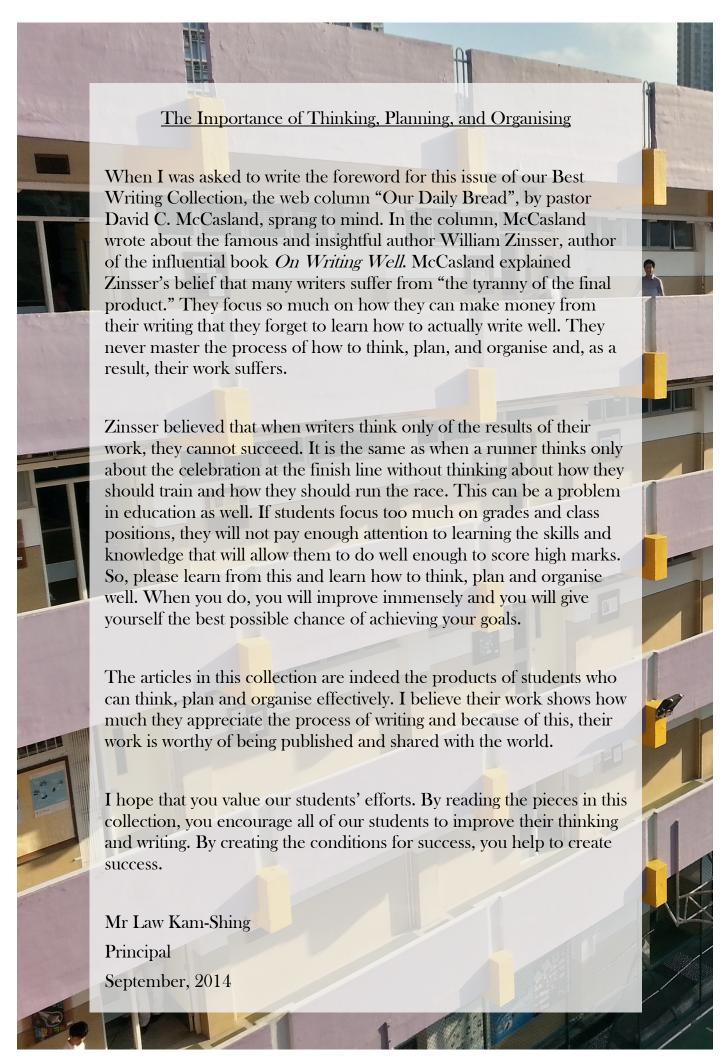


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### A Picnic at Disneyland

A Story

Last Friday, Sammy went on his school picnic. The destination was Disneyland. Sammy was really excited. The night before he was so excited that he couldn't sleep until 12:48 a.m.! The next morning when he woke up at 8:45 a.m., he realised that he was late! Everyone was supposed to be at school by 9:10 and leave at 9:15 but because of Sammy, they had to leave five minutes later. Mr. Wong was very angry and said, 'We almost left without you!' Sammy felt a little bit guilty but it all disappeared once he got into the coach and found that his best friend, Jon had saved him a seat and was waiting for him to come.

Everyone was really excited until there was a traffic jam and the air-conditioners in the coach broke down. It was so hot that someone actually fainted! Sammy kept on fanning himself with his handbook but he felt even hotter than before. Jon kept on drinking a lot of water, which actually helped a bit. When we got to Disneyland, Mr. Wong yelled, 'finally!' Everyone was so surprised! He had never acted like that before! Of course, Mr. Wong felt really embarrassed! He coughed and told everyone to have fun.

Once everyone got into Disneyland, the excited feeling they once had came back! They all shouted for joy and went to have fun. Sammy and Jon went on a lot of fun rides like the roller coaster. Sammy had so much fun that he went on it three times! Well, it's pretty surprising that he didn't feel dizzy. Then, Sammy and Jon went to take pictures with some Disney characters. They liked the photo taken with Mickey Mouse the best. "He's very cute!" said Sammy. After a few rides, Jon suddenly found that he lost his wallet. Both of them felt really nervous and went to find a staff member. It was a good thing that John's wallet was found by their classmate, Abby.

At 5:00 p.m., it was time to go home. Everyone climbed into the coach, happily holding their souvenirs and talking about the rides they had gone on. It wasn't long before they heard a sound. Bang!. The coach suddenly stopped and the driver went out to see what happened. "There's a flat tyre. I'm afraid that we might need to walk twenty minutes back to Disneyland to take the MTR. Then it started to rain. Everyone groaned. They didn't want to walk, but they had no choice. It's a good thing that they all had brought umbrellas.

That night, Sammy wrote about his day in his diary. He wrote, "It was partly a bad day today, but I really had a lot of fun!"





Descriptive Writing Justin Lam, 1A

### **Our AE Lessons and Teacher**

Every cycle, our class has an AE lesson. It is a double period lesson and that is the only time we get to see our AE teacher, Mr. Roberts. He teaches us IPA, drama techniques and poems.

AE means Active English so Mr. Roberts always tries to make the lessons more interactive. Every class, he uses interesting PowerPoint slides and videos to teach us. He also plays games with us and I think it is easier to learn in fun lessons. Besides, he always asks us to form in groups and encourages us to share our ideas about different topics. I enjoy communicating with others and I think this makes the lessons

I love AE lessons because Mr.
Roberts is very friendly to us. I
still remember that he came to
join my classmates in a ball game
in a PE lesson. I think his lessons
are fun and I love his AE lessons
very much.

even more interesting.



### I Don't Like Disneyland!

Today, I went to Hong Kong Disneyland with my parents. You could say that I didn't quite enjoy the trip.

When we arrived there, we got to a place called Adventureland. There was a show about one of the Disney characters, the Lion King. The name of the show was 'The Festival of the Lion King'. I thought it would be good but it turned out to be really dull. Although the soundtrack appeared at important moments, the moments were annoying and I felt bored.

Then we took a ride on one of the roller coasters at Tomorrowland. I was not excited about going on rides. When we were riding at Space Mountain, I felt terrified and I grabbed onto my mum's leg the entire time. After getting off the rides, mum and dad laughed at me. They said I acted like a baby.

Finally, we got back to Main Street, USA, to watch the fireworks and have dinner. The fireworks were amazing but some people screamed every time when the fireworks went off, which was really disturbing. After the show, my parents said that it was time to leave. When I heard that, I grumbled because I hadn't had the chance to buy souvenirs. I asked if I could buy something to commemorate the trip. At last, they accepted my request. I rushed to one of the souvenir shops straight away. However, the products there were very expensive. I was shocked when I looked at the price tags. I finally gave up and left the store without getting anything. We took a photo with Mickey and Minnie before we went home by taxi.

The trip was disappointing as I was not interested in animation. When I was in primary school I liked it very much, but now I get cold shivers when I listen to cartoon characters sing. Perhaps I've grown out of cartoons. I think I will go to Disneyland again when my baby sister grows up. I think she will be thrilled to see people dressed up as Minnie.

### A Trip to Disneyland

21<sup>st</sup> February, Friday Sunny

Today I went to Hong Kong Disneyland with my family. We got there by bus and the MCR. We arrived there at 9:20 a.m.



In the morning, we went to Tomorrow Land. I wanted to ride a roller coaster so my family and I decided to go to Space Mountain first. It is an indoor roller coaster. It was the most exciting ride ever. I was so thrilled that I wanted to ride it for the second time. Unfortunately, my mother and brother thought it was terrifying so we didn't go on it again.

After lunch, we went to Buzz Lightyear's Astro Blasters. We used a laser gun to shoot the targets and get marks. In the first round, my mother got higher scores than me and my brother. In the second round, I caught up because I learnt the tricks. My scores were higher than theirs and I jumped for joy.

At 8:00 p.m., we watched the fireworks display near the castle. The fireworks were colourful and beautiful. Towards the end of the day, we went shopping along Main Street USA and bought souvenirs for our friends.

I was extremely tired when I left but I was very happy and satisfied with the trip. Hong Kong Disneyland is a wonderful place to visit as the rides are exciting and the fireworks are spectacular.





An Email Becky Tse Ying, 1C

### An Email to Your Best Friend

### DEAR JENNY,

HI! HOW ARE YOUR GETTING ON? I MISS YOU VERY MUCH! IN YOUR LAST EMAIL, YOU WERE SAD BECAUSE YOUR ENGLISH TEST RESULT WAS NOT GOOD. I THINK I CAN GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE.

I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DISLIKE STUDYING ENGLISH. YOU MAY THINK IT IS A LANGUAGE THAT IS HARD TO LEARN. HOWEVER, IT IS USEFUL IF YOU ARE THINKING OF GOING ABROAD TO FURTHER YOUR STUDIES IN THE FUTURE. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND WRITE ENGLISH WELL.

FIRST, YOU CAN LISTEN TO ENGLISH RADIO BROADCAST PROGRAMS. THEY CAN INCREASE YOUR INTEREST IN LEARNING ENGLISH. I SUGGEST THAT YOU PRACTISE SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT SCHOOL. YOU MAY START TO ENJOY SPEAKING ENGLISH.

SECOND, YOU CAN WATCH MORE ENGLISH MOVIES AND READ MORE ENGLISH BOOKS TO DEVELOP

YOUR READING HABITS. WHEN YOU COME ACROSS WORDS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOU CAN ASK

YOUR TEACHERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS. IF YOU WANT TO GET A HIGHER MARK IN THE EXAM,

YOU SHOULD DO YOUR REVISION AHEAD OF TIME. YOU SHOULD ALSO CHECK YOUR EXAM PAPER TWICE

AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED IT.

I HOPE WHAT I HAVE SUGGESTED CAN HELP YOU. IT'S TIME FOR BED. PLEASE WRITE BACK SOON AND TAKE CARE!

BEST REGARDS,

LILY

P.G. My SCHOOL SOMETIMES HAS AN ENGLISH RADIO SHOW!

HERE IS ONE OF ITS LOGOS. COOL, HEY?









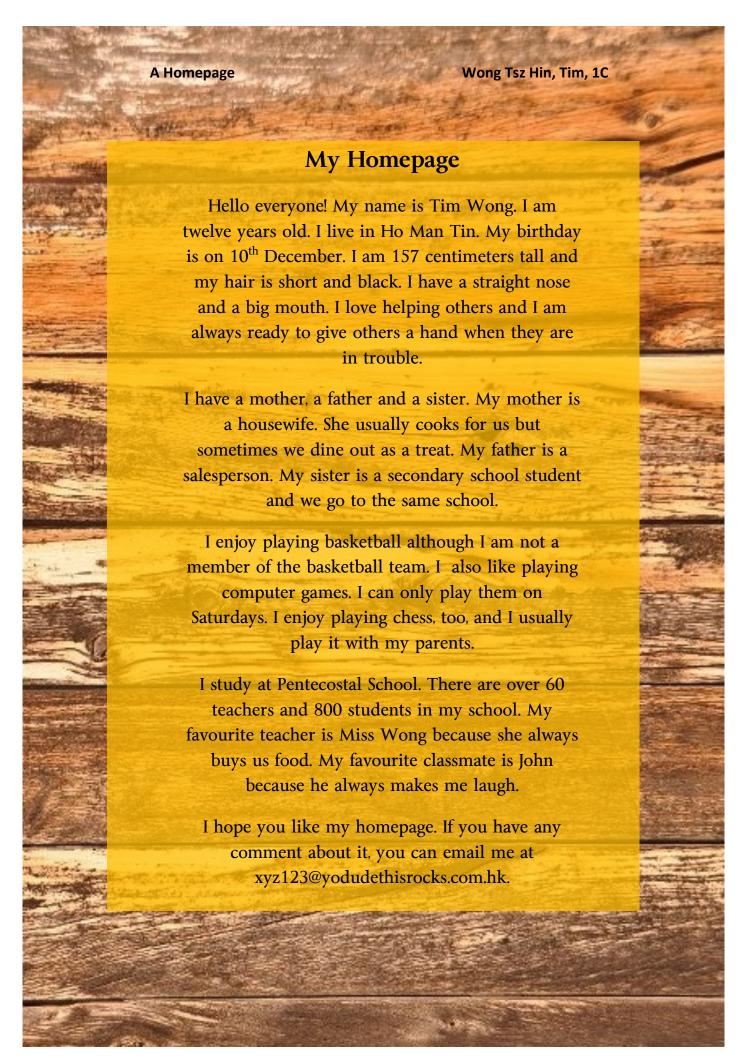












### My Homepage

My name is Ho Man Tao. You can call me Jason. I live in Sam Po Kong. I am twelve years old and my birthday is on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

First, let me tell you about my family. My dad is a designer. He always goes on business trips. My mum is a housewife. She always takes care of me. My two sisters are in different secondary schools. My eldest sister likes reading story books and chatting on WhatsApp. My younger sister likes playing volleyball.

I study at Pentecostal School. School starts at 8 a.m. so I usually leave the apartment at 7:30 a.m. I either take the bus or ask my parents to drive me to school. The teachers in my school are very nice. My class teacher, Mr. Lee, is my favourite teacher because he is very kind.

Let me tell you about my interests. My favourite sport is basketball and I am a member of the school basketball team. I have basketball practice on Saturday evenings for two and a half hours.

I hope you like my homepage. If you have any comments about it, you can email me at: jase9000000@yes.com.hk.

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### My favourite things

- My family
- My friends
- My school
- Computer games
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- HK Police
- Exercise
- Learning English
- Other things

### **My Homepage**

My name is Huang Pui Yuk. I live in Kowloon City. I am fourteen years old and my birthday is on the eighth of February. I am generous and I enjoy helping others.

I study at Pentecostal School. My school life is interesting and fun. My classmates are friendly and we get on well with each other.

My father likes playing computer games and my brother likes playing card games. I love playing different kinds of sports such as basketball and volleyball. I also like to run and play computer games.

When I grow up, I want to be a policeman. I would like to do this job very much. I know my English is not good enough for it now so I will work hard to improve my English. I will also exercise more every day to build my muscles.

I hope you like my homepage.

If you have any comments about it, you can e-mail me at:

peterisalegend@ohyesheis.com.planetearth.

A Picture Story Tam Cheuk Lam, 1D

### "Give Me all your Money!"

Last Saturday, Tommy went to the bank to deposit his pocket money. Suddenly, a man with a gun dashed in. He pointed the gun at the teller and shouted, "Everyone, listen to me! Give me all of your money!" He was a robber. Everybody was very scared.

The teller was terrified with the thought of being killed by the robber. She took out all of the money from the safe and handed it to him. He quickly put it into a big sack. Suddenly, the alarm went off.

The robber was surprised and he carried his sack of money on his back. As he ran towards the exit, he found out that the police had already arrived. The robber was scared. He went back to the bank and grabbed Tommy- he wanted him to be a hostage. Tommy fell to his knees and pleaded, "Help! Please don't kill me!"

Several policemen got out of a police car and pointed their guns at the robber. "Freeze!" yelled one of them. The robber was angry after knowing that he would not be able to escape.

He pointed his gun at the police officers but as he pulled the trigger, he found out that there were no bullets. The police ran to him and put him under arrest. Tommy was safe again. Thank goodness!

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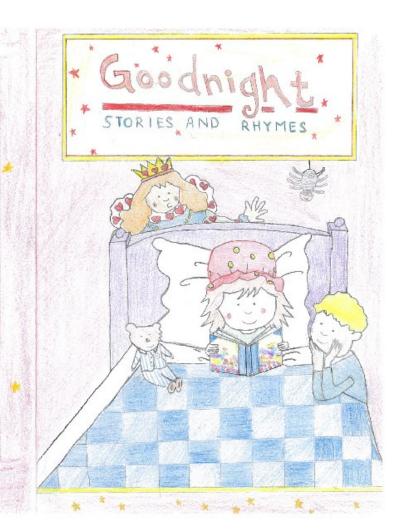
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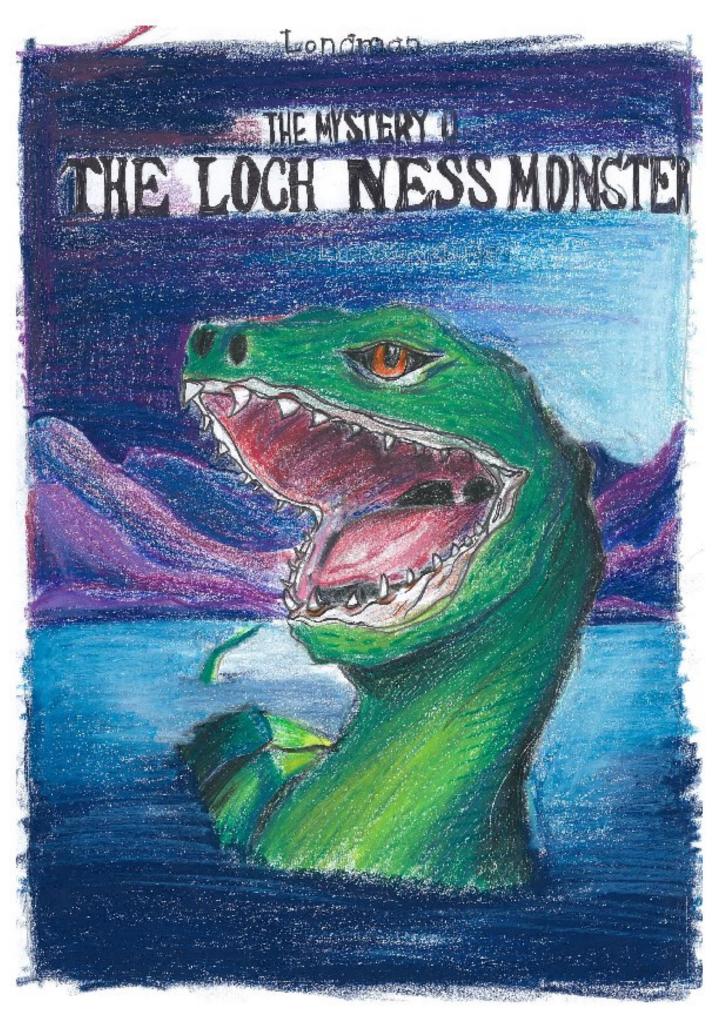
In this book, there are many children's stories and nursery rhymes. There is one poem in the book about Christmas and I like it very much.

In the poem, there are lines like "Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, please put a penny in the old man's hat. If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do. If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God will bless you." I like the rhyming words in these lines because they are fun to read.

The poem also teaches me to be kind and give a helping hand to others especially to the poor at Christmas. This is a good book for me to read before bed. I will recommend this book to all of my friends.



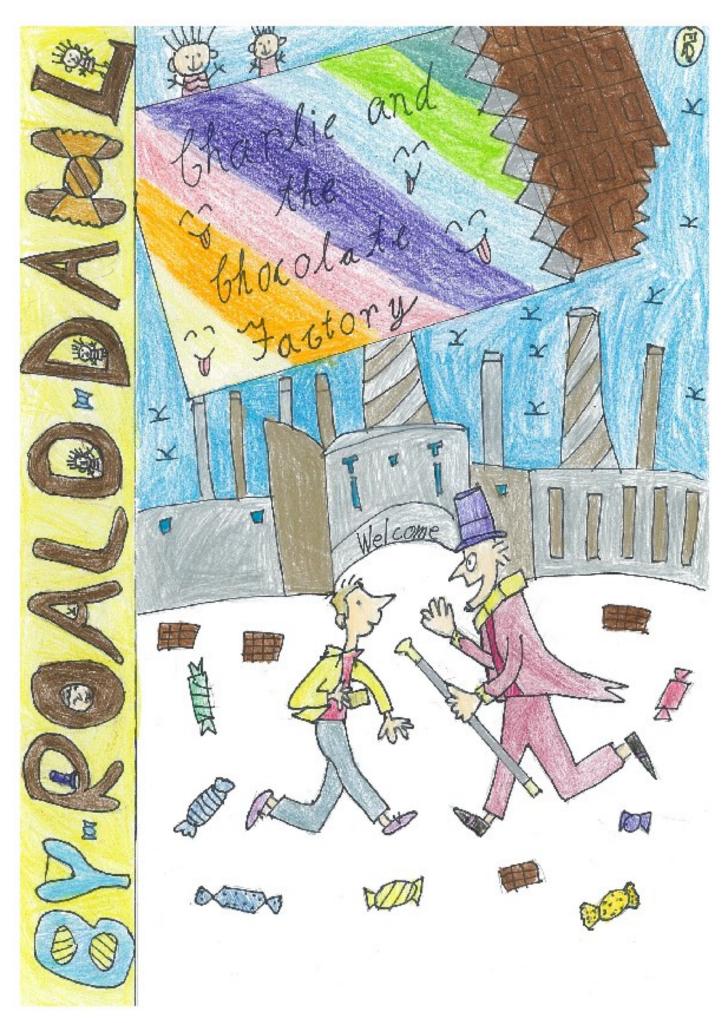
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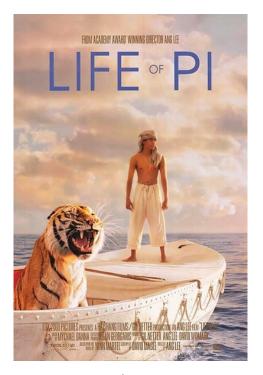


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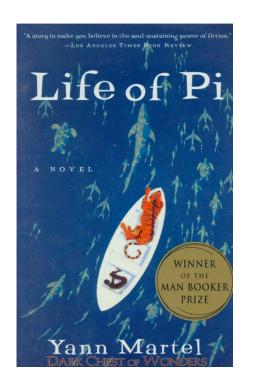


### 'The Life of Pi'

'The Life of Pi' is an adventure movie. It is directed by Ang Lee and written by David Magee. The leading actor, Irrfan Khan, plays the role of Pi. He gives a marvellous and outstanding performance. The nature scenes and special effects are the other highlights of the film.



The movie is an adventure story about Pi and a wild tiger. Pi is a clever teenager who lives with his family in India. One day, Pi's family's business fails and they want to do their business in Canada. Therefore, they board a cargo ship to move there. Unfortunately, a deadly storm hits the cargo ship and it sinks. Nearly all the passengers on board disappear. Luckily, Pi survives but he finds himself drifting in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and he loses his family. The most terrible thing is there is a fearsome tiger with Pi! Does the tiger hurt Pi? What adventures will Pi meet? Will he ever find his family?



'The Life of Pi' is a tale of faith, hope, and a fight to survive. Pi plays a brave and curious teenager like a young explorer and he has an excellent performance. Betsy Sharkey from *The Los Angeles Times* said that the film was a masterpiece. Famous actress Anne Hathaway said it was one of her favourite films of all time.

### An Interesting Film: 'Ella Enchanted'

'Ella Enchanted' is a wonderful and amazing film. It has romance, comedy and fantasy. The director of this film is Tommy O' Haver. There are many stars in this film and they all act perfectly. The leading actor and actress are Hugh Dancy and Anne Hathaway, respectively.

This story begins in a fantasyland. There are many living things there, such as giants, fairies, spirits and humans. One day, Ella of Frell is born there. A fairy gives her a 'gift' which makes her different from her peers. The magic makes her do all the things that people tell her to do, such as stealing or saying bad things to her best friends. That makes her very frustrated. So she decides to find the fairy that gave her this spell and her adventures begin. During these adventure, she falls in love with a handsome prince. Unfortunately, the uncle of the prince tells Ella that she must kill the prince. Will Ella do accordingly?

The story is exciting when it comes to the killing part. It lets the audience feel very nervous. Also, the story is so amazing and all the things in the fantasyland are so fantastic. It is a good film. For the other reviewers, they also gave the film positive reviews. *The Washington Post* said that the music and fight scenes were both good and enjoyable. *The New York Times* added that it was one of the smartest films for older children in quite some time.

I hope you will like 'Ella Enchanted' too!



A Story David Lam Chi Pan , 2B



### **Babysitting**

Last Saturday was special to me. My neighbour asked me to look after her two small children for the day. When the children came to my house, they played and had fun. I just wanted to watch TV so I stayed in the living room. However, I was too tired and felt asleep. When I woke up, I could not see the children. I was very worried until I found them in my bedroom. They were drawing on the walls! I was very angry.

At noon, I prepared some food for the kids. Unfortunately, they made my kitchenthemselves- very dirty. So, I took them to the bathroom and gave them a bath. They made the floor very wet and then I slipped on the floor and hit my knee. It really hurt! My clothes got wet too. After bathing them, I went to change my clothes. Suddenly, the children pushed me into the wardrobe and locked it. When they let me out, I saw their mum in front of me. She said, "We just wanted to play a trick on you. Today is April Fools' Day!" I did not say anything-I was not very happy. Later, I wanted to leave and have my dinner. The mum stopped me and said, "Don't be angry, friend! Let's have dinner together! I have

something special for you, too!" I listened to her and wanted to know what she wanted to give to me.

When we went to the restaurant, I was surprised because they gave me a birthday party. Oh, I forgot! It was my birthday. I was very happy and had a wonderful party with them.













### 'Wonderful Shopping Centre'

My ideal shopping centre is called 'Wonderful Shopping Centre'. It is located in Tsim Sha Tsui because there are many tourists around that area and people can get there by bus, minibus or MTR. The mall is designed for all age groups. There is a glass floor in the top floor's observation area. It has been designed for customers to look through the floor to the street.

There are three floors and twenty shops in the mall. Apparel shops and gift shops are located on the first floor. Customers can get a variety of gifts for their loved ones. The food court and restaurants are on the second floor. Customers can find many fine dining restaurants and cuisines there. There is also an observation area, an ice skating rink and a playground on the third floor to appeal to children and teenagers.

The mall has special promotions from time to time, such as our Christmas Sale, New Year Promotion and Back-to-School Sale. It also offers an additional birthday discount to those who have joined our membership programme. A gift will be given to the members on their birthday. There is also free parking at the mall so customers are free to shop for the whole day without having to worry about a parking fee.

Everyone in your family will love the 'Wonderful Shopping Centre'.

### 'Fun Fun Shopping Centre'

My ideal Shopping Centre is called 'Fun Fun Shopping Centre' in Mong Kok because it has many exciting and interesting things. If you want to go there, you can take a bus,



taxi, minibus and MTR. The shape of the shopping centre is like a balloon and it is so cute. In the centre, it has a special sky park and five glass floors.

The Shopping Centre has many gift shops, clothes shops

and shoe shops. There are also restaurants like KFC, McDonald's and Pizza Hut. This centre sells a variety of things and has lots of special features, e.g. Neway karaoke and an ice-skating rink. The most important thing is it is easy to get there.

In conclusion, shopping at 'Fun Fun Shopping Centre' is cheaper than shopping in Causeway Bay and better than at APM. Come and enjoy your shopping here!



### Let's Hangout Soon!

### Hi Andrew,

I was very glad to receive your email. I'm fine but I feel bad because I missed you yesterday! I went to the Science Museum with Susan and you would have loved it. We

saw a huge dinosaur exhibition. The dinosaurs died millions of years ago. Susan and I thought it's so fantastic and cool! We also saw dinosaur eggs. They looked like basketballs! After visiting the museum, we went to Mong Kok to do some shopping. Susan bought a lot of presents for her friends and I bought a pair of Nike

basketball shoes. They cost \$1,060. We also

bought a lot food and drink, like chicken legs, potato chips and milk tea. They were very delicious.

After that, we went to the cinema and watched a film called Ella Enchanted'. It's a comedy, fantasy and romance. The director is Tommy O'Haver and the cast includes your favourite actress,

Anne Hathaway. She's the leading actress of the film. If you want to watch it, I can watch it one more time with you. Finally, we came home by MTR. I think it was a happy day for us.

Anyway, I really want to hang out with you next time. Please take care and write to

me if you have time,

Love, Kelly



### **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' is an adventure movie with elements of comedy and fantasy. It is directed by Tim Burton and written by John August. The leading actor, Johnny Depp, plays the role of Willy Wonka. Anna Sophia Robb is the leading actress playing the role of Violet Beauregard. They are both full of acting experience and perform well in this movie. The special effects are also marvellous.



The movie tells the story of Willy Wonka, the world's most famous candy maker. He needs a

successor to take over his factory, so he hides five golden tickets in his chocolate bars. Five children, August Gloop, Veruca Salt, Violet Beauregard, Mike Teavee and Charlie Bucket are the lucky ones who find those tickets. Willy Wonka shows them around the factory and four of the children get into trouble. They are eliminated at different stages. The last one who survives gets the whole factory.

Johnny Depp is a perfect and powerful actor taking the role as Willy Wonka. Anna Sophia Robb also gives a wonderful performance, as do the supporting actresses and actors. Mike La Salle from *The San Francisco Chronicle* said that it was the best work he had seen in years. Peter Travers from *Rolling Stone* also mentioned that Depp's, "delicious madness demands to be seen".









A Reflection- 'Matilda' Suki Cheung, 2C

### Q 1: What is something you really love about the story of 'Matilda'? Why?

I really love the parts when Matilda punishes her parents and principal. When I was as young as her, I did everything that my parents and teachers said. I didn't think if they were correct or not. Even now I don't have enough courage to punish my parents or teachers. Matilda made me feel like she is very different and fantastic. It would have been like a dream to punish my parents and teacher when I was young so I really love this part.

Q2: What is the **message** of the story? What is it really about?

- a. **Justice**: You can fight and change something unfair into something fair.
- b. **Learning:** It is important to learn so you can become clever.
- c. *Magic*: Sometimes something special happens to help someone.
- d. **Bravery**: Do not let bullies win- you can punish bad guys, even your parents and your school principal.
- e. Something else (Your choice) \_\_\_\_\_\_.



I choose justice because in the story Miss Trunchbull is unfair to everyone, including Matilda. Matilda does not just listen such as others would. She is brave enough to argue with the school principal and say things to her. In the story, we can see Matilda fight and change something unfair to fair so I think the message of the story is justice.





Flat B, 10/F, Block K, Bravo Garden, To Kwa Wan, Kowloon 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

The Manager, Happy Tuck Shop, 999 Martin Street, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Complaint About the Service and Cleanliness

I am writing to complain about the service and cleanliness of your tuck shop. It is far from acceptable.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, I went to your tuck shop at recess to buy food. While I was eating the snacks, I saw a mouse run around in your tuck shop. After that, I went to report it to the staff. However, they shouted at me and said that this was, "Impossible!" I felt very angry. I think the cleanliness of the school tuck shop is very important and the service of your staff must be improved.

I hope that this will not happen in the future. Please talk to your staff and tell them to maintain a high level of hygiene in the kitchen. Also, you should inform your staff of the importance of taking students' advice seriously.

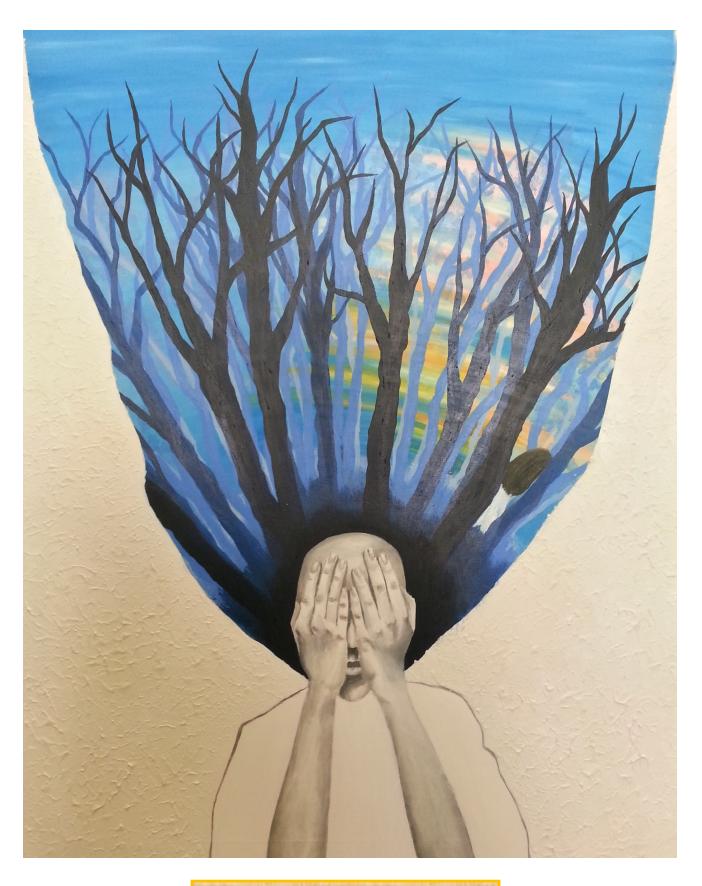
Yours faithfully,

Ronald Lei

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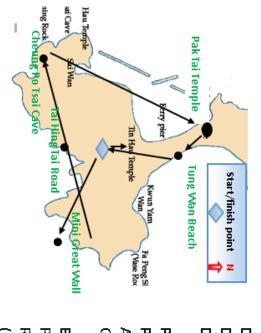
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Eco-Tourism Leaflets

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- Tai Hing Tai Road

## Full Day Tour Stops:

## Mini Great Wall

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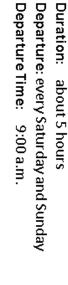
## Pak Tai Temple

## Rules to observe:

- Do not litter.
- Do not destroy any plants or buildings.
- Follow the tour guide.

Li Yuen Tung Choi Minji Chan Nga Mui Form 2A Cheung Ching Yan Lam Siu Lee

### One Day Tour **Cheung Chau**



Price (includes lunch): Pick-up Point: Central Pier

Child / Senior: HK\$ 65

## Enquiries & Bookings:

booking form to 2265 8470. Reservation Hotline on 2784 5560 Please call Pentecostal Tour (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) or fax the







## Introduction

Cheung Chau is located at the southwest of Hong Kong Island. Its nickname is 'Dumbbell Island' as its shape is like a dumbbell. Its history of inhabitation is the longest of all the places in Hong Kong. It has a comparatively large population of more than 20,000 people.

There are lots of sightseeing spots on Cheung Chau such as Pak Tai Temple, one of the oldest temples in Hong Kong. The caves and beaches there are also famous too! You can enjoy the wonderful views and look around the wonderfulisland by riding a bicycle.

### Our Tour

'Cheung Chau One Day Tour' is a tour suitable for all visitors. It takes you to see amazing scenery like a beautiful beach with crystal clear water and the heritage of Cheung Chau. You can enjoy different kinds of special local snacks on the way.

### ltinerary

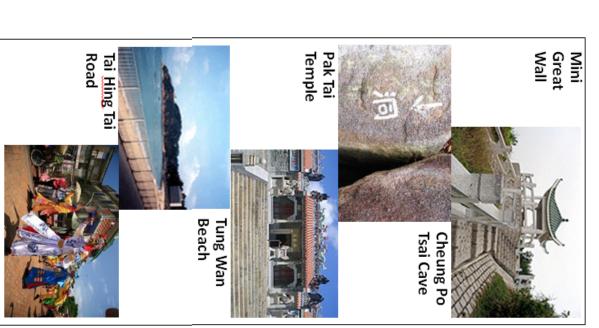
The tour first takes you to the <u>Mini</u> <u>Great Wall</u>, where you can admire the majestic coastal scenery and the unusual rocks. The scenery along this coastal stretch is gorgeous. You can have a great time with your family there.

Then it continues to <u>Cheung Po Tsai</u>
<u>Cave</u>, a place where the stolen treasure of a pirate was kept. You can have an exciting adventure inside the cave and enjoy the amazing view outside it.

After a 10-minute walk from the pier, you'll arrive at <u>Pak Tai Temple</u>, the oldest temple on the island. You can worship and admire the Chinese traditional architecture.

Next is a trip along the <u>Tung Wan Beach</u>. It's a very beautiful beach with clear water and it's popular for leisure and water recreation activities.

Finally, you'll go to the Tai Hing Tai Road to enjoy some tasty and exclusive local snacks, such as 'Ping On' buns. People believe that the blessed buns will bring them peace.





### Duration:

About 5 hours

### Departure:

Every Saturday and Sunday

9:00 am Departure Time:

Pick- up Point: Central Ferry Pier

## Price (includes lunch):

Adults: HK\$120 HK\$60 Children or senior citizens:

Group Name:

Group Leader:

IQ Agency

## Enquiries & Bookings:

Group Members:

Paco Tang Pak Hong (30)

Please call Mr Tang on or email to 32459801 (11am-10:30pm) <u>pacotang0000.gmail.com</u>

Bobby Wong Long Yin (33) Ken Ma Jian Feng (29) Paco Yip Ho Chung (36)

4. Kwan Kung Chung Yi Ting

Cheung Po Tsai Cave

1. Pak Tai Temple

2. Tin Hau Temple







Cheung Chau is a small island in Hong Kong. It is 10 km southwest of Hong Kong Island. It looks like a dumbbell, so it is also called "Dumbbell Island". The name "Cheung Chau" is translated from Cantonese 'Long Island'. You can go there by ferry. It is famous for its beaches, seafood, cafes and traditional culture.

The tour is suitable for teenagers and adults. It takes you to see a fishing village with beautiful beaches plus walking trails with monasteries and graded buildings.

The tour first takes you to the Pak Tai Temple. It was built in 1783 and it is a Grade 1 historical building. You can see traditional Chinese architectural styles with guardian lion stones. Sculptures can also be found in the temple. It is the centre for the Bun Festival celebrations.

Then the tour continues to Tin Hau Temple, which was built about 200 years ago. You can find a bronze bell inside. There is also a small pavilion behind the temple and you can see some beautiful views of the beach from there.

And then the tour takes you to Cheung Po Tsai Cave. It is related to a pirate in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. You might find treasure there during your visit!

Finally, before we finish the trip, you will visit Kwan Kung Chung Yi Ting (Kwan Kung Pavilion). It was built in 1973. An eight-feet-tall Kwan Tai statue can be found in the temple.



Pak Tai Temple Cheung Po Tsai Cave



Tin Hau Temple Kwan Kung Chung Yi Ting



## Full Day Tour Stops:

## Tai O Historic and Cultura Showroom

- 2. Yeung Hau Temple
- Old Tai O Police Station (Tai O Heritage Hotel)
- Sightseeing Ferries Tai O Water Village



Adult **Enquiries & Bookings:** Duration: about 6.5 hours Price (includes lunch): Please call Pentecostal Funny Pick-up point: Tai O Pier |ason at Jasonhfc@gmail.com Child/Senior HK\$100 Departure time: 7:00 a.m. Departure: every Sunday Travel on 5191 1041 or email to **HK\$110** 

Rules to observe:

- buildings Don't damage the old
- 2. When you watch the dolphins, please keep quiet.

Pak Man Yeung (30) Hui Kit Ying (7) Wong Kin Hei (34)

Leung Wing Yi (11) Ting Tsz Chun (32)



Tai O is located at the western side of Lantau island. It is known as "Venice of Hong Kong". There are about 2,000 residents including some Hakka people. You can buy some Chinese traditional food such as salted fish and shrimp paste at Tai O.

"Funny Travel — Tai O" is a tour suitable for the whole family. It takes you to see animals, culture and heritage. You can find some heritage places like Yeung Hau Temple and the Tai O Heritage Hotel. Different kinds of local foods can be found on the way, too.



The tour first takes you to <u>Tai O</u>

Historic and Cultural Showroom.

You can lean more about the history of Tai O and relics of the local community. Then it continues to Yeung Hau Temple. You can know more about Yeung Hau, the loyal local court official of the Sung Dynasty. Also, you can worship there.

Next is a trip along the <u>Old Tai O Police</u> <u>Station (Tai O Heritage Hotel)</u>, where you can admire some collections of the police, watch videos and precious pictures of Tai O Police Station.

And then the tour takes you to <u>Tai O</u>
<u>Water Village</u>. You can buy some traditional Chinese food. You can also admire the amazing view and take photos with the local people.

Police Station

Finally, before you finish the trip, you'll visit the <u>Sightseeing Terries</u>. Some lovely Chinese White Dolphins can be found in the sea. You can take photos of them. and enjoy the beautiful view. You can have dinner on the ferry as well.



Sightseeing Ferries



### Happy Tai O Tour

Tai 0 is a fishing village which is partly located on an island of the same name. It is on the western side of Lantau Island in Hong Kong.

Tai 0 has a history of salt production. In 1940, it was recorded that there were 70 acres of land for salt marshes and the production of salt has amounted to 25000 piculs (1,512 metric tons) in 1938.

Tai 0 is also called "Venice of Hong Kong". It is famous for its scenic views and historical buildings.

Happy Tai O Tour is suitable for all people who love nature. People can see a fishing village. The boat ride for the white dolphins is also a famous attraction

The tour first takes you to see stilt houses, which were built above water to avoid flooding. These houses make a scenic view to local and foreign visitors.

Then, it continues to General Rock. It can be found at the northwestern sea cliff of Lantau's Fu Shan. It is a big rock that looks like a general standing in water. It is one of Tai O's natural attractions.

Next is a trip along Old Tai O Police Station. It is one of the graded buildings in Tai O. Before 1997, it was a police station and it became a heritage hotel in 2012.

Finally, before you finish the trip, you will visit Yeung Hau Temple. It was built in 1699 and it is now a Graded I historic building.







## Tour Stops

- 1) Stilt Houses
- Tai O Old Police General Rock
- Yeung Hau Temple Station

3.Tai O Police Station 2,General POCK 4.Yeung Hau Houses 1Stilt

# Price: Adult:\$100

Tour Information

Child:\$75

Duration: 8 hours

Departure Time: 10:00am

Pick-up point: Tuen Mun Bus Stop

**Enquiries & Bookings: Mr Dang on** 

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# Rules to Observe:

- 1. Follow the tour guide closely.
- 2. Do not throw rubbish.



## Happy

Tai O

Tour

## Group name:

Amazing Group

Group leader:

Dang King Lam F.2D (18)

Group members:

- Leung Tung Yin F.2D (27)
- Wong Shing Fung F.2D (32)

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### 'Don's Problem'

### An original play about teen issues

Written and performed by Serena Kong, Sandy Chiu, Ivory Ng, Katie Tang, Kenneth Chan & Edwin Tse

Characters:	Serena as Don, a Form 3 student
	Sandy as Katniss, Don's girlfriend, and the
	Narrator
	Ivory as Jade, Don's 'bad' friend
	Ivory as Jade, Don's 'bad' friend Katie as Simon, Don's 'bad' friend Kenneth as Macy, Don's 'good' friend
	Kenneth as Macy, Don's 'good' friend
	Edwin as Clary, Don's 'good' friend

### Scene 1: Don and Katniss are at a shopping mall

Narrator: Don and his girlfriend, Katniss- me- are at a shopping mall.

Katniss: Don, you're a great songwriter. You have so much talent. But you waste it

drinking with your bad guy friends. I can't bear to watch it any more. We

are game over!

Don: No!

Katniss: I'm sorry.

Don: No! Please don't go! (Cries and exits)

Katniss: I'm sorry. (Pushes Don and exits. Don starts crying)

Narrator: Don had two bad guy friends, Jace and Simon.

(Jace and Simon enter)

Jace: Hey, Don.

Simon: Wow... Why do you look so sad?

Don: Katniss broke up with me.

(Jace and Simon look at each other, pause, then burst out laughing)

Jace & Simon: (Mocking) Oooooh! Poor Don!

Jace: Sad Don!

Simon: Pitiful Don! (He and Jace laugh at Don who is too sad to respond)

Jace: Hey, come on, Don. Don't be sad.

Simon: Yeah, a breakup is just a little thing. Who cares?! There's a lot more girls

out there.

Jace: Let's go out and have some fun!

Don: How can I have fun? I love her SO much!

Jace: After you take THIS (He takes a small packet from his pocket) you'll feel just fine.

Simon: You'll fly so high!

Don: But... I've never taken drugs before.

Jace: Just take it! It'll kill the pain.

Simon: Do it!

Jace: Do it!

Simon & Jace: Do it!

Don: OK. (They take the drug and act crazy)

### Scene 2: A few months later Don is at home watching TV and is visited by Macy and Clary

Narrator: Don did nothing but drugs with his bad guy friends. His two good guy friends, Macy and

Clary, were very worried about him and decided to visit him at home.

(There's a knock at the door and Don opens it. Macy and Clary enter)

Don: Hey guys, I haven't seen you for a long time.

Macy: It's been a whole month, Don.

Clary: We are very worried about you.

Macy: What happened?

Don: (Shaking his head) Nothing. I'm fine. (He starts acting crazy)

Clary: Oh, my God!

Macy: What's happening?!

(Jace and Simon enter)

Jace: Hey Don! (shaking a small bag) We've got some more drugs for you.

Simon: Let's go party!

Don: (He takes the bag, takes a pill from it and swallows it. Suddenly, he

becomes happy) Yes! Yes! Party! Party!

Macy: Stop, Don! Stop!

Clary: Oh, Don! THIS is what you've been doing?!

Macy: Why are you taking drugs?!

Don: (Ignoring Macy and Clary) Ha ha ha! I'm so high!



Clary: Don! Stop, please!

Jace: Hey, Don. Let's go!

Simon: Let's leave these losers. They're no fun.

Jace & Simon: Party time!

### Scene 3: Don, Jace and Simon are partying at a nightclub

Narrator: Later that night, Don, Jace and Simon are at a nightclub, drinking heavily and taking

drugs.

Don: I'm so high! I'm so drunk!

Jace & Simon: Me, too! (They all laugh and start dancing crazily)

Jace: This is great!

Simon: Having fun, Don?

Don: Sure! Let's come here every night!

(Macy and Clary enter)

Jace & Simon: Sure!

Macy: There he is.

(Macy and Clary walk over to Don)

Clary: Don! You can't do this!

Macy: You should be writing songs and making music!

Clary: You could be so good if you had just tried harder.

Don: Stay away from me! (He starts to look

tired)

Macy: Are you OK?

Jase: He's fine.

Simon: Yeah, get lost!

(Don collapses. Jase and Simon look

scared)

Jase: Oh, no!

Simon: Someone will call the police.

Jase: Let's get out of here! (Jase and Simon exit)

Macy: (Using his mobile phone) Hello? 999? I need an ambulance for my friend!

### Scene 4: Don, Macy and Clary are at a hospital

Narrator: Don woke up the next day in a hospital. Macy and Clary were there

waiting for him to wake up.

Don: I feel so bad.

Macy: Can you see what happens when you give up?

Clary: Will you try now and write songs again?

Macy & Clary: We will support you!

Don: OK. That's a great idea. Thanks, guys. I will try. I never want to take drugs

again. I want to live.

(They high five)

Narrator: Don became a successful songwriter. He never took drugs again.

### THE END



### 'Don't be a Hero!'

An original play about teen issues

Written and performed by Tony Xie, Allen Lin, Samson Tsui & Martin Chow

Characters: Tony: A Triad member
Martin: A Triad member
Samson: A Form 3 student
Allen: A Form 3 student

### Scene 1: Tony and Martin are standing on a street, arguing

Tony: Hi, I'm Tony!

Martin: Hi, I'm Martin!

T & M: We are Triad bullies! (They high five) We love

money!

Tony: Hey, I don't have money. Give me some!

Martin: Shut up! I won't give you money!

Tony: I want money! I want money!

Martin: Hey, ask your mum.

Tony: If my mum could give me money, funny guy, I

wouldn't have to ask you! Fast! Now!

Martin: I'll fight you if you ask me about money one more

time!

Tony: OK! If I win, you will go get some for me!

Martin: Let's fight! (They fight)

Samson: (Enters) Don't fight! You two will get hurt!

(Tony and Martin ignore him and keep fighting)

Tony: I'll beat you down!

Martin: No, you won't! I'll beat YOU down!

Samson: Stop! Stop! Stop! Hey, you look like

Triad guys. If you keep fighting, I'll

call the police!

Tony: (To Martin) Stop fighting! This guy is

disturbing me! (They stop fighting)



Martin: OK, let's ask HIM for money!

Samson: Oh, great! You guys have stopped fighting. (Tony and

Martin walk up to Samson, menacingly) What are you

doing? What do you want?

Tony: Give us all of your money!

Samson: Oh, no!

Martin: Now!

Samson: No! I will not give you anything!

Martin: If you don't, we'll beat you up.

Tony: Yeah!

Samson: (Scared) OK, OK. (Searches his pockets) I'm poor. I

only have 10 cents. I'm sorry.

Tony: (Snatches the coin, looks at it angrily and throws it

back at Samson) We are not beggars! (He grabs Samson

and takes his wallet)

Allen: (Enters) Ha! Ha! Ha!

T & M: Who are you?

Samson: Help me!

Allen: I know that guy. He thinks he's so good. He's always

acting soooo good!

Tony: We are going to beat him up. Do you want to watch?

Allen: Oh, yeah! I hate him. Can I beat him, too?

Martin: Sure! (They beat him up. Samson falls to the ground,

badly hurt.)

Tony: (To Allen) Hey kid, you did very well! Now we'll get

more money from him. (He looks at Martin and they

both nod. To Allen) Would you like some?

Allen: You bet!

Tony: (To Samson) Hey buddy, bring us money tomorrow- same

time, same place!

Martin: If not, this new guy will help us find you and we'll

beat you down again!

Samson: (Weakly) OK.

T & M: (They look at each other and nod then talk to Allen)

WE are the BEST Triads in Hong Kong. Join us!

Allen: Yes! You guys are cool! (They fist bump then exit)

### Scene 2: The next day, Tony and Martin are standing at a school gate, smoking

Samson: (Enters and sees Tony and Martin) Oh, no!

Allen: (Enters and slaps Samson on the back) Hey! Where's

our money? (He grabs Samson and takes him to Tony

and Martin)

Martin: Got our money?

Tony: Fast! Fast!

Samson: I only have \$20.

Martin: Are you kidding? You have to pay three people and

you bring just \$20!

Samson: (He reaches for his wallet and hands it to Tony)

OK.

Tony: Hey, there's \$100 here! (He takes the money and

knees Samson in the stomach. Samson falls to the

ground, hurt)

Martin: Let's go and spend this money! (Martin, Tony and

Allen leave)

Allen: (To Samson) See YOU same time tomorrow!

Samson: (He stands up and speaks to the audience) I thought

I could stop Triad members from fighting. I was wrong. Triad guys are very bad. Stay away from them and call the police instead. Don't be a hero. Call the police. (He starts to exit then turns and speaks

to the audience) Don't be a hero!

THE END



### A Suggestion Form- Food Labelling

I would like to make the following suggestions to the patient, Sophie So, who has diabetes.

### 1. A brief explanation of the health problems

During digestion, carbohydrates are broken into sugar. Sugar travels from the stomach through the blood stream to the muscle and fat cells. The pancreas needs to produce enough insulin, which is the key to unlocking the doors to the cells to allow sugar to enter and be used as fuel to provide energy. If sugar in the blood stream backs up and the level of blood sugar becomes too high, it will cause diabetes. The common symptoms of diabetes are fatigue and extreme thirst. It also damages nerves

and organs like eyes, kidneys and the heart.

### 2. Advice on diet

She should follow the '3 low, 1 high' principle. Sophie needs to avoid eating food that is high in sugar or fat, especially saturated fat and trans fat. Besides, she should eat less food that contains carbohydrates. She ought to eat more food that is rich in vitamins like oranges.

### 3. Advice on reading nutrition labels

She should not choose food according to the nutrition claims because the statements only

tea has 3.7 times more sugar than the kiwi juice!

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How important is food labelling? Very! The lemon

provide her with a rough idea of its nutrient values. For example, "no added sugar" doesn't mean that there is no sugar. It only means that there are no extra sugars put in for sweetening. The best practice is to refer to the nutrition label for detailed information. She could find out whether the food or drink really is 'low' in sugar, carbohydrates and fats.

### 4. Advice on lifestyle

It is a good idea for her to drink at least 8 glasses of water every day. Besides, she should exercise regularly so she will be stronger. She also needs to get more sleep- at least 8 hours. She has to avoid both smoking and excessive alcohol consumption. Furthermore, she should visit a doctor regularly and schedule a yearly medical check-up.



### STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES TO SCHOOL

Some People Think That Students must wear uniforms to school but I completely disagree. In my opinion, wearing casual clothes is better than wearing a school uniform for the following reasons: They are cheaper, more comfortable and easier to keep clean.

TO BEGIN WITH, CASUAL CLOTHES ARE MUCH CHEAPER THAN UNIFORMS. IF YOU HAVE BOUGHT SCHOOL UNIFORMS FROM A STORE, YOU WILL KNOW HOW EXPENSIVE THEY ARE. MANY CASUAL CLOTHES CAN BE BOUGHT WITH FEWER DOLLARS SPENT AND MANY POOR STUDENTS CAN AFFORD THEM. A COMPLETE SCHOOL UNIFORM ROUGHLY COSTS AROUND FOUR TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO SPEND OUR MONEY THAN USING IT ON SCHOOL UNIFORMS. TUDENTS ARE BETTER OFF SPENDING IT ON BOOKS THAT CAN HELP THEM WITH THEIR STUDIES.

ANOTHER POINT 15 THAT CASUAL CLOTHES ARE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE THAN SCHOOL UNIFORMS. ITUDENTS WITH SENSITIVE SKIN ARE PROME TO SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS TRIGGERED BY THE FABRICS USED IN SCHOOL UNIFORMS. TKIN PROBLEMS, SUCH AS ECZEMA, MIGHT MEGATIVELY AFFECT THEIR STUDIES. ITUDENTS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE CHOICE TO FIND THE TYPE OF CLOTHES THAT ARE RIGHT FOR THEM. WHEN STUDENTS MEED TO DO SOME HEAVY DUTY WORK OR EXERCISE, SCHOOL UNIFORMS MIGHT GET TOO TIGHT AT TIMES AS THEY ARE NOT MADE FROM STRETCHY MATERIAL.

FINALLY, SCHOOL UNIFORMS ARE EASILY STAINED BECAUSE THEY ARE USUALLY WHITE IN COLOUR. I HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH THAT. LAST WEEK, I AZZIDENTALLY POURED SOME ORANGE JUICE ONTO MY WHITE SCHOOL UNIFORM AND I CANNOT GET RID OF THE MARK IN ANY WAY. CASUAL CLOTHES, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE AVAILABLE IN A VARIETY OF COLORS. THUS, STAINS WILL NOT BE AS OBVIOUS AS ON WHITE CLOTHING. STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO GET TOO WORRIED GETTING LAUGHED AT BY PEERS BECAUSE OF STAINS.

IN CONCLUSION, I THINK THAT STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES TO SCHOOL. YOU CAN SAVE MONEY, BE MORE COMFORTABLE AND WORRY LESS ABOUT THE STAINS ON CLOTHES.

A Letter of Advice Annie Ko Ka Yan, 3C

### Dear Raymond,

I received your letter and I'm sorry to hear that you have so many problems. Thank you for sharing them with me. I think I can offer you some advice.

In your letter, you mentioned that you have nowhere to study. My first piece of advice is that you can go to a study room nearby because you can study attentively there without any distractions from computers or televisions. Also, you can study in a classroom at school but you need to get a teacher's approval first. I think it is better for you to study in a classroom. When you have any problems with your homework, you can ask your teachers for help.

Another problem is related to money. It's a good idea to take a part-time job so you can earn more money to go out with your friends. As a matter of fact, if I were you, I would tell my friends the truth about my difficulties. They will not leave you if they are true friends.

Finally, you are worried about your appearance. I suggest that you should browse the internet for details on the average height by age. If you still have problems, you may seek professional advice from doctors. Furthermore, you can do more sports such as basketball. Exercising regularly can make you healthier and taller. Besides that, I strongly suggest you eat more foods that are rich in calcium, such as milk. Calcium is an essential mineral that helps bones stay strong.

I hope my suggestions are useful. There is a saying that goes, "Where there is a will, there is a way". Don't worry too much about it. Please write to me again if you need any more help.

Best wishes,

### Chris

P.S. Stay away from fast food! It's as good for you as a plastic hamburger.



Dear Miss Wong,

I have chosen three activities that I am interested in for the trip to Australia.

First, I suggest seeing Australia's famous animals, such as kangaroos and koalas. I know that some safari parks allow visitors to meet and get close to them. We can learn about the habitats of animals and how environmental problems affect their lives. We can also learn about how to protect their habitats.



Second, I think we may try some Australian cuisine such as emu and kangaroo burgers and steaks as well as emu eggs. In Australia, some restaurants use emu and kangaroo meat in their hamburger patties. These are very rare in Hong Kong so I think we must try them at least once when we have the chance to go to Australia.



Third, we can go and visit a museum to learn about Australia. During the visit, we can listen to the tour guide tell us about the history and culture of Australia. We can also watch a mini-movie about the history of Australian aborigines.

These are all my suggestions. I hope they are useful. I am looking forward to this trip as I believe it will be an interesting, educational and unforgettable one.

Yours sincerely,

Jacky



### 'David & Amy'

David and Amy had been classmates in class 3C for nearly a year. David had fallen in love with Amy because she had a pretty face and she was a helpful girl. She had big eyes, fair skin and long black hair. David wanted Amy to be his girlfriend.

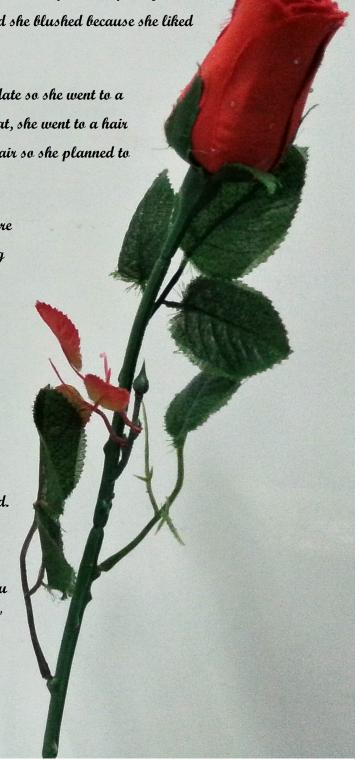
One day, during an English lesson, David asked Amy, "Would you like to go to the cinema to watch a movie with me on Saturday?" David wanted to express his feelings towards Amy that day. "I'd love to," Amy said and she blushed because she liked David, too.

Amy wanted to give David a new look for the first date so she went to a shopping centre to buy fashionable clothes. After that, she went to a hair salon to get a haircut. She felt bored with her long hair so she planned to have her hair cut very short.

That Saturday, she put on a bit of make-up and wore the new trendy clothes that she got from the shopping centre. She wore long boots with a pair of long jeans and a white T-shirt. She was satisfied with her appearance. Before she left her house, her mum said, "Have a great time, Amy! Don't come home late!" Amy gave her a smile and said, "OK! Bye mum!"

Amy was very nervous. When she arrived at the cinema, David was already there. David felt shocked. "Oh! Amy, you surprised me. You look like a boy!" David yelled. Amy felt discouraged because David didn't love her new haircut. David added, "I like you because of who you are. Will you be my girlfriend?" David then took out a bunch of roses. Amy was touched by his words so she smiled and nodded.

THE END



### A Survey Report on the Use of the Library

### and Recommendations to Improve its Facilities

### Introduction

A survey has been conducted to find out the reasons for the low rate of borrowing and the decrease in the number of visitors. One hundred students from form one to form three have been interviewed. This report presents the findings, a conclusion and several recommendations that resulted from the survey.

### **Findings**

The survey asked how often students went to the school library. More than half of the interviewees expressed that they sometimes visited it. Some of them replied that they often visited it while a few students said they always visited it.

The survey also asked respondents about the motive to go to the school library. Half of them



said that they borrowed books there. Only a few respondents went there to read newspaper and magazines. None of them went there to do their homework in free lessons.

The survey further asked participants about the problems they usually had when they went to the school library. Nearly half of them answered that there was a long waiting time to do photocopying. One third of them thought that there were limited types of books to choose from. A quarter of the students said the books were out of date and boring. A few of them replied that they were unable to find a place to study or read in the library.

### **Conclusion and Recommendations**

According to the findings, most students visited the school library because they had to do photocopying. A majority of them complained about the long waiting time for the photocopier. Therefore, it is recommended that the school library should buy another photocopier to shorten the waiting time. Besides that, the library ought to buy a wider selection of books like fiction, comics and romance. Librarians could also introduce the new books to students in morning assemblies or in a monthly newsletter. Thus, students will be more eager to go to the library to read and borrow books.

### A Suggestion Form for Healthy Living

I would like to make the following suggestions for Healthy Living Week.

### Fruit Day

I think many students are eager to eat more fruit. Fruit contains vitamin C and dietary fibre and is very healthy. I think our school should consider providing fruit in the tuck shop at lunch. Moreover, teachers can choose to give out fruit, such as apples, oranges or strawberries, to award students with good academic results. Having a 'Fruit Day' in our Healthy Living Week would be a good way to encourage our students to eat more fruit.



### Sports Matches

We should also hold sports matches in our Healthy Living Week to promote sports at school. Students should exercise regularly to stay healthy. Participants could choose to play basketball, volleyball or football. We can also hold an inter-class competition. Students would compete against other classes and they choose the type of sports they want to complete in. To encourage more students

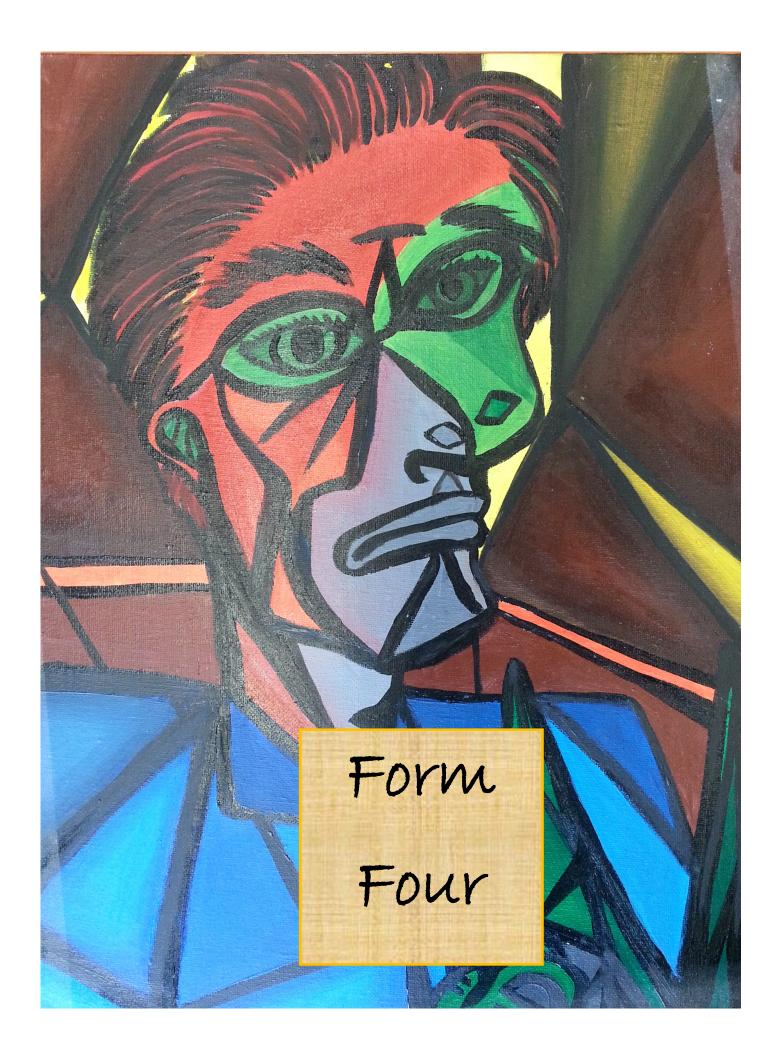
to join these matches, the winning team will be awarded medals or prizes.

### Game Stalls

Also, we can have game stalls set up in the school hall or at the playground at lunch and after school. The games available in the game stalls should promote healthy dieting and create awareness of daily essential nutrients. These games aim to test



students' knowledge about what a healthy lifestyle is. Fruits and healthy snacks such as nuts and juice will be awarded to winners.



### **Tourism Has a Positive Impact on the Environment**

Tourism is one of the economic pillars of many countries because visitors bring money and job opportunities. I think that tourism has a positive impact on the environment. There are three main reasons why I believe this.

Firstly, ecotourism can help promote conservation of wildlife and natural resources such as rainforests. They are regarded as tourism assets. For example, the Amazon Rainforest is the largest eco-tourism site in the world. Every year, a lot of tourists go there to see unique and rare animals. The eco-tourists consciously protect those animals and the place they live instead of destroying them and their habitats.

Secondly, nature reserves can be protected. When visitors want to enter a nature reserve, they have to pay entrance charges. The money is used to maintain animal reserves and marine parks. Thus, tourism plays a part in environmental conservation.

Finally, tourism can create alternative sources of employment. Before tourism reaches a developing nation, the residents may live on fishing and logging, resulting in overfishing and deforestation. If tourism is booming, the local residents can change their jobs from primary industries to service industries. In this way, tourism helps reduce problems such as overfishing and deforestation in developing nations. This is another way to protect the environment.

To summarise, I firmly believe that tourism does not have a negative impact on the environment. Tourists can help protect it while the government can use the profits made to conserve it. It also creates employment for local people. It is obvious that its advantages outweigh the disadvantages. Therefore, tourism helps protect the environment instead of destroying it.

8th November, 2013

Dear Pat,

I am so glad to hear that you are coming to Hong Kong. My new school life is very busy but happy. In my class, I have made many new friends. They are friendly and lovely. You know, I have just finished my examination and I will have an inter-school basketball competition soon. Will you come to watch and support me when you are in Hong Kong?

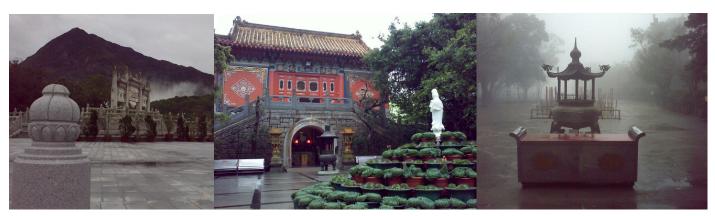
Actually, I have made an itinerary for your trip and I hope you like it. On the first day, we will see the Big Buddha. This is a must-see scenic spot. You can know more about our culture. We can also go to the Avenue of Stars. It is a good place to see the night view of Victoria Harbour. On the second day, I suggest going to Tai Mei Tuk. We can go there to have a barbecue, go cycling and hiking. On the third day, going to the Hong Kong Museum of History and the Hong Kong Science Museum is a good idea. You can know more about the history of Hong Kong and space science respectively. On the fourth day, we can go to Mai Po Wetlands to watch different types of birds. It is a must-see tourist attraction as some rare species can only be found there. On the last day, I recommend that you to go to an island called Cheung Chau. There are many unique snacks such as super big fish balls. We can also buy souvenirs there.

Lastly, I want to remind you of what to bring. Remember to bring things like a digital camera, a telescope and a sim card that can be used in Hong Kong. Also, you should make a hotel reservation earlier. If you need help, you can tell me.

Drop me a few lines when you have time. I'm looking forward to seeing you and going sightseeing together.

Love,

### Chris



An Informal Letter Etrius Liu, 4B

### A Letter to a Friend

Dear Chris,

How are you? Thanks for sharing your favourite video games with me. I like playing video games very much. Now I am going to tell you about my favourite one.

My favourite video game is called "World War 3". Players control a Chinese soldier called TH. The story starts in 2020. A war breaks out between Russia and the USA and people call it "World War 3". However, a man called Brian is manipulating the war behind the scenes. Therefore, TH has to find Brian and end the war.

When you play the game, you have to control TH to finish different missions. Sometimes you start the mission in the sky, other times under the deep ocean or even in a city. You can also fly jet fighters, drive tanks and control battleships.

Although this game is bloody, and it is not recommended for anyone under 15 years old, the story is very interesting. In addition, this video game only costs HK\$290, which is cheaper than 'Call of Duty Modern Warfare' and 'Battlefield 4'. This game has campaign mode, multiplayer mode and online mode, which means you can play by yourself, play with your friends or other players online.

I hope you like this game.

Yours,

**Etrius** 





### **Lucky Village**

### What Lucky Village is famous for

Lucky Village is famous for its scenic views and beautiful sunrises. Some famous photographers from foreign countries go all the way there to take photos. There are lots of scenic spots, so you just have to choose the right time to get there. Then you can take great pictures. The village is also famous for its traditional Chinese food, such as poon choi and soybean pudding. These are the famous dishes that attract many tourists. It also contains a lot of collective memories of the locals since poon choi relates to their festivals and their culture. They eat poon choi at family gatherings and union feasts. It can represent how much they treasure and value their families in Lucky Village.

### Life in Lucky Village 40 years ago

Lucky Village was a very old and small village 40 years ago. There was no electricity supply or running water. The locals had to go far away from the village to get water. Their living conditions were tough. However, the villagers living in this poor village were very happy and satisfied. Their relationships were so close that they would help each other when trouble came. Nowadays, we do not have such a good relationship with our neighbours even though our living standards have been raised. Most Hong Kong citizens are not happy with their lives because they are burdened by the pressure of living in a cosmopolitan city.

### **An Event that Changed Lucky Village**

There was a great fire in Lucky Village 30 years ago. It caused a lot of injuries and many villagers lost their families and homes. In order to rebuild the village, many new flats and shopping malls have been set up. The government has also opened a small museum to keep the traditional buildings and cultural heritage there. You can visit the museum to know more about the history and culture of the village.

A Story David Wan, 4E

Write a story about what happened when you used the automated teller machine and what you did when something went wrong with the machine.

### 'Am I an Honest Guy?'

One bright and sunny day, I started to feel peckish so I decided to buy some ingredients to make pudding. I went to the nearest automated teller machine to withdraw cash. After arriving at the machine and inserting my card, something went wrong and the machine started to make strange noises. In order to avoid losing the card, I tried to pull it out by force but failed. Suddenly the machine spat out a pile of banknotes.

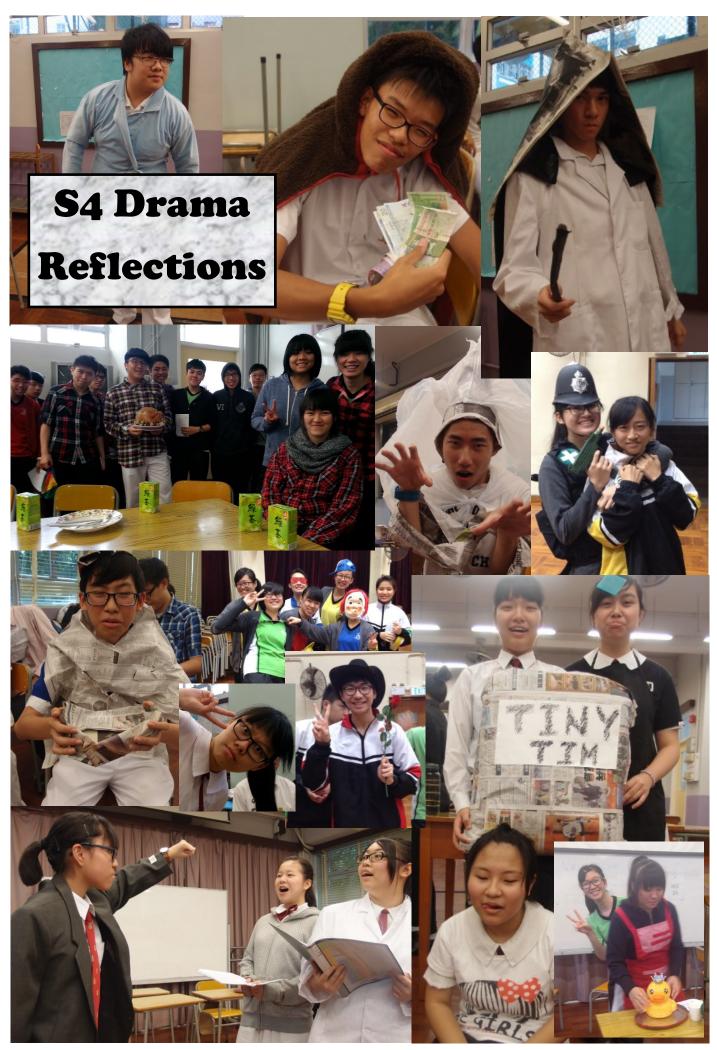
Soon my feet were covered in cash. The machine eventually stopped making noises and broke down completely. The pile of money in front of me was totally tempting. Also, this machine was located in a small and isolated alley so only a few people would know about it. As a result, no one had seen this whole incident. I could decide to take it or I could call the cops. What should I do?

After facing an uphill struggle between greed and honesty, I decided to call the police. I guarded the pile of banknotes while waiting for them to come. The police arrived at the scene and cleaned up the mess. The manager of the bank also came and praised me for my good work. He then gave me my card and thanked me for being an honest boy.

I didn't get any reward or money from the bank but the biggest reward I got from this incident was to know that I am an honest person and not one to take things I don't earn. I think that this is enough of a reward.

### THE END





Dear Mary,

Hey! How are you? What are you doing? I had a drama performance recently. I want to tell you something that I did then and in my drama lessons, too. I played Tiny Tim and a laundress. I had 10 lines in the play.

Firstly, I'll tell you how to understand a story and its characters well. You should learn the script by reading it more than six times. If you have difficult words you can look them up in the dictionary or you can watch the film to see the characters expressing themselves.

Secondly, about how to act well: You should be in-role in the drama so that you can act well and get high marks. Also, you should practise more alone and practise with your friends so you can improve yourself. My teachers taught me face control. We played a game called 'Lion Face, Lemon Face' and you have to make your face roar like a lion then lock sour like you've eaten a lemon. It was very useful.

Regarding how to be a great team member, I was a stage manager so I needed to lead my team members. If you are a stage manager you should communicate with your team politely so that they will coordinate with you.

Regarding how to create a great production, 'there's no need to buy it if you have it' so everyone can look for clothes and props at home to bring for the performance. This is environmentally friendly, too.

Lastly, I want to tell you that our team got the first prize! Do you feel happy for me?!

Best wishes,

Kammy

P.S. Here's some photos of my class. We had a great time!









### Dear Tiffany,

Hí! How are you? I'd like to write this letter to give you some advice about drama and describe what happened in my drama lessons.

First, I'd like to suggest to you how to understand a story and its characters well. Read the scene and focus on the dialogue and you can know the plot of the story and imagine the characters' feelings. For example, when Scrooge says in scene 1, "Shut up! Bah humbug!" we can see very clearly that Scrooge is angry and hates Christmas.

Second, verbal and non-verbal cues are important elements if you want to act well. Verbal cues are signals made with the voice. They tell us the feelings and motivations of the person. Non-verbal cues are body language. The movement of the speaker's body and face tell us the feelings and motivations of the person. For example, according to scene 1, Marley says, "Scroooooooge! Scroooooge!" and says, "Scrooge. Do you see these chains?" it tells us that Marley is scary but he wants to help Scrooge change. Also, having good APE is very important (articulation means speak clearly, projection means speak loudly and expression means speak with feelings). When you act with APE, you can show your confidence to audiences so that they enjoy your performance. For example, you can speak with intonation changes to change the meaning. You can speak with stress to pronounce syllables or words with greater force than the other syllables so that you can better control your feelings.

Third, I would like to suggest how you can be a great team member. A great team member needs to have a good attitude and be responsible. For example, my team members and I brought props and costumes to the lessons so we can perform realistically. Also, we practised during lessons and recess so that we could recite our lines. (You must learn your lines so you can recite them with good eye contact.) But in some drama lessons, some of my team members didn't focus on their scene and dialogue and just kept chatting with their friends so they forgot what they had to do and had to ask me. I think it showed a poor attitude and a lack of respect for other team members.

Finally, I would like to suggest how you can create a great production. Prepare costumes, props and settings to let the audience think it is interesting and not boring. For example, you can design costumes and props to show your character's style. Sets show the audience the place of the action and are also important.

To conclude, if you want to perform drama well, you should understand the story and its characters well, act well, be a great team member and create a great production. I hope my advice is useful for you.

Please write back soon.

Best wishes,

Maggie



Dear Esther,

How are you? I have 10 more days before my final exams. How about you? Also, I have just finished 18 drama lessons and I want to tell you about what I learned.

First of all, I needed to understand the story and its characters. I think that reading the script many times is the most

important thing to do. Read it more and you will know more about the characters.

Also, you will know more of the character's features. The second thing to do is to do some research so you know more about the background of the story.

To act well, I think being serious is the most important thing. If the acting is not earnest, it would be a pot of loose sand. If everyone is serious, they will act better. Practise makes perfect and practising being serious can make you perfect.

Mext, helping others in the team can create great team members. For example, if someone needs help with props and you help him, it can be the best moment in the world! If your teamwork is polite and serious you can all give and listen to advice and others can help you as well as you helping others.

Finally, props, costumes and sets can create a great production. These things can easily put feelings in the story. Good preparation can help a lot.

In our class, I felt very happy because I enjoyed it a lot. Our teammates made it a lot of fun and I felt very relaxed during our performance and did not feel any pressure. The other team had a good performance, too.

I think the most important thing to do in drama is to be serious. Be serious and you can do anything.



Best wishes,

### Heidi



### Dear Alfred,

Hey bro! Long time, no see. How are you? I am very eager to share my drama experiences with you.

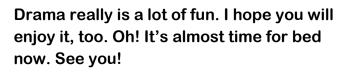
Okay, let me tell you about my tips on how to understand the story and characters well. At first, if you want to understand, you can search the dictionary to find words that you don't know in order to understand the story more. Also, if the story has a TV or movie version, you may watch it to see how you can understand the story and improve it. As for me, after I knew that I would be acting as Mr Scrooge in 'A Christmas Carol', I read the book again and again to try to understand more about Mr Scrooge. At last, the performance proved I succeeded.

Second, let me teach you how to act as well as I can. You have to know the characteristics of the character that you will be. You also have to know the feeling of the character when he or she speaks. If you know this, it's easier for you to express the right feeling at the right moment. Now for the most important one: you have to imagine that you are really your character and exist in the setting of the story. This can help make the play more realistic.

Third, if you want to be a great team member, there are a few points to be aware of. First, please help while changing the set and background. Second, help other characters to practise their lines even though you're not the next person who takes the next line. Last, please enjoy the show. If you don't enjoy the show, you can't make the audience enjoy it.

Fourth, to create a great production, sharing the workload is the most important part.

After you've done this thing, everything becomes much easier as everyone just needs to work on their part.



Love,

### Matthew



Dear Timothy,

I heard that you had some problems during your drama lessons. We have drama lessons at my school, too. Maybe I can give you some advice and tell you some things I learnt in my drama lessons on how to act better.

First, you don't go straight into acting. Before acting, you'll need to understand the story and the characters well- not only the ones that you're assigned, but all of them because your character will have to interact with other characters, too. Therefore, understanding the story and knowing the characters is vital. To do so, I'll read through the script and study the characters by paying attention on their emotions and actions, as these things reflect who they are. That's how I study characters.

Secondly, after understanding the characters you can start acting. To act well I'll customise the lines and add pauses and stresses to make every sentence emotional. Changing the pace of the lines can also show the audience your feelings. For example, when speaking slowly, it shows that you're in sorrow or under pressure- maybe even scared- while a fast pace shows that you are in a hurry or feeling anxious. Pace can be crucial in saying lines and, moreover, you can memorise your lines to act better, as when acting you don't need to carry your script around and keep looking at it. Memorising can also make the character's non-verbal cues distinctive, making the play better. When you memorise the script, you also feel more confident therefore making the play perfect.

Third, drama is not only about learning to act and project your voice. Drama also teaches teamwork and responsibility. Why? When it is time to strike the sets (change them), some of your teammates will be acting and therefore unable to do this. When this happens, you'll need to be active and be responsible- for the sake of your team you'll need to help. Besides set-changing, you can always add creative movements or lines when acting and co-operate with your teammates to make the drama flow more naturally.

Finally, to make a play perfect is to concentrate on the details. In my opinion, details are what make the play better. Even if all the actors and actresses co-operate and memorise the lines, the audience might still not get the play. Adding costumes will make the characters livelier and props will make movements and actions more realistic and reasonable- without props you'll just be on stage waving your hand and the audience will be confused. Also, the sets are important. They put the audience and you into the situation, enhancing the mood of the play and polishing all your efforts.

All this is advice and things I have learned from my drama lessons. The drama lessons taught me these things through a lot of methods I can't see in a normal classroom: interaction, games, questioning, role-playing, acting... and a lot more I didn't mention. I'm passionate about drama, every time there is a drama lesson I go so delirious.

A final suggestion is that if you want to be better at drama you must feel positive about English and drama. Adore them and you will master them.

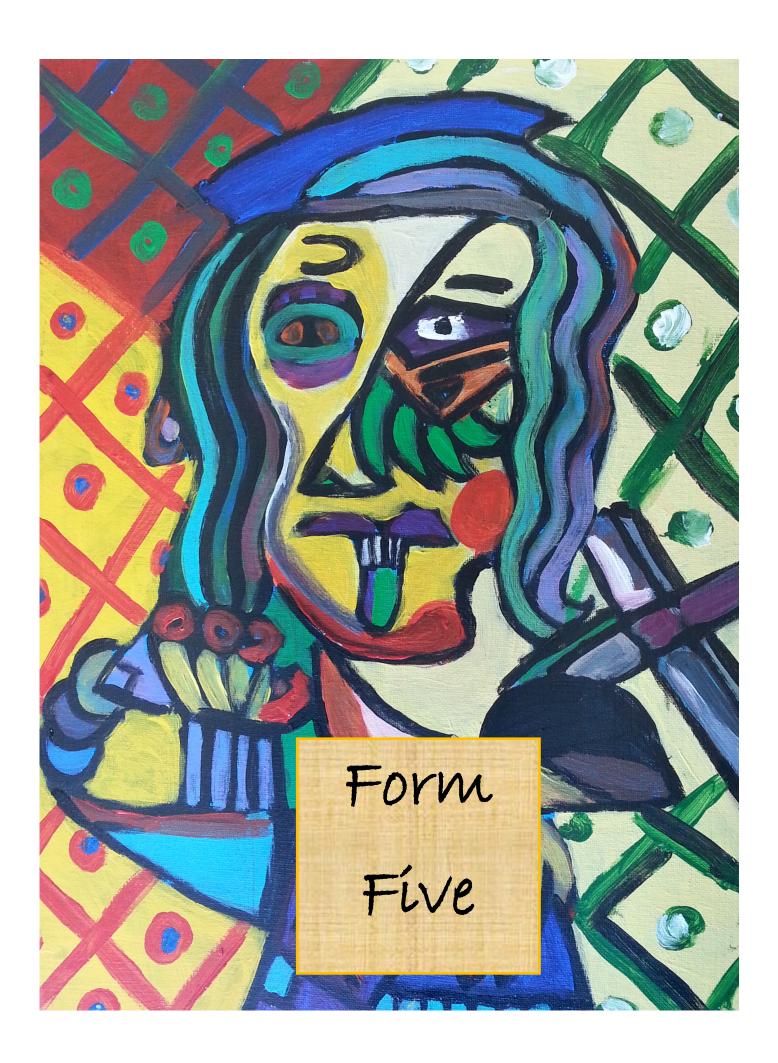
I think that's it for now. To conclude I'll say that to be good at drama, you'll need to understand the story and the characters, use pauses and stresses wisely, memorise your script and speak with emotion. To be a good team player: be active, help strike sets and cooperate with your cast members. You can make the play perfect if you use props, wear costumes and use detailed sets. Finally, remember what I mentioned before: details make the difference.

Hopefully this letter will help you improve in your own drama lessons. Please always feel free to ask me any questions you have and I'll reply as soon as possible. Furthermore, you can always consult your drama teacher. I'm sure he or she has more experience than me!

Best wishes,

David





### Say Goodbye to Your Blues

Adolescents experience a lot of difficulties which can lead to depression. Dissatisfaction with appearance as well as pressure from studies, love and relationships can be overwhelming for teenagers. In this article, I will share my friend's experience and give advice on how to cope with depression and say goodbye to the blues.

My friend Amy is a depression sufferer. Last year, she broke up with her boyfriend, who was her first lover. She was extremely upset and did not talk to anyone, including her parents and friends. We recommended that she consult a social worker but she rejected this. She told us time could help her recover emotionally, so we took no more action. Unfortunately, the situation worsened. We were shocked to hear that Amy had tried to commit suicide. Luckily, her mum had saved her. She also tried to hide herself away and avoid talking about the problems she faced. It was no doubt that Amy was suffering from depression.



Amy's critical condition worried us so we decided to help. As one way to handle depression is to be brave when facing personal problems, we persuaded Amy to share her frustrations with us. She felt relieved after she knew that she was loved by others. With the guidance of a professional counsellor, she was willing to tell us what she had experienced. The full support and care offered by her family and friends strengthened and empowered her. Ultimately, she recovered and no longer suffered from depression.

This successful story is enlightening. Nothing is impossible with enough courage. If you are depressed, try to deal with it bravely. Here are some useful tips I would like to give you. Do not try to hide your sadness or ignore the problems you face. Instead, share your thoughts with your parents or with friends you trust. Support from others can surely help to alleviate depression and expressing your emotions constructively is a basic element of recovery.

Positive thinking and frequent exercise can also help. You should not keep thinking about your sadness. During leisure time, you can do some activities, such as running, as exercise can improve mental health. Playing sports like swimming or surfing will make you feel happy, for example. If you can think positively, you can overcome depression gradually.



Life is full of obstacles. Suffering from depression is a significant burden which poses a great threat to our health-you should try to overcome it. Talking to people and doing exercises can do you a lot of good. Your determination can help you fight depression and lead you to a positive and meaningful life. Say to yourself, "It is time to say goodbye to the blues!"







'Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs' is Worth Watching!

'Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs' is directed by Carlos Saldanha and Mike Thurmeier. The voices of Ray Romano (Manny), John Leguizamo (Sid), Denis Leary (Diego) and Queen Latifah (Ellie) star in the film. The running time is one hour and thirty-four minutes. The movie is full of enjoyable moments and splendid performances. It is surely one of the best animated movies I have ever seen.

At the beginning of the story, Manny and Ellie, a married couple, are expecting a baby and are busy preparing things for their new arrival. In the meantime, Diego finds that his hunting ability has been reduced. Therefore, he asks his friend Sid to go on a journey with him. On the journey, they discover some abandoned eggs and decide to adopt them. However, these eggs get them into trouble as their real mother brings Sid and the eggs back to an underground lost world. Manny, Ellie and Diego must go and save their friend, Sid, so a great adventure begins.

This is an excellent movie. The script is splendid and the graphics are terrific. The special effects are fantastic and 3D technology is used very well. Both the sound and visual effects are realistic and are particularly impressive when Sid falls down a cliff. The effects make the audience feel the excitement.

Besides the splendid effects, the characters shine in the film, especially Sid and Diego. Sid is a great entertainer and gives the audience a lot of fun. Diego leads with aspiration. They both teach the audience the importance of teamwork and team spirit. In addition, the directors did an incredible job with the characters' movements and getting the most from the cast.

Andy Frisk, the editor-in-chief of *Comicbookbin.com*, said that 'Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs' is truly enjoyable and fun for the whole family, including adults, and worth viewing. He also stated that it was packed with lessons on life, love, and family, with a little satire thrown in. To conclude, this film is such a fabulous film that I would strongly recommend it to everyone.



### Trapped!

When I first entered the Wan Chai Commercial Building, I did not expect that I would be trapped in the darkness for five hours.

I went to the building to visit my sister at 11:00 a.m. The electricity went off in a second without any notice. Luckily, not many people were involved in this incident. Only six people, including me, were trapped in the building.

We stayed together to avoid getting lost in the darkness. We tried to search for exits to leave the building but they were all locked. We did not lose hope. We tried to search for a signal with our mobiles. At 4 p.m., we reached the police and asked for help.

After having been trapped in the building for five hours, we were eventually rescued by firefighters. Although we were all completely exhausted, none of us were injured. The manager of the building was arrested by the police for illegally locking the fire exits.

The accident serves as a reminder of the importance of clearing fire exits.

Dear Editor,

Some say that the Hong Kong Government should organise more international sports competitions as they bring benefits to Hong Kong. In my opinion, the government should do so.

To show our cultural richness and diversity and to live up to the name of 'Asia's World City', it is vital for Hong Kong to organise a lot more international sports competitions. This can also foster collective memories for Hongkongers. Our sense of belonging will increase as the city will be more in the spot light internationally.

International sports events can boost the reputation of Hong Kong as more tourists will be enticed to visit our city to enjoy the new sports events. On their trip, they may find that Hong Kong is an extremely nice place to stay with advanced technology, rapid mass transport systems, professional medical services, high work efficiency, etc. The tourists will then recommend Hong Kong to their friends so the reputation of Hong Kong will be enhanced.



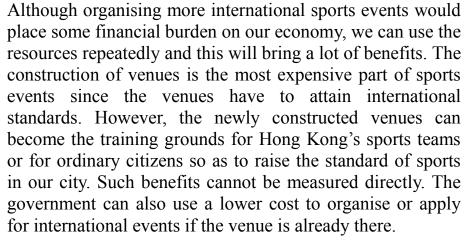


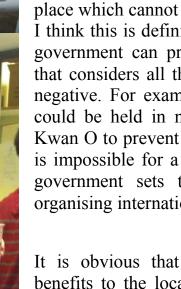
Besides that, international sports events can boost our economy. Basically, if more tourists come to Hong Kong, they will spend money on food and drink, transportation, accommodation and many other things while they are here.

The tourists will also go shopping, as Hong Kong is known as a "shopper's paradise", and, as a result, our retail industry can earn a lot more money, a great help to the local economy.



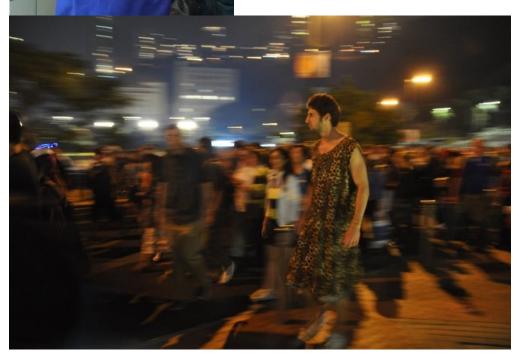






However, some people argue that Hong Kong is a small place which cannot accommodate a large number of tourists. I think this is definitely related to government policies. The government can provide a thorough and painstaking plan that considers all the factors and effects, both positive and negative. For example, the main area of the sports events could be held in new towns like Tung Chung or Tseung Kwan O to prevent traffic jams. There is a saying, 'Nothing is impossible for a willing heart.' It only depends how the government sets the priority and makes the plans of organising international sports events feasible.

It is obvious that international sports events can bring benefits to the local residents, economy and reputation of Hong Kong. Therefore, the government's commitment to sports events can definitely make Hong Kong become even more successful and competitive.



Yours faithfully,

Chris

Chris Wong

An Article Jack Li Pui Kit, 5D

# The Best Part of My Job

I am a news reporter and I work for *The Hong Kong* News.

The best part of my job is While I was interviewing that I can interview people from all walks of life and learn to look at issues from different perspectives.

When I interview people, I can find out many new things and report them to the public, which I find most rewarding.



The Biggest Challenge I Have Ever Faced in My lob

Having been a news reporter for many years, I faced the biggest challenge a few years ago.

At that time, I needed to report from a village in the New Territories where flooding occurred because of torrential rain.

The downpour was so heavy that the water level Reporter reached my chest.

a fireman who tried to rescue the villagers, I was all wet and nearly got injured by a floating car.

That is the toughest challenge I have ever faced in my job. In fact, as a news reporter, my life may be under threat when I carry out my duties.

#### My School Days

I was a member of the Editorial Team of the school newspaper when I was in Form Five.

I treasured the chance to interview the principal and most of my teachers.

Although it was quite tiring and frustrating when I could not find any targets to interview, I loved my post as it allowed me to contact schoolmates from all forms and know more about their unique stories and experiences.

My dream of being a news reporter started to develop at that time.

## The Qualities of a News

Good time management is really essential for news reporters.

Hong Kong is a busy city and people are always in a rush.

When we interview people for the news, we need to take action very quickly.

Besides that, when we know that a case happens, we need to arrive at the scene as quickly as possible.

We also need to think of the questions to ask on the way.

As news reporters, we must make full use of the time when we report the news



#### The Pros and Cons of the E-learning Policy

Recently, the Hong Kong Government encouraged book publishers to publish electronic textbooks and allocate more resources to e-learning. Now that some schools have changed to e-learning instead of the traditional learning mode it is worth looking at the pros and cons of using e-textbooks and asking if the change is worth it.



Let us first take a look at the advantages of e-textbooks. The major advantage is that they help ease the problem of exploiting wood resources. The area of a football-field sized forest is being cut down every second, according to research. Actually, the rainforests of the Earth have decreased to half of the original size over the past decades. Changing to e-textbooks will reduce the use of paper, which ultimately helps to slow down the speed of deforestation and alleviate environmental problems.

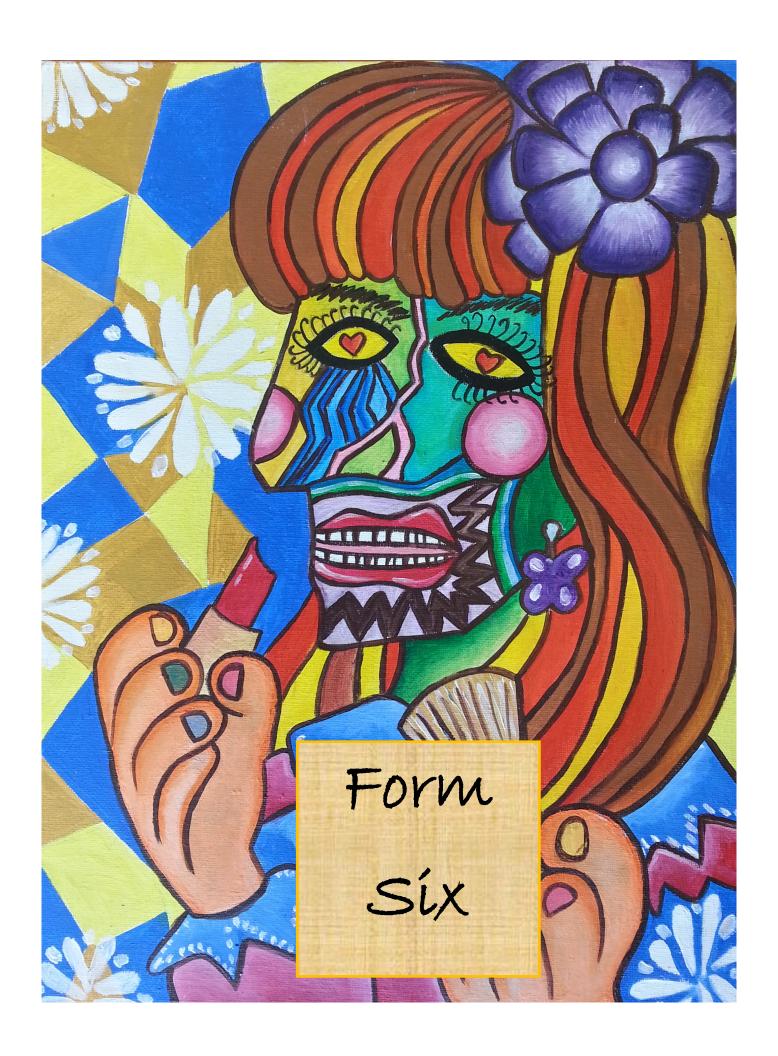
Regarding the benefits of both parents and students, e-books help to save money. The price of an electronic device like an iPad may cost a few thousand dollars, while an electronic e-book, in the form of a CD-ROM, can be as cheap as just a few dozen dollars. In the beginning, you have to invest around \$3,000-5,000 for an electronic reader. Later on, as the technology matures, this cost will be far more economical.

Moreover, it is convenient for students as they do not have to buy piles of books but simply bring an all-in-one electronic device. It is indeed a good solution to the problems of students carrying heavy school bags, which may cause damage to their spines.

Despite the advantages listed above, some drawbacks cannot be ignored. One disadvantage is that it would be harmful to our eyes when reading electronic devices for too long. It is not uncommon to see students suffer from short-sightedness and many are wearing glasses at a much younger age than before. Another disadvantage is that it decreases the interest of many book lovers who still like the feeling of turning pages of books and the smell of paper.

In my opinion, the advantages of e-books outweigh the disadvantages. In fact, our visual problems can be solved with the emergence of medical knowledge and technology, like laser eye surgery. Most importantly, it is good to save money and our environment. I therefore believe that our school should adopt the e-policy and start using e-books.







On top of this, housing problems in the city are a pressing issue for the youth of Hong Kong. Owing to the lack of supply of houses, it is difficult for young people to have their own living space. After finishing their studies, the youth may want to have their own living space. However, with soaring property prices, it is impossible to do so. In Hong Kong, the non-stop increase in property prices places a heavy burden on the shoulders of young people. A small unit costs several million dollars due to property developers who push up prices so as to enable them to earn a fortune themselves and destroy the youth's opportunity to buy their own flats. Government measures to lower property prices have failed to control the situation. The youth still struggle with the cost of housing. Also, the application to live in a housing estate comes with several years of waiting. The housing problem is no doubt a serious problem. Last but not least, employment is another pressing issue for Hong Kong's youth. After graduating from secondary school or university, the youth need to start looking for jobs to make ends meet. Nowadays, it is hard to find a job in Hong Kong even if you are a university graduate. Unlike in the past, the youth may only find a job with less than ten thousand dollars a month salary. Hong Kong is suffering from an economic downturn and also a high unemployment rate which makes employers pickier in choosing their employees and increases the difficulty for the youth in finding a suitable job. Whether the job is suitable for them or not is very important since it influences their future. Therefore, the youth in Hong Kong is currently facing significant employment issues. To sum up, I believe that the three most pressing issues for the youth are education, housing and employment problems. Thank you all for coming and listening.

#### The Best Part of my Job

I am a news reporter for *Hong Kong News*. My work life is busy and challenging because I have to uncover the truth for the public in Hong Kong. Every morning, I have to collect the information for the news myself then write it as a report and create a script. I think the best part of my job is to recite the script and do a live show. I used to be very nervous when I was a junior reporter. However, through lots of practice, I turned out to have more confidence when speaking in front of the camera. As a result, I could finally overcome this fear and make the live show even better.

#### The Biggest Challenge I Have Ever Faced in My Job

I have faced many different challenges in my job and all these hardships have definitely enriched my life. Not long ago, my colleagues and I had to take charge of a TV show interviewing our Chief Executive and several councillors. However, there were lots of obstacles such as our guests were arguing and some citizens were throwing rubbish towards the stage. We tried to calm the guests down and keep the show going. Despite this unexpected situation, I learnt a lot from this experience like how to hold the show and how to calm the people down.

#### My School Days

The best memory in my life is from my time at school, especially secondary school. During my school days, I always went to the library to study with my best friend. At lunch time, we were very naughty and we played pranks on people everywhere. However, we were always punished by the Principal. School provided lots of opportunities for me to practise writing. Therefore, I was able to realise my dream of becoming a famous news reporter.

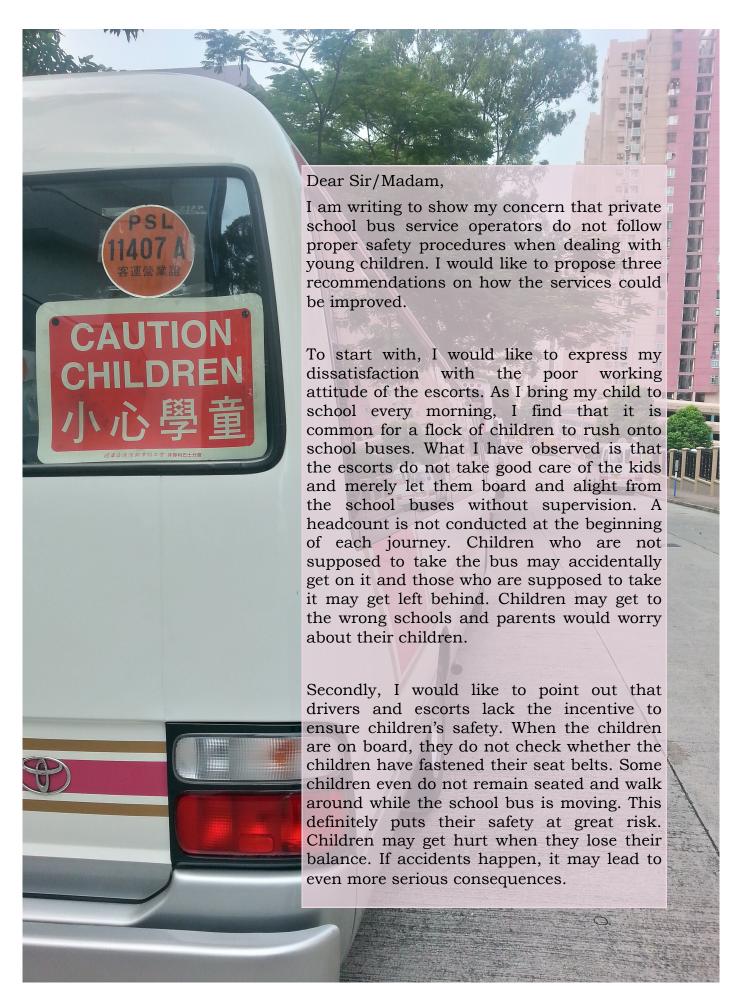
#### My Future Life

At present, I enjoy my life very much. I have been married for almost two years. My husband and I intend to have a baby soon. Therefore, I am very excited and cannot wait to be a mother. On the other hand, I promise myself that I will not give up on my job even though I have a baby.



My job gives me a wonderful 'view' of everything that happens in Hong Kong.

A Letter to the Editor Shannon Man, 6C



In order to deal with the problems mentioned, I would like to provide three recommendations on how to improve the service of private school buses.

First of all, a training course should be provided for drivers as well as escorts. Proper procedures and safety measures should be covered in the course. For example, escorts should be reminded to ensure that every child has fastened his or her seat belt before the journey starts. Also, escorts should be trained to keep an eye on the children so that they can cater to their needs.

Secondly, increasing the number of escorts is the best way to guarantee children's safety. In real life situations, there are often many students on a school bus, yet there is only one escort. It is impossible for him or her to take care of such a large number of children. If the ratio between the number of escorts and that of students is lower, the number of accidents caused by inadequate supervision will be reduced.

Thirdly, to maintain the standard of service provided by drivers and escorts, operators should evaluate their performance and give them suggestions on how to improve. Also, the operators should employ a system to reward those drivers and escorts who have excellent performance so as to raise the morale of the team.

I hope the above recommendations are feasible and effective in improving the services of school buses.

Yours faithfully, Chris Wong



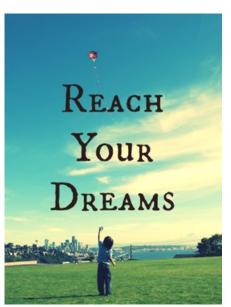
### 'Relationships'

Everyone has a dream. Dreams initiated the development of humanity. Planes were invented because of the Wright brothers' dream of flying. Spaceships were also created as people had a strong desire for landing on the Moon.

Every dream can become an inestimable achievement in the same way that a tiny seed germinates and grows into a tree. I also had a dream when I was a small boy.



"I want to be a famous pop star!" I stood up and told the teacher who asked me about my future career. When the teacher heard my reply, he grinned at me. My classmates in the classroom burst into laughter as if I had done



something that amused them. "Is he insane? A pop star? He's got to be kidding!" Their laughter echoed around the classroom.

The lesson finally came to an end. I left the school quietly without being noticed. All day, my classmates had kept themselves busy talking about how strange my dream was. On the way home, my classmates' sarcastic remarks haunted me. I kept asking myself whether my dream was ridiculous. I also wondered if it was so impractical that I could not achieve it. When thinking of that, I became frustrated and my eyes turned red. Tears dropped and splashed onto the ground. I rubbed my eyes and forced myself to smile before entering my house. When I opened the door, I saw my mum sitting on the sofa. Not wanting to let her see my face, I took off my shoes hastily and tried to dash to my room. Before I could take a step forward, my mum called me and asked, "You look unhappy. What happened at school?"

It was always impossible for me to hide things from my mum. She knew every part of me well and she could always spot my problems. So I started to tell her the story. When recalling the memories, I shed tears again.

"Is my dream unrealistic?" I asked my mum.

"Not at all. Nothing is impossible," she said. She wiped my tears tenderly with her warm hand.

"They laughed at you because the idea in your mind is special. To me, your dream is good, though it's tough to achieve. You should therefore work much harder than other people. Every successful person must have been laughed at. Indeed, their laughter is exactly their motivating drive towards success," my mum continued.

The biggest adventure

you can take is to live

Mum seems to be the only one who is always willing to support me to fulfil my dream. She is also the one who knows me best on Earth. On a travel weblog you saw two photos taken by a visitor to Hong Kong during Chinese New Year, accompanied by the following comments:



Fireworks blasting loud.

Harbour filled with smoke and lights.

Nothing but pollution!



Drums beat like thunder.

Beast hopping high for a snack.

Is it a veggie?

Write a response to the writer of the weblog about your opinions on the photos and comments and share your own thoughts and opinions.

#### Photo 1

I am afraid I cannot see eye to eye with you. I do appreciate fireworks and I am irrevocably in favour of this meaningful Chinese New Year activity.

As we all know, Hong Kong is called the "Pearl of the Orient". On the second day of Chinese New Year, our Victoria Harbour is filled with spectacular fireworks and colourful lights which are a symbol of prosperity and affluence. Despite the pollution caused, never should we deprive Hong Kong citizens and foreigners of the chance of watching these amazing fireworks. It is of paramount importance that we understand it is sometimes inevitable to sacrifice our environment once a year to create the festive atmosphere and the remarkable features of Hong Kong. Can you imagine what a pity it would be to see a dim and gloomy city during its most important traditional festival? Indeed, we have to play an active role in cherishing and conserving this meaningful Chinese New Year activity.

#### Photo 2

I have to say that I cannot agree with your comments on the traditional Lion Dance. I hold firmly to my belief that the Lion Dance is a wonderful Chinese New Year activity and this is my favourable photo of it, too!

The Lion Dance means a lot to me. Every Chinese New Year, I cannot resist watching this amazing activity because of the unprecedented atmosphere it brings. The rhythmic drums and smart appearance of the lions are essence to this festival. What is most important is the historical and cultural implication behind the dance. The Lion Dance is labelled as a performance to scare the 'Nian Monster' away. Thus, it is outrageous to perceive this activity as an annoying one. Hardly should we dismantle or lose this traditional custom which can stir up public awareness of cultural conservation.

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