped out and showed himself. I was afraid whether I would be fired while the students were playing with my dog. My feeling was beyond description at that time.

Not unnaturally, Miss Chan knew about it. After my explanation, I was forgiven. But none of the people of this school didn't know someone brought a dog to work. However, I thought I was such a fortunate person.

In conclusion, I think I learned a lot from it. This summer job made a deep impression in my life. Yah...not only because of the accident, I also earned enough money to buy new toys for my pet. :-)

4B Chong Chung Hei, Issac

**A letter of advice –
Back to the Right Track**

Dear Tim,

How're you doing? I've heard that you have been away from school for two weeks. As your classmate, I hope you're ok. Please don't feel negative. I'm just trying to help and tell you what I'm worrying about and give you some of my opinions.

Actually, why I'm sending this email is that your dad has asked me if I know anything about you. Of course, I tell nothing about you to worry him. But there are some issues I'm worried about. As a friend of yours, I must speak out. I don't want to lose a best friend like you.

The first thing I want to know is whether you're trying to escape from your school work. I understand this because I'm quite busy with it too. However, escaping is not a good way. Problems like exam and homework still remain. We can only face it. You may ask your friends and teachers for help! Tim, I know you're a tough guy! You're not a coward!

I actually saw you last Sunday with some guys dressed in black with tattoos on their arms. I wonder if you have joined any gangs or not. If so, please leave them. Gangs are usually bad guys. They rob and sell drugs. It's illegal. You will be arrested by the police one day if you continue to hang out with them. Moreover, gangs do not have true friendship at all. Come on Tim! You're smart and rational. You know what I mean and what to do.

Tim, my dear brother, please do not give up your life. No matter how despaired you are, stop what you're doing which misleads you.

Come back and I'll help you! Don't make yourself suffer anymore. When you look back, you'll realise it's silly to hurt yourself this way.

Yours,
Issac

Short Story – An Unforgivable Mistake



Last weekend was supposed to be my movie night with my boyfriend, but he rejected me after I bought the tickets. I was a bit down but I did not blame him. So I went to the movie with my sister. It was quite awkward to enjoy a romantic movie with my sister. After that, I ate alone. I called my boyfriend to see if he had finished dinner with his family or not. He cut me off! I still didn't realise that he was dining with my bestie! What on earth was he playing behind me? I saw my boyfriend dating Mary instead of his family! I was pissed off at that moment. I really wanted to know what they were talking about... But why was he cheating on me? What if he just met her by chance? Stop finding excuses for him! I would find out the answer by myself.

Things happened two days ago. I still didn't make a move or even ask him about what happened that night, because I didn't know if I could bear the answer. Although I wanted to hear his reply so badly, I could hardly speak with him ever since that night. I asked him out like a normal date, hanging around after dinner.

Finally we met in the middle of the park. The sky was crystal clear with stars hanging high. It was a real romantic night ... me and him, just like an epic. I knew I would regret if I ruined the moment. So I didn't ask a thing, but just rest on his shoulder as if it's the last time. In fact, I was expecting him to tell me what happened that night. He never mentioned it. My best friend, Mary, suddenly blocked me on Snapchat, Instagram and even WhatsApp. I knew it! He was cheating on me, and the girl was definitely Mary. I hated them! I'd rather break up with him first. It wasn't worth it. I felt heartbroken for him... So I made a move. I cut him off every time he found me. He said I changed. I said, 'I'm protecting my one last soul you haven't taken from me.' Yes. I broke up with him, and two weeks later Mary really hooked up with him, my 'ex'. The breakup thing haunted me deeply, but I acted strong in front of my friends and 'them'. I am always a warrior...

Three months passed. My wound that he left for me started healing. I don't call it a regret. I make it a memory. I wonder if I hadn't seen what happened that night, would we still be a couple? He did it anyway. He broke my heart. I healed my wound. Let me just say, 'Time erases mistakes; mistake makes memories.'

Short Story – A Brave Person



At one o'clock in the afternoon, my friend Peter and I were going back to school after lunch. When my friend and I rushed to the road, I saw a girl on my way.

When I saw a girl crossing the road, there was a truck running fast forward. I decided to help her as I just knew that I needed to save the girl. It was very dangerous for the girl to cross the road. I rushed to the road, using one hand to pick her up and rushed back to the roadside.

The driver was in a hurry, and after a loud crash, he got down from the truck. He came to apologize to us and offered compensation to us. I comforted the girl. It was very terrifying for the girl to have this unfortunate experience. When I took a deep breath, the girl was frightened to say thank you to me. I asked her to sit down and chatted. She told me about her life. She was a kind girl who always helped the less fortunate children.

Peter was very worried about me. He thought I was very brave and lots of people praised me. I was surprised by my behavior. My teacher knew the matter and showed appreciation to me. I was so happy.

**Blog entry –
My Life as a Kindergarten Teacher**

I am Miki Law and I am a kindergarten teacher. I have been working in kindergarten since I was 20. There are many kids in my workplace. I took so many courses to learn how to take care of children. Then I followed a United States Researcher and learned the skills for taking care of different types of children.

My daily work is to take care of children and teach them. Children are always very lively. Every day teachers are very tired. This job allows me to take care of others. I want to give you advice if you encounter some children who are naughty. Do not be afraid as you can gently teach them and guide them to the right way. I think people always think that kindergarten teachers can only take care of their children while they are working. Also, they think that it is very easy. Taking care of children has always been a difficult thing to do and is not simple. Our job is to help the children to have a solid foundation for primary school and teach them the knowledge of life. These tasks are quite challenging.

This work can let me have the chance to stay with children and teach them. When you succeed, you will be satisfied. I want to teach many children in the future.



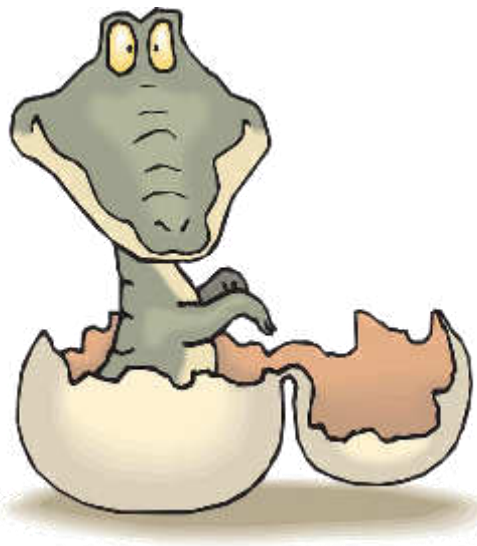
Short Story – Baby Crocodile

One day, I went to the Country Park with my friends in the afternoon. After eating different kinds of delicious foods, we played hide-and-seek. When I was looking for my friends, I found a big egg near a river. I was so excited and I took it home with great care.

After I took it home, I carefully took care of it and hatched the egg. When I was looking forward to knowing what it was, the big egg cracked open. “Oh!” I exclaimed in surprise. Then my mother came in to ask me what happened. ‘It is a baby crocodile,’ mother said.

After I knew it was a baby crocodile, I even more take care of it more carefully. The baby crocodile grew up day by day and also grew bigger and bigger. It was very difficult for me to look after this baby crocodile.

I thought I needed help, so I decided to send the baby crocodile to SPCA, although I was not willing to do so. I hope the baby crocodile can have a better life.



**Short Story –
A Brave Student**



The summer holiday started. All students were having an amazing holiday.

Jason was having an amazing holiday too! He was 18 years old. His school was SKHLFHSS.

Today was a sunny day! Jason liked the sunshine very much! So he went to the beach. Then he saw the sea being so clean, so he ran to have a swim. Soon he saw a ten-year-old boy was drowning! Jason discovered there were no lifeguards. Jason swam to help him. Many people scolded the ten-year-old boy's parents, some people scolded the lifeguards. 'Why is there no one to look after us? Why?' The lifeguards said, 'sorry, we went to have our lunch, so ...' 'I don't care! You are lifeguards! You have responsibility!' After that, the ten-year-old boy said thank you to Jason, all people came to Jason and said, 'thank you so much! You are a brave student!'

Finally, Jason became a super star on the beach.

4D Kam Chi Kuen Antonio

**Informal Letter –
Tips on having an enjoyable school life**

Dear Kermit,

Thank you for writing this letter. I am happy for you that you are a part of our family. I will be happy to provide you with tips on how to excel in Ms. Chan's class.

Here are the tips you can do in class. Pay attention in class and also take some notes and hand in your homework on time. If you don't know some words, either ask the teacher or search them on the Internet. If you are at home, you have to do some revision, like looking up the meaning of words you don't know in the textbooks. Always be prepared for the next class. Get enough rest so that you won't fall asleep in class. If you want to improve your vocab, you have to read more books. Don't pick the thick ones, start with a short story. It's better to start with the basic, then you can advance to much better ones.

Also, nowadays, the Internet is a good learning tool other than just for playing games or watching TV. There are also places where you can learn English. For me, I usually search the Internet for some websites that will provide me with some tests. You can visit these websites to improve your English too.

To excel in Ms. Chan's class, you must always answer her questions. Most teachers like students to raise their hand and stand up when answering questions. Try to be more active in class. That's all the advice I could think of. I hope it helps.

Love,
Antonio



**Formal Letter –
Keeping our Wan Chai Sports Ground**

Dear the Secretary for Home Affairs,

I am a Secondary 5 student who has some opinions after hearing the announcement that the Wan Chai Sports Ground would be demolished to make way for Phase Three of the Convention and Exhibition Centre in 2019. I do not agree with this plan.

To start with, Wan Chai Sports Ground is a memorable place to all levels of Hong Kong citizens. It is located next to the entrance of the undersea tunnels and easy to go to by buses and MTR. So Hong Kong School Sports Federation and many schools choose to hold inter-school track and field competitions and their annual school sports day there. As I know, although some of the schools are located in Kowloon, they still hold the sports days in Wan Chai Sports Ground. It is because the seats there are very close to the tracks. The atmosphere would be fantastic when the sports events are going on in the fields. On that I can say most of the Hong Kongers would have been there and have their own special memory in the venue. So demolishing the Wan Chai Sports Ground will let these people lose their valuable memories.

My second reason of not demolishing Wan Chai Sports Ground is the venue is important to our tracks and field development. It is known that Wan Chai Sports Ground is the only venue which is purely set aside for the use of track and field events. Other stadiums in Hong Kong, for example, Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground or Kowloon Bay Sports Ground, are of mixed uses. Sometimes it may have a situation like a football game is being played at the pitch, while the public is running on the tracks. It is dangerous for the runners as they may get hurt. Furthermore, many talented athletes are scouted from Wan Chai Sports Ground when they were participating in inter-school competitions there. Also, they had professional trainings there, Wan Chai Sports Ground has supplied many good athletes to Hong Kong Representative team, so I cannot see any other sports grounds that can replace it.

I think there are some alternative plans the government can adopt when planning for the city's infrastructure development. First, the government can conduct a survey to collect main stream ideas from the citizens regarding the proposed plan. A good action should be supported by main stream citizens. So, it is not a bad idea to go back to the beginning of the road in order to gain more ideas and support from the citizens. They may not disagree with developing Hong Kong but they would not agree with destroying their valuable and collective memory. So the government should collect more ideas and views from them.

As I am a student athlete, from my personal point of view, I hope the government can consider another location in developing the city. I have been to Wan Chai Sports Grounds many times to take part in inter-school competitions and play for my school. It is an honor and a glory to me. Every time I ran there, I was exhausted but joyful. I know most of the athletes have the same feeling as I do. We love Wan Chai Sports Ground and want it to stay. So I sincerely hope that the government can reconsider the location for the Phase Three of the Convention and Exhibition Centre.

In the past few years, Hong Kong people are sad and hopeless with the social and political problems. I know the sports industry cannot provide the society with a lot of financial benefits, but doing sports is an effective way for us to relieve our pressure and negative feelings. This sports ground is important to athletes, citizens and the whole society. In conclusion, I agree that the city should develop by building new and demolishing old infrastructures, but a city without history is nothing. So I do not agree with demolishing the Wan Chai Sports Ground.

I hope my opinions will be considered. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

**Letter to the Editor –
Setting Up Severe Laws to Protect Copyright?**



Dear Editor,

With the advancement of technology, the piracy problem is becoming more and more serious in society. However, setting up severe laws to protect copyright remains controversial.

There are several advantages of setting up severe legislation to protect copyright. For instance, implementing severe laws can ensure copyrights are well protected. Designers can confidently innovate different products which are beneficial to citizens in Hong Kong society. They do not need to worry that their hard work maybe stolen by others. Their efforts will be paid off, this may also make the creative industry prosper.

In addition, setting up severe copyright laws can reflect our appreciation and respect to the inventors' efforts. Such authorship give the creator the right to control what people can and cannot do with the work.

However, there are many drawbacks of setting up strict laws to protect copyright that people may have neglected. First and foremost, it is difficult to define ‘severe laws’ to prevent piracy. There have been heated controversies about how to define ‘severe laws’ since the motion was proposed. Citizens and legislators have completely different opinions on that. Some believe that fine is the best way to address piracy problems. Others think imprisonment is a better option. Moreover, it is not surprising that people making counterfeits do not mind being fined since it is a lucrative work. They may use some of their profits to find scapegoats so that they can continue to benefit from doing illegal-copying works.

As a matter of fact, it is difficult to implement the severe laws. Since most of the illegal copying works are done on the internet for different purposes and there are too many people infringing copyright. It is impossible to catch all the criminals because it is same with the ‘whack the mole’ game. In addition, it is unfair to have selective implementation of laws.

Most importantly, education and company strategies can alleviate copyright-infringement more effectively. The culprits of illegal-copying problem are lack of recognition in copyright, the extravagant packaging strategies as well as high price of the original products. In view of this, the government should educate the public about copyright, companies can improve their packaging strategies and have price adjustment. These two are both effective measures in increasing people’s intrinsic motivation to buy copyrighted products which can better exacerbate the piracy problem.

By weighing the benefits and the drawbacks, it is not a wise decision to set up severe laws to protect copyright.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

Letter to the Editor – Plastic Surgery

Dear Editor,

With reference to the article concerning the fashion of plastic surgery, one out of three teenagers in Asian countries went under the knife and the number is growing. I am so disappointed about the recent trend in this big community and decide to express my opinion on this issue. I reckon the popularization of plastic surgery reflecting an incorrect value and it can be dangerous for teenagers.

By exploring the reasons why teenagers are willing to go under the knife, I found that a wrong perception of beauty is the main cause. Nowadays, more and more people pursue external beauty, the society is getting more obsessed with impressive appearance. Teenagers wrongly link ‘beauty’ with confidence, status, praise and even bright future. In order to gain the so-called fame and power, some teenagers make ill-advised decisions.

I reckon everyone should get used to reading news about the adverse effects of cosmetic surgery. It not only creates serious impacts on people's health but also destroys a traditional valuable cogitation of filial piety. Undoubtedly, there is a risk of injury on health if teenagers undergo plastic surgery. It is very common to see these kinds of accidents from the news. A considerable amount of girls are fond of undergoing surgery as they are never satisfied with their appearances and change them repeatedly. Sadly, some failed and cannot reverse the process. These processes hurt their bodies and could even ruin their lives. Other people insist on having the surgery despite having economic burden so they find part-time jobs, and work around the clock to gain enough money. At the end, teenagers may suffer health problems and financial loss or even affect their future.

Another adverse impact of obsession with physical beauty is promoting a wrong value. People pursue external beauty excessively, they define 'beauty' crookedly and this atmosphere is spreading in Asian countries. Moreover, this unacceptable definition is damaging our treasurable traditional value system. There is an old saying, 'our hair and bodies are granted by our parents'. A bank of people now are pursuing after beautiful appearance but not the internal one. Take Korea as an example, I have heard a joke before, 'can you distinguish Ms. South Korea from other contestants?' The joke is satirizing Korea's social phenomena apparently. At present, such distorted ideology is part of the mainstream thoughts and misleading a lot of people.

Some people may refute that cosmetic surgery can help people who have congenital disabilities to build themselves up and gain confidence. Nevertheless, the intentions of this and the above ones are not the same. In today's society, most people undergo plastic surgery just for external beauty. I could hardly agree with such intentions.

My personal opinion is that internal beauty should have a higher position compared with the external one. In our lives, there are several things we need to insist, stay healthy, and have a right sense of value.

I really hope teenagers considering going under the knife can rethink having cosmetic surgery again before making any decisions. If one decides to do so, talk to various doctors to get different people's opinions before taking any actions. Moreover, we can chat with others who have had the same operation to understand the procedures better. The most important thing is we have to appreciate and cherish what we have and who we truly are.

In conclusion, the current trend reflects a dark side of this world and I do hope teenagers can take time to rethink their attitude towards physical beauty and never make reckless decisions. After all, we are all 'beautiful'!

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

Letter to the Editor – Staying Healthy Comes Before Being Slim

Dear Editor,

Many adolescents nowadays are drawn to the trend of dieting. As a matter of fact, we often hear a lot of plans suggested by celebrities, TV programs, YouTubers from various sources. Our school is no exception, I have observed many of our schoolmates are going on diet. I am concerned about this and would like to share my views towards this global dieting phenomenon.

The major reason to start dieting is teenagers want to become slimmer. In modern society, most of the people consider being slim is beauty. Therefore, they pursue being slim to fit the society standard. Going on diet could help them lose weight in order to become slimmer. Moreover, people hope to improve personal appearance through dieting. At the same time, it can help increase self-confidence which helps them get jobs easily. This is because many employers consider image when deciding whether to hire an employee or not.

One of the many reasons people go on diet is for beauty. Nevertheless, some people need to go on diet because of the health problems. Unhealthy diet and lifestyle may lead to diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity. Hence, these people are recommended by doctors to go on diet which can prevent the diseases from becoming more serious. In conclusion, beauty and health are the reasons why people are keen on going on diet.

Dieting has both positive and negative effects. First and foremost, on the positive side, it makes us healthier by speeding up our metabolic rate, making us work effectively as well as improving self-confidence which are beneficial to our social life. Not only that, it could also decrease the risk of serious conditions. For instance, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, even cancer may be prevented.

On the other hand, dieting also brings some negative impacts. It will make us unhealthy. Like having anorexia, dieting is an eating disorders. Or it can lead to malnutrition which is harmful to teenagers' physical growth. Furthermore, it could increase the risk of health conditions, such as gallstones and fatigue.

Based on the above effects, we should put our health before beauty. Decide whether going on diet or not carefully. Before dieting, we should better consult doctors or nutritionists to listen to their advice. Think twice about the necessity of going on diet for aesthetic purposes. A more suitable way of staying pretty is having regular exercises and eating healthy food in moderation.

In conclusion, as a teenager, we are still at puberty, nutrients are crucial for growth. Stop going on diet blindly. Having a balanced diet and doing adequate exercise are real solutions.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong



Letter to the Editor – Dieting



Dear Editor,

Nowadays, it is obvious that many adolescents are drawn to the trend of dieting. As a matter of fact, we can obtain a considerable amount of dieting plans effortlessly, which are suggested by famous celebrities, TV hosts from various sources. With reference to this topic, I would like to share my views on it.

People go on dieting in order to look slim. With the common belief, people reckon that slim body shape not only could attract more friends but also easily get employed as well as enhance self-confidence. Because of these reasons, youngsters are willing to go on dieting to lose weight. This is just only part of the reasons. To be healthy is another main reason. Many people clearly know that being overweight is one of the culprits to diabetes heart disease, as well as high blood pressure. Considering the mentioned health problems, people will choose dieting to decrease the risk of suffering from serious diseases.

There are positive aspects and negative aspects of dieting. People can lose weight through dieting so that they will have better body shapes to wear beautiful clothes. It directly boosts their self-confidence and helps them expand their social circle. Apart from mental health, dieting also brings some physical advantages, for example, it prevents people from suffering from serious diseases. However, excessive dieting will result in negative effects as well. Many researches have shown that it is an unfortunate fact that most people who lose weight through dieting may regain all or most of it. Furthermore, people will suffer from malnutrition, which contributes to destructive effects on people.

Analyzing all the possible effects, before you make any major changes in eating plans, you better talk with your doctor. There is no denying that dieting could have possible effects, nevertheless, we cannot forget its destructive influences as well. In fact, regarding keeping fit, having regular exercises and eating healthy food in moderation are the best methods.

In conclusion, it is very important to consider whether dieting is suitable for you or not. Do not go underweight. Having a healthy body is the most significant matter we need to be concerned about.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

Speech – Summer Jobs



Good morning young ladies and young men.

I am Chris Wong from Hok Yau Club. In the coming few weeks, thousands of young people will find their daily routines changing as the academic year comes to a close. Do you have any plan during the summer holiday? Some will go to the beach. Many will sleep until noon. Some will travel with their families and some will have summer courses to enrich themselves. How about you? Have you ever considered doing a summer job? Today, I am going to tell you the benefits of having a summer job, what youngsters should and should not do when looking for a job.

Some teachers and parents would say that students should focus on their own studies instead of doing a summer job. However, the benefits of taking on a summer job are typically greater than the amount of a paycheck.

First, students doing summer jobs will have more money than they would have otherwise. As high school students are becoming adults, they need to learn money management. They can use the money to buy reference books, join tutorial lessons and buy past papers. By doing these, students' academic performance would definitely be benefited by the summer job.

Besides, time management is a skill that they can learn from doing summer jobs. Obviously, students taking on a summer job will have less free time than non-working students. They have to learn how to weigh their priorities, by skipping fun activities to finish their responsibilities. Time management would be a necessary skill that they have to equip themselves with.

A teenager may not know what career path he or she wants to follow. By trying a variety of summer jobs, students can get a clearer picture into careers. For example, if he/she wants to be a salesperson in the future, working in a retail shop would teach him or her valuable skills and provide insight of the career. These experience and skills cannot be learnt from schools and can absolutely enhance the opportunity of getting a job in that field. Employers are looking for employees who understand the work environment and work well as a team. Doing summer jobs shows that students have that ability and it is easier for them to catch up with the pace of the company.

As there are many benefits of doing a summer job, when finding a summer job, students need to be aware of the do's and don'ts.

Do find a job that you love. Doing a job that you like, you are more likely to fully use your talent and enjoy the interests that the job brings to you. Also, students need to prepare well for the interview. You should search the background information of the company and the job nature. Get yourself ready for an interview by dressing appropriately and talk politely.

In contrast, students shouldn't look for a job that comes with unreasonable salary. Some jobs will advertise about doing easy job with extremely high income. This could probably be a decoy. In addition, you should not give your personal information to companies easily. You don't know what they will use your information for.

Whether you choose to earn money, take classes or have community service this summer, the most important thing is to make good use of time and fully utilise your talents and abilities by doing something that you cherish.

Speech – Environmental Protection



Good morning Principal, teachers, and fellow students,

It's a pleasure to see so many of you here. First, I'd like to introduce myself. I'm the Chairperson of the school's Conservation Club. Today, I'd like to give you all a speech on pollution and some tips of living a green lifestyle.

Do you know that our planet may die 50 years later? According to scientists in the USA, our weather conditions are more extreme than before. Serious air pollution is one of the causes. Every day, all over the world, we have vehicles exhausting toxic fumes which make the air so dirty for humans to breathe in. What's more, these fumes have also triggered more and more heat-or-cold related diseases. Are these situations worrying?

Hong Kong produces huge amounts of waste every day. According to the government information, 30% of the waste ending up in our landfills can actually be recycled. These wastes include domestic, commercial, and industrial wastes that you and I should help to reduce. Our landfills are expected to be full within a short period of time. What can we do then? Where to locate the wastes? Putting them in front of our door? In short, we should reduce wastes to a great extent so as to deal with land pollution effectively.

If we all want to breathe in clean air, the best way to reduce air pollution is to use public transport at the expense of private cars. It is in fact very convenient to travel in our city using public transport such as MTR, buses, and trams.

Another solution to pollution is to reduce waste. We can donate unwanted items such as clothes, shoes, toys to charity so that the needy can use them. Of course, we can also recycle as much as we can. Surplus food can also be donated to the less privileged groups such as homeless people.

To save the planet, we must all work together. I firmly believe that a pollution-free environment is fundamental to our public health. So, we should do our best to protect the environment. I hope by the end of this talk, you will understand why it is important to act now to save our planet. Thank you.



Report – Importance of Having Good Interview Skills

We have attended a seminar which was held by our school's Career Centre.

This seminar is about interview skills and common mistakes made during interviews.

This report presents the common interview mistakes and appropriate interview skills. It is hoped that this report can help potential jobseekers to have a better preparation.

Common mistakes made during interviews

Dressing too casually and arriving late for the interview are two most common mistakes that candidates always make. First impression is very important. Making these two mistakes would give the interviewers a poor impression as the mistakes imply that the candidate does not show respect for the company and has poor time management. Using phones during an interview is also a fatal mistake. It shows that the candidate does not pay attention in the interview. This, in turn, would make the interviewer feel disrespected.

Appropriate interview skills

With good interview skills, it can increase the chance of getting a job. Potential jobseekers must try their best to improve their interview skills because there is no second chance in job interviews. Good non-verbal communication skills such as a firm handshake, confident eye contact, a natural smile, etc. might help the candidate to create a positive image.

Using appropriate language is also an important interview skill which can make the interviewers feel positive. Candidates should use formal and polite wordings when interacting with the interviewers. Having a polite manner is especially essential for jobs like customer service.

Preparation for interview

Having enough sleep the day before interview is a must as it can make candidates have the required energy to handle challenges in the interview. Predicting what challenging questions would be asked is also a good preparation. By doing so, candidates can practice the way they answer and what to answer in advance. A better preparation can effectively minimize the pressure, which in turn facilitates a better interview performance.

Conclusion and recommendations

In conclusion, to increase the chance of getting employed, it is important that jobseekers apply good and appropriate interview skills. There are indeed numerous websites offering tips on interview skills. It is recommended that potential jobseekers consult their career teachers when preparing for their interviews.



Letter to the Editor – Suicide



Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my views about the recent cases of students committing suicide. This issue has stirred up heated controversy in society. Some argue that stress from academic matters is the main culprit. Nonetheless, others believe that peer pressure is more influential. As a student, I truly believe that academic pressure is the major cause. My arguments are as follows.

To begin with, all students are facing a public examination, HKDSE. Under the current exam-oriented education system, public examination is portrayed as something that is the one and the only thing to determine one's future. For example, the result of public examination is the major criteria for deciding one's chance of furthering their studies. At the same time, results are regarded as the ultimate goal of their whole secondary school life. No matter where they are, their minds are filled with the equations and formulas. Hardly can an outsider imagine how stressful students are.

Another reason is the lack of extracurricular activities. According to a survey conducted by the Education Bureau, the average number of after-school activities organised by each school has been declining over the past 10 years. This shows that students are less involved in non-academic activities in the school context. Interest groups and sports team training are typical examples of extra-curricular activities. However, it does not necessarily mean that students' time is not occupied. It is becoming more and more common for schools to hold supplementary classes and extra lessons. Even though some students could leave school early, students might have to attend tutorial classes taught by those star tutors. This might be the result of peer pressure where they are simply following what their classmates are doing. This pressing atmosphere unavoidably brings enormous stress to the students.

Besides, the new education system is neglecting the needs of a minority of students. Compared to the previous system, students are now staying one more year in the secondary education system. However, it does not necessarily imply that there is an increase in knowledge level. Instead, some students would prefer vocational training and apprenticeship organised by various institutions, and that extra year might be a waste of time for this group of students.

Teenagers are an important asset to our society. Should we all think again the essence of education? The authority should put effort in fine-tuning the education system so that students can have an enjoyable and memorable school life.

Regards,
Chris Wong

**Blog entry –
The Last Day of My Job**



It was my last day working in Four Seasons Hotel restaurant. I have been working here for more than two years. I met many friends such as the cooks, manager and waiters.

On the last day, I did everything as usual. However, after I went off duty, the manager told me to stay behind. They gave me a present because they hoped I could remember them when looking at this gift. I felt so touched that they gave me an album which were full of our photos.

I have learnt many things through this work experience. They include communication skills, table manners and teamwork.

Firstly, through being a waiter, my communication skills were trained. As a waiter, customers may ask you different kinds of questions. To answer their questions, I was trained how to talk with people. For example, a customer asked me which kinds of food he should eat. I told him to eat steak or seafood because these were the famous food in our restaurant. Before I answered him, I had already been trained with my organization and expression skills. Therefore, my communication skills had improved a lot.

Secondly, table manner is what I have learnt during being a waiter. When I set the table, I learnt how to put the tableware correctly. I didn't have any knowledge about table manner because my parents did not teach me. Therefore, I learnt table manners in this job.

Thirdly, I have learnt the importance of teamwork. We had to serve the dishes quickly and politely. Thus, we need to divide our job into different parts. We worked very efficiently and the customers felt very satisfied with our services.

The most memorable moment is when a customer suffered from a heart attack. Everyone was very afraid. I had learnt first-aid, so I helped her and she was saved.

Today I am leaving the restaurant temporarily as I have to concentrate on my studies. I will not forget the days I spent here in the restaurant. I will try to take some short courses which teach me how to run a restaurant.

**Letter to the editor –
Subsidize Hong Kong Athletes**



Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article entitled ‘Hong Kong should not continue to invest its effort into supporting the athletes and subsidizing them to join international sporting events’ dated on 17th May. It is true that most Hong Kong athletes were unable to win medals in international sporting events, but to believe all Hong Kong athletes have no potential and are not worth being supported by Hong Kong people is definitely a wrong notion.

In fact, some of the Hong Kong athletes really have potential and are talented, such as Lee Wai-Sze who won the bronze medal in the 2008 Olympics. Such athletes also promote the spirit of doing sports and persevering for dreams. Take Lee Wai-Sze as an example. After showing her determination to finish the race when she was injured, more people have started to go cycling during weekends, especially kids who admire Lee Wai-Sze as their role

model. Not only that, bicycle rental companies have started budding in Hong Kong. Should we credit our Hong Kong athletes for such a contribution to sports promotion in the town? Of course yes. It is good to have a sporting atmosphere in Hong Kong. When more people do sports, the public's health will be enhanced. This means that fewer obese or high-blood-pressure cases will be found. On the whole, the burden of the government on medical expenditure will be decreased too.

If the government stops subsidizing the athletes, the athletes will lose the economic incentives to join the sports activities, they will then give up the career of sporting. It might be true to say that we can reduce the expenditure on subsidizing Hong Kong athletes, but this would actually reduce the benefit brought to the whole society.

Apart from promoting sports in the city, the government can boost the economy through subsidizing the athletes too. Sports can be one of the businesses, the athletes can be models for commercial ads as they have many supporter. This brings economic profits to the business industries like sports products, catering, fashion, etc. Moreover, it can boost the tourism industry. Everyone knows England is a famous place for its football. One of the most popular football athletes, David Beckham, has been the spokesperson of Adidas's advertisements for almost ten years. His advertisements are prevalent all over the world. As a result, over 80,000 people from various nations come to England as being attracted by Beckham. This flock of tourists every year brings tremendous income to the British tourism department.

In addition, I believe Hong Kong should continue to support the athletes as they can help Hong Kong to improve the international image. As we may know, a place's international image depends on whether it has a sound development in various areas such as education, environment and sports. If the Hong Kong government continues to support the athletes, this shows that Hong Kong is able to develop in different aspects. On the whole, Hong Kong's competitive edge would be enhanced.

Last but not least, continuing to subsidize athletes shows the possibility of social mobility in Hong Kong's society. While there is a subsidy from the government, many underprivileged can also chase their dream and can be able to change their impoverished life if they strive hard enough. Just like in Africa, many athletes are able to climb the social ladder when they have received income from the government. They can get rid of poverty and be able to live an affluent life with their family. If the government stops subsidizing athletes, sport players can only give up their dreams and just choose to work as waiters or shop assistants. As a matter of fact, I believe everyone is born with different talents. The government should support these sport elites to develop their talents.

Frankly, there may be only a small chance for Hong Kong athletes to win medals in international competition due to limited resources like professional coaches. However, it is essential to remind ourselves that winning is not the only thing we look for in sporting competitions. We should appreciate the athletes' spirit. Maybe this sounds cliché, but it is true. To conclude, I do think Hong Kong should continue to invest its effort into supporting athletes.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

**Informal Letter –
Say ‘No’ to Bribery**

Dear Alan,

I’ve already received your text message. I’m so happy that you’re going to take part in our Drama Club’s ‘10-minute play Competition’. Considering your request, I’m sorry to say that I can’t accept it. Actually, I’m astounded that you suggest to use this approach as a way to win the competition. Is it because you don’t believe in your ability to win the award for this competition? As a friend that has known you for so many years, I would say you are strong enough to win this competition. Thus, don’t worry and I know you can gain a victory as long as you strive hard in your preparation.

As the chairman of our school Drama Club, I need to make sure that the competition is run with fairness. Although I’m your friend, I can’t give you and your team ‘good marks’ owing to our relationship since it’s unfair to other competitors. I profoundly believe that everyone does their very best in preparing for the competition. Therefore, I can’t help you because I want to be fair to everyone. Try to imagine if you were one of the competitors who was being cheated, surely you would be miserable when you found out the unethical favor, right?

Apart from that, if you really win the competition because of my assistance, I’m sure that you will feel guilty after winning the award. Knowing each other for so long, I know that we both will have a tremendous conscientious-stricken feeling. If we really do this, our life will be filled with unhappiness because of our dishonest behavior. Besides, don’t you think that using this approach to win the competition is disgraceful? Thus, if I were you, I would not have done this owing to the serious consequences I have mentioned above.

What's more, our integrity will go bankrupt and hence you shouldn't ask me to help you win the competition in this way. If our illegal exchange of interest is found, rarely will people trust us anymore, our teachers or even our friends will no longer like us anymore due to this corruptive behavior. I don't want you to fall into this terrible trap which leads you to suffer from a considerable amount of mental pressure.

Most importantly, this is an unlawful behavior, so bluntly, I won't help you. Bribing isn't allowed in Hong Kong. If I really help you to win the competition, we are breaking the law definitely. As a person who receives high-quality education, one shouldn't have this kind of act because we know the consequence of not obeying the law. Can you imagine we turn out to be put in prison for a long period of time because of this drama competition?

Anyway, just don't care too much about the result of the competition since winning the competition isn't the only aim, I believe you're able to gain so much precious experience in the process of the competition. Just pay your best effort and enjoy every single moment of this competition.

Yours,
Chris

Say **NO** to corruption & bribery



**Blog entry –
The Last Day of My Part-time Job**



Last summer holiday, I worked as an assistant in a famous dessert shop. That's my first time to do a part-time job. I have never thought that I can eat a lot of dessert every night after my working hours. Thank god for giving me such a chance to fill my appetite but I'm also worried because I think obesity is becoming part of my life. As this dessert shop has the best desserts in town, I cannot resist tasting different dishes every night. .

I was so lucky to find a job ad in the newspaper one day in summer. Then different kinds of desserts started to appear in my mind, so I decided to apply for the job. I knew that my uncle was a friend of this shop's manager, I asked him to help me get the job. Two days later, I started to work. The dessert shop was in Causeway Bay. It was very convenient for me to get there. My uncle told me that I needed to be ready to take different challenges as it was a very busy restaurant. On the very first day of work, his friend – the manager- didn't handle me with kid gloves, he was strict but he patiently taught me how to serve customers. He told me to provide the best service to customers. Besides, he assigned

one of the staff to teach me other duties. Other staff were very friendly and nice too. They helped me when I could not understand what the customers ordered; they helped me when I could not clean the tables at once. As a result, I realized that cooperation and mutual help could bring efficiency in work.

After a week in the job, I got into big trouble. This was when I messed up the cake booked by a customer. I bumped into the cake and all cupcakes fell off the floor. I felt so sad. I kept on asking: why could I mess up all the cupcakes? These cupcakes were booked by our restaurant long-term customer. He asked us to prepare the cupcakes for his son's fifth birthday. When he came to pick the cupcakes, I was so nervous. Suddenly, my supervisor and colleagues helped me to solve my trouble. Some helped me to clean the floor. Some tried to comfort him. Luckily, my supervisor had plan B, he told us to use other cupcakes to replace the damaged ones. At last, we worked together to deal with my trouble.

Today is my last day for this job as summer has ended. I am so thankful to have a chance to work in this dessert shop. I have learnt that work life is very different from school life and much more difficult than I expected. In my school life, every time I have troubles, I will solve it on my own. I do not like to work with my classmates in any project or homework. However, this is not possible in the workplace. You cannot succeed in your work if you stay alone. If you have any trouble, you can find somebody to help you. I hope I can meet some good colleagues again in the future.

**Letter to the editor –
Hong Kong Athletes Need Your Support**

Dear Editor,

Hong Kong is notorious for having a fast-paced, stressful life. In every street, it is not difficult to find people walking very fast as they need to rush to work in order to earn money and not to waste any of their precious time. Focusing on economic development as the collective goal of the whole city, it is conceived that Hong Kong people neglect the importance of sports development. They even suggest the discontinuation of subsidizing sports athletes to join international sporting events. The reason for such a suggestion is that Hong Kong sports athletes will not be able to reach the international levels. However, I am against this suggestion. Also, I would like to talk about the reasons why the government should keep subsidizing the Hong Kong athletes.

One of the reasons is that supporting Hong Kong athletes to join international events can show sportsmanship to the whole city. In my point of view, sportsmanship is the most important thing in sports. People can learn different things through sportsmanship. Many people only care about the chance of winning medals because they think winning a medal means they are the best. However, showing sportsmanship is more important in a competition. In a competition, only three athletes will be able to win no matter how much effort you have put into it before the race. These losers are the top athletes in every country. Some people think losing does not mean everything because they enjoy the process, they know that ‘losing is a chance to learn’. They will learn from their failures and keep on improving themselves, their mindset is that they will be successful one day. As the representatives of a nation, people from this nation will be influenced by their positivity and perseverance and may follow suit. In other words, athletes are actually playing a role model of how to live life positively to their people.

In fact, every country has elite players. This means these elite players are talented in different areas of sport. Yet, being talented

is not enough to win in competitions, they need professional coaches and advanced facilities to help them in their training. All these require a large amount of money. Without financial support, there is no way for Hong Kong athletes to play in the Olympics. Indeed, many athletes have achieved their best performance in these ten years. For example, Lee Lai Shan who won an Olympic gold medal in windsurfing was trained by her coach for more than five years. Her story told us that working hard as well as a huge financial backing are both important to success. Even you are talented but you have no chance to be developed by professional coaches, you could not be successful.

Undoubtedly, the investment from the government is a must to bring our Hong Kong athletes to the stage of international sporting events. Hong Kong should not only be economically-powerful but also need to be successful in other areas like sports and technology if we would like to maintain a strong competitive edge. I hope that the public and the government will reconsider the decision of not subsidizing the Hong Kong athletes in the future.

Yours faithfully
Chris Wong



Article – Video-sharing Sites should be Strictly Monitored



Nowadays, video sharing websites have become more and more popular. Almost one million videos are uploaded every day. Do these videos carry any significance? Should these sites be strictly monitored?

Video-sharing sites are easily abused by those invading others' privacy. Using of video cameras or smartphones becomes increasingly popular. For instance, the clip of a lady slapping her boyfriend in a crowded street and Edison Chan's obscene photos were uploaded and have caught people's attention ever since. It is doubtless that these clips were done without the consent of the subjects. Restriction to video-sharing might help protect privacy.

Another reason for monitoring video-sharing sites is to battle the criminal activities. Some videos include violence as well as content involving bullying or humiliating others. People upload them to draw the public's attention or simply for 'fun'. Stricter measures could minimize the chances for vulnerable teenagers to be badly influenced by these evil videos.

Lamentably, there are voices advocating for freedom of sharing videos regardless of their destructive impacts they might have on teenagers.

Some people claim that video sharing helps to make the society more open. Handy use of video cameras and smartphones for videotaping at anytime and anywhere enables everyone like a passerby to be a reporter. Take for example, in the case of Hong Kong girlfriend who slapped her kneeling boyfriend, besides sparking off heated debates over the city, the clip became the evidence of the girl's violation of the law. The incident aroused different voices about the dictatorship of the girl and the dignity of the boy. There were also thoughts about young lovers' relationship. In this sense, video-sharing sites perform an important social function.

Before the debate over the banning of unhealthy video sharing could end with any effective measures, anyone in this city, for the sake of its harmony and peace, should think twice before uploading any 'marvelous' pieces of smartphone work.