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Tin Ka Ping Secondary School

Kindness and Compassion

Before Dr Tin Ka Ping retired from public life, I received his phone calls once in a while. On one occasion during an S1 places allocation period, I received his call asking about how the school could ease the disappointment of the parents and students who were not offered a place. He had read the news that TKPSS received too many applications of P6 students to admit them all. I explained that the school, under the policy constraint, had gone two miles already – we had interviewed every applicant and thus the chance of being admitted increased for good-performing interviewees. Delighted to know this, Dr Tin instructed the school to keep the practice every year. On another occasion Dr Tin called me after he had learned from the newspaper that certain students injured themselves. He enquired how the school could prevent such cases from happening and, if that was really the case, how to assist the self-harming student and his/her family to cope. So I told him the school's prevention system, handling procedure, relevant life education lessons, etc. Finally I explained our crisis response measures to him in detail. Upon finishing our conversation, as usual, Dr Tin said to me politely, "Thank you Principal and all TKPSS staff for your hard work! You've been doing a great job for me (TKPSS) and now more good has been done."



Dr Tin's charitable heart has been well known throughout the cross-strait four regions and his spirit of kindness has permeated our daily life indeed. Though he has been scarcely present at the TKP Foundation or TKPSS events in recent years, I can't help but recalling his instructions and exhortations on this joyful occasion of his centenarian celebration and TKPSS's 25th anniversary, both of which will be sponsored by the TKP Foundation.

Kindness gives out happiness and compassion eradicates suffering. They are called Unlimited Aspects of Mind in Buddhism, referring to one's heart extended boundlessly, to all the creatures. Therefore kindness shows benevolence and brings joy to all as to one's own family; and compassion seeks to eliminate the suffering of all living beings. Dr Tin is worthy of being called the embodiment of kindness and compassion, commanding our foremost respect and imitation.

To encourage our students to write, Tinspiration presents a collection of their works in English, partly for competitions inside and outside the school, and partly some classwork of their well-written prose. Here you will find deep thoughts of the young minds and the experiences of touching moments in their life. I cordially invite comments from the education community to enhance the writing skills of our students.

The memorable woman

1A Wong Chun Hei

One day, I went hiking with my best friend, Emily. We were excited and relaxed when having our favourite activity. Today was an excellent day for hiking – the weather was calm with breeze, and it wasn't too cold. So our adventure kicked off.

We chose a hiking trail in Fanling, which is far away from the city. We decided to try a hiking trail which we had never tried. There weren't many people, so we could enjoy the gift of nature in a relaxing way. We walked down the hiking trail. It was peaceful and tranquil, which was totally different from the hustle and bustle of the city. When we were enjoying the fascinating view, here came a split without any road signs. 'That's weird,' I said to Emily. Although we were doubtful about it, we chose the path on the right hand side. With curiosity, we went down like adventurers.

We went down more and more deeply. Time flew. Night had already fallen. What came together was cold weather, chilly wind, and darkness. What we could see was trees and grass only. We were anxious, worried and scared. That wasn't really good. I looked around for help. I spotted a beam of light, which seemed to be distant from us. We felt hopeful at once and ran to it with joy.

What we found was a house. It was a brick house with red paint. We knocked on the door and an old woman opened it. She invited us to come in. The house wasn't very big, but it was totally enough for one to two people

to live in. Everything in the house was tidy and clean. Besides, there was a stove at the bottom-left corner. What was inside? It seemed to be a pot of soup. Then, she had dinner with us. We chatted with her happily. Besides, she explained the way to leave the forest, and let us stay overnight.

Thanks to her guidance, we found our way out. After a few months, we decided to visit the old woman again. We brought along some cakes as presents to the old woman. However, when we got there, we found that the house disappeared. At that time, we were shocked and surprised. We ran to the spot where the house should be located. When we came closer, we saw a grave. We took a closer look and read the words on the grave. It told us that a person died before we went hiking at that time. We felt confused and sat beside the grave, taking a rest and thinking about what happened. After a while, I read the words on the grave again on which I found a photo. But the person in the photo looked totally different to the old woman.

I looked around and tried to think of anything I had missed. Suddenly, I found a house. It looked like the one in my memory. We ran to the house again. We knocked on the door and the old woman opened it. I hugged the old woman at once. 'I thought you were no longer with us,' I cried and burst into tears.

The people around us will not stay with us forever. Therefore, we should treasure everyone we meet in our life.



Beach Clean-up Activity

1B Ng Sin Hang

15th March, Saturday

Sunny, Hot

Dear diary,

I participated in a volunteering service and cleaned the beach today. It was an insightful experience and I have learnt a lot of things because some special things happened.

Today, we got up very early because the beach is too far away from my home. When we arrived at the beach, some birds soared in the sky. 'It may be a nice day,' I thought to myself. The guide said that we needed to clean the beach from the beginning to the end. It was an extremely long distance between the beginning of the beach and the end. We only had six hours to clean the beach so we started immediately. I grabbed a big plastic bag and put the litter into it. After three hours, I felt exhausted and tedious. Therefore, I sat on the sand with my friends. At that moment, we saw an injured baby sea turtle. We looked at it carefully and found that it was injured by broken glass. We all thought it was very poor so we took it to the guide. 'Let it stay here with me,' He said. 'I will take care of it.' I took a glance at the baby turtle for a while and continued to clean the beach.

People may easily think for themselves and forget other things. If we continue to throw our rubbish carelessly, more animals may be hurt by the wastes. Someday, we may hurt ourselves, too.

Although I was very tired today, I felt glad to help protect our environment. I have learnt how to throw our rubbish wisely. We should recycle the rubbish before we throw it away but I can't save our earth by myself only. All people should learn to take care of our environment. The sooner we start to take care of our environment, the better!



Ginger the Cat

1C Liu Mei Ki

On Sunday, Chris was going to hang out with her friends. Therefore, I was alone in the house. With this valuable chance, of course I played around the house and relaxed myself!

I walked around the room to look for something interesting to do. After a while, I discovered an expensive rug with smooth and soft fur. Well, I'm a cat and I loved the stuff like the rug. I lay on the rug and felt relaxed. My eyes were half-open and I scratched my head. Then I fell asleep comfortably.

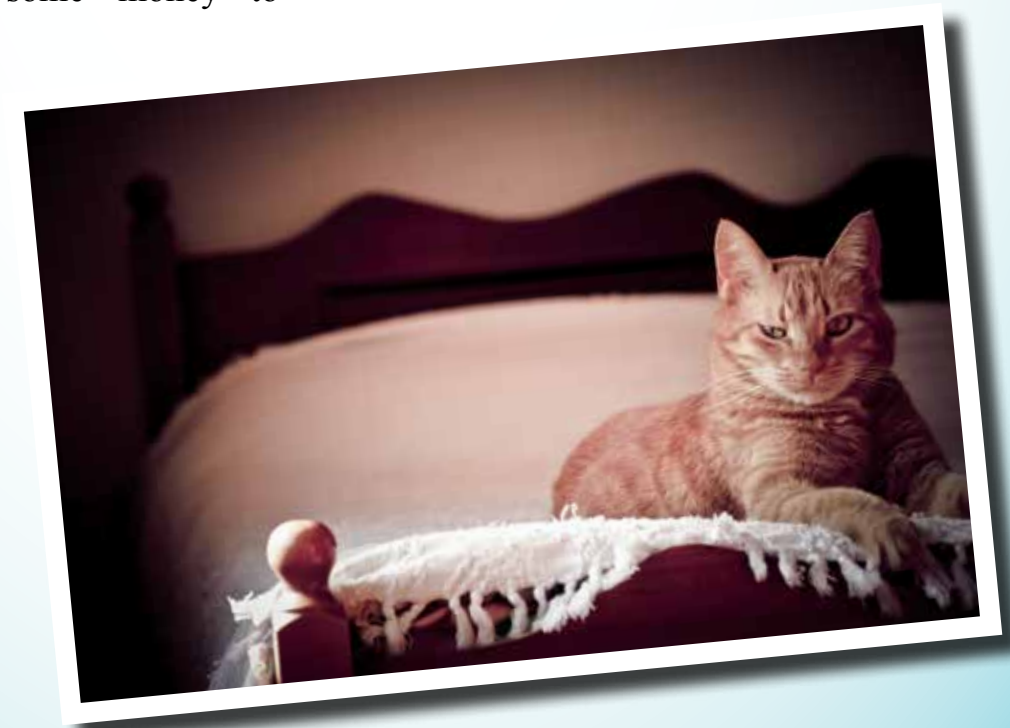
I saw my master Chris in my dream. She was a very kind girl with a pony tail. However, she always ignored me! When I thought of this, I woke up and grumbled. She only cared about her iPhoneX! I groaned. An idea flashed in my mind. 'What about earning some 'money' to draw her attention? Then she can know how important I am!'

I walked along the corridor and looked for my target silently. After a while, I saw a young

lady who was having a leisure walk. I ran to the street and pretended to be cute. It was definitely not my style but I had to do this! The young lady saw me and took me to a pet food shop. She bought some cat food for me. 'Yeah! I succeeded!' Now I can give this 'money' to Chris! I went home with the cat food proudly. Chris was already at home. I took my cat food in front of her.

'Oh, you look hungry, Ginger. But where is the cat food from?' 'No! I'm not hungry! I'm just showing you my cat food and hope that you will love me more,' I shouted. 'Meow! Meow!' However, Chris didn't know what I meant so she only took the food out from the package and poured them into my bowl.

I felt lonely again. Chris still



The Benefits of Hiking

1D Wong Yiu Man

Good morning Principal, teachers and fellow schoolmates,

I'm Chris Wong from class 1D. I'm the chairperson of the school hiking club. I am very pleased to have this opportunity to say a few words about the hiking activity organized by us. I know some may think hiking is boring and useless. Actually, it gives us a lot of benefits. Let me tell you more.

First of all, hiking can make us healthy. If you always get sick or have a weak body, hiking can help you. Hiking can lower the risk of heart disease. It can also help you kill diabetes and improve your blood pressure and blood sugar levels. After a holiday, you may become fatter. Hiking can also help you keep fit and control your weight. Do you know that being fat is the culprit of the heart disease, too? As you can see, hiking can help you to fix your health problems.

The second point is that you can have a very healthy lifestyle if you go hiking. On school days, you have lots of pressure due to quizzes, exams, family problems etc. You may feel hopeless and become numb because of that. However, hiking can release your stress. It can also be your habit and hobby. If you keep doing it in your spare time, you can become stronger and have a healthy lifestyle.

The last point is that hiking allows us to enjoy the spectacular scenery and view of Hong Kong. Living in a cosmopolitan city, we are surrounded by lots of skyscrapers and cars. There're also many pollution problems such as land pollution, air pollution, light pollution and so on. However, when you see the wonderful view, you'll find the world fantastic. For example, Nam Sang Wai has great scenery with sandbar, tall reeds and Red Gum Trees. Besides, you can capture the marvelous view with camera to have a good memory.

To sum up, hiking is beneficial to us as we can stay healthy, have a healthy lifestyle and watch the beautiful view. I hope you can join our hiking activity. It's never too late to try hiking. You'll have lots of fun with us. We're looking forward to seeing your participation in our activities. Thank you!



HONG KONG Tourist Spots

2A Chang Ching Yee
Evelyn

Dear Peter,

First of all, I have to say that I felt really glad when I received your letter! How are you doing? Well, I think I will be free to be your tour guide, so let me recommend some places in this beautiful city to you right now.

As you know, Hong Kong is very popular. There are so many attractive tourist spots I can't wait to tell you! In this city, outgoing teenagers love going to Dragon's Back for hiking. It isn't just a normal trail – it is dubbed 'the Best Hiking Trail in Urban Area'. Although the road is narrow and steep, I'm sure you can finish it! When you reach the top of the mountain, you can see the stunning views. Also, you can feel wind 'blowing' on your face (it's quite windy). Reaching this mountain is challenging and exciting. I really hope you can take this chance to enjoy the beauty of the countryside.

Another one I want to suggest is Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens. This is my favourite landmark! As we got the same interest – animals, you should visit this park because there are lots of birds, mammals and reptiles. Guess what?



There are also some monkeys! Don't you think it's awesome? Most importantly, it is completely free! Suitable for you, huh?

Besides these two, I recommend going to Tai O. This famous fishing town has both the past and the present of Hong Kong. You may see lots of boats and houses on the sea. You will learn more about Hong Kong culture and tradition. In this place, you can relax and forget all your problems. Let's have fun there!

On the other hand, there is a place you can buy souvenirs. Yes, that's the Stanley market. Going to this market can bring you happy memories. You can go shopping and buy some HK traditional crafts. Besides, Stanley is a heaven for tasting cuisines. Different types of food and treasure can be found here! You will absolutely fall in love with Stanley!

The last thing I want to tell you is something you need to bring and pay attention to. The weather of Hong Kong in August is unstable. Sometimes, it gets rainy and there are thunderstorms. Anyway, it is usually extremely hot. Remember to get your umbrella and sunscreen!

Drop me a few lines when you've got time.

Regards,
Chris



MISSING MY MOBILE PHONE

2B Tse Ning

Dear Diary,

What a terrible day it was! From this day on, students are now allowed to use mobile phone in the classroom. I felt surprised at first because our wish came true. However, some unpleasant things happened...

In the morning, I woke up realizing that I could bring my mobile phone to school from now on and became elated. I happily put my phone in my pocket and went to school excitedly.

When I arrived at school, unsurprisingly, I saw that every student was taking out their phone. They were chatting on the phone, playing mobile games and surfing the Internet. They were travelling in the cyber world. I didn't want to be the only one not using the phone so I reached for mine.



"Oh no! My phone is missing!" I became emotional and shouted loudly and immediately. I panicked and quickly checked everywhere for my dear phone but I found nothing. I also asked my friends to help with searching my phone. However, they were too busy chatting in their own world and they didn't realize I stood beside them. I searched desperately until the bell rang and I entered my classroom, feeling frustrated.

During the lesson, I didn't have my phone so I had to ask my classmate to share his mobile phone with me so that I could continue with the lesson. Everyone in the class knew that I lost my phone and mocked me about it. Great. They saw me as the only freak, a foolish and careless person in their eyes. I felt insulted and secretly angry deep down but I couldn't just get it all out. I had to bottle my anger because I knew I'm better than them. I have self-control.

Today was a horrible day to me. I still couldn't find my phone. I hope everything will be back to normal tomorrow. After all, tomorrow is another day!

The Mysterious Eric

20 Lo Tsz Yau Xenia

Dear David,

Hello! How are you getting on? Do you enjoy your life in Canada? You cannot imagine how excited I was when I received your letter! I really can't wait to tell you my experience solving a mystery at my school.

You know what? Many years ago, there was an English teacher at our school, called Eric, who committed suicide. He jumped off from the roof top of our school and people thought his spirit stayed on the school roof top ever after. Since then, no classmates or teachers were willing to go up there. I found that this mystery was pretty interesting so I decided to stay at school after school last Friday in order to investigate it.

Just like the weather in the horror movies, the sky that day was fully covered with black clouds and it was raining heavily. I walked straight up to the highest floor. Standing in front of the door that gets to the outside of the roof, I heard some strange whimpering and I couldn't feel my shivering legs. I stopped and tried to calm myself down but the door creaked open suddenly. It sent a shiver down my spine and I almost fainted. I comforted myself again and I got up. I tiptoed to the floor and finally arrived at the mysterious roof top.

I saw a stone with a few words – 'Rest In Peace, Eric Lee, 1958-2008.' I prayed before walking towards the corner where the weird sound came from. I took an extremely deep breath and took a peep behind the box blocking my sight. Seemed like I saw nothing!

I watched the corner again, and guess what I saw? I saw a small kitten snagging and shaking on the corner! It was so cold and hungry that it kept whimpering. I felt relieved and had a glance around. The weird sound was not Mr. Eric Lee's spirit! It's actually from an adorable little kitten!

After that, I contacted the principal and he promised me that he will be more careful about homeless animals getting into our school. I even took that kitten home to take care of it!

Guess what, I named him Eric.

So, as I solved the problem, the school won't live in horror anymore! Don't forget to drop me a few lines when you've got time!

Best wishes,
Chris

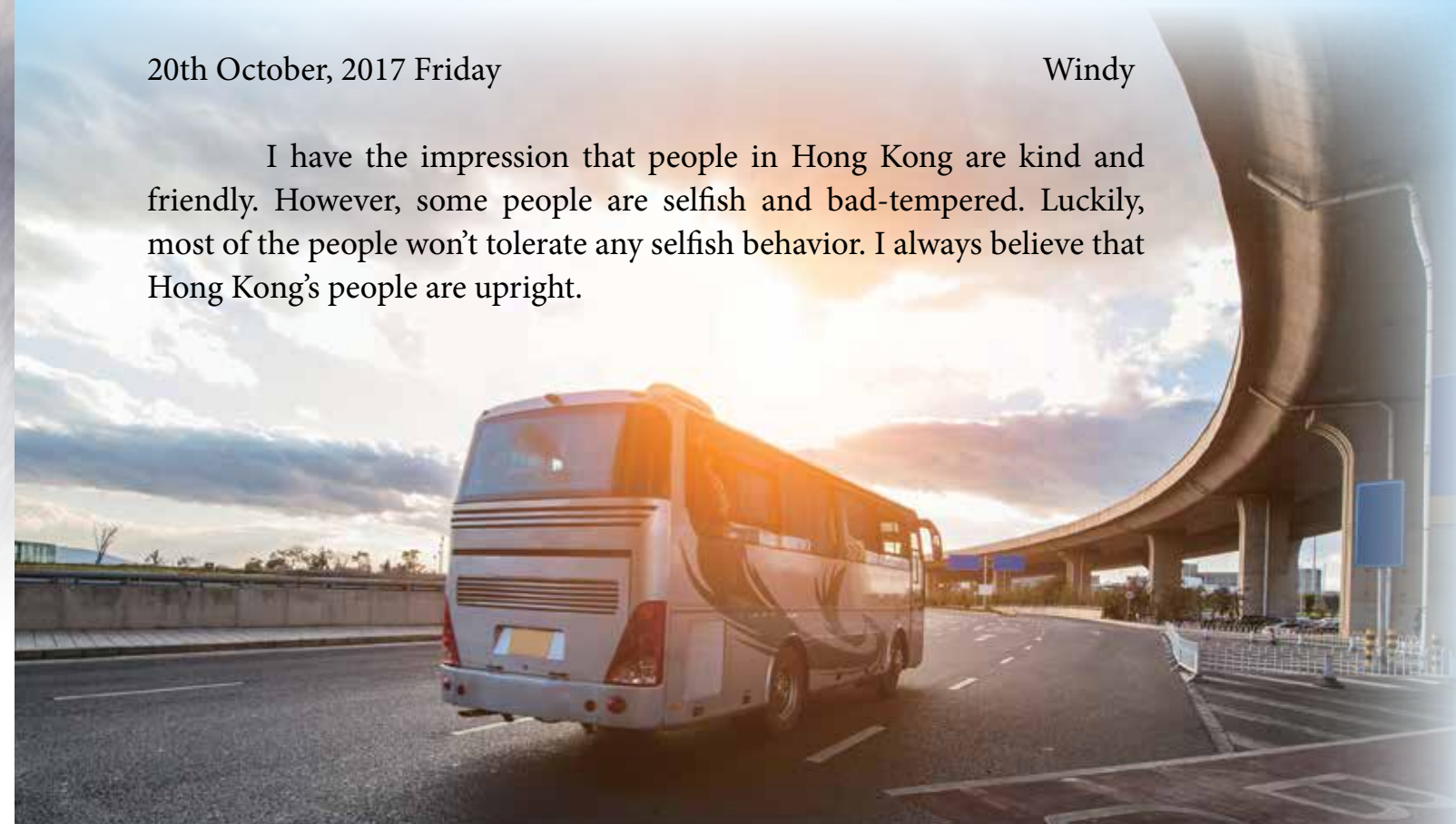
Special Experience on Public Transport

2D Law Hong Ni

20th October, 2017 Friday

Windy

I have the impression that people in Hong Kong are kind and friendly. However, some people are selfish and bad-tempered. Luckily, most of the people won't tolerate any selfish behavior. I always believe that Hong Kong's people are upright.



Yesterday, I took a bus from Tsuen Wan back to Fanling after I had already completed the piano examination. I took a seat near the window because I wanted to have a view of the greenery outside. The sky was clear blue just like my feeling. It was safe to sleep on the public transport in Hong Kong so I fell asleep soon.

A while later, someone screamed and shouted in a frenzy of anger, which woke me up. This annoyed me. Looking outside the window, I saw many tall buildings and land transport. The bus moved at a snail's pace in busy urban areas so it was packed with passengers. Something bad happened. Guess what? A vulgar person used abusive language to shout at people who exhorted him not to eat on the bus. Passengers around him stared at him, but the vulgar man still shouted and glared at others.

At that moment, some passengers lost their temper. As you can imagine, it's a mess on the bus. The bus driver could not stand the argument. He stopped the bus and settled the dispute. All passengers know that food and drinks are not allowed on the bus. The quarrel could have been avoided, couldn't it? I hope there won't be any more selfish people in our society!

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your article on the subject of the slimming culture in Hong Kong. I had a strong feeling after I read the article. Therefore, I would like to share my opinion and concern about the slimming culture among Hong Kong people nowadays with you. In my view, I think the slimming culture is a serious problem not only in Hong Kong, but also in the world. It may lead to many disorders like anorexia so I think we should take notice of this worldwide issue.

To begin with, many people think they are fat and want to be fit so they lose weight although their BMI is in the normal range. Many people including teenagers and even children skip

Slimming culture leads to a host of health problems. Since teenagers want to lose weight, they will eat very little food and avoid meat. They won't get enough nutrients for growth and will be ill or sent to the hospital for treatment. Also, if they always eat improperly, they may suffer from anorexia. Not everyone who suffers from anorexia can recover successfully. Some may even die because of anorexia. Therefore, if we do not start paying attention to the slimming culture nowadays, the risk of dying because of anorexia may increase.

in Hong Kong

3A Yip Hiu Lam

The Slimming Culture

breakfast because of a lack of time or they just don't want to eat. However, breakfast is a good way to start the day. If they skip breakfast, they will have less energy when compared with others. Also, people always care about their image. They care about how others think of them.

Since celebrities glamourise the craze of the slimming culture, their fans will imitate what their idols do. Therefore, when their idols are slim and looking beautiful, they will start to lose weight and want to look as skinny as their idols. Besides, there are too many slimming advertisements with slogans like 'get a slim body today', 'if you don't lose weight, you will regret it forever' and so on. These ads are constantly pushing people to lose weight. Meanwhile, people experience peer pressure as well. People will start to eat less food or even skip meals. They will try to do as much exercise as they can. Their friends will see their actions and will do the same things with them. This bandwagon effect will force more people to start slimming down. That's why the slimming culture is so popular in Hong Kong.

To solve the problem of the slimming culture, parents should warn their children. They can even cook breakfast or meals for their children and encourage their children to have a balanced diet. Besides, teachers should educate students through talks or life lessons. For instance, teachers can teach them the pros and cons of the slimming culture. In addition, the government could use the media to educate the public the consequences of the slimming culture and to convey a message like the slimming culture is not beneficial to our body.

To sum up, we should pay more attention on the slimming culture in order to lower the risk of dying from slimming. I think being slim does not make us stars or celebrities. It only harms teenagers' bodies. What is more, if parents, teachers and the government all take action, I am sure that the root problems of the slimming culture can be eliminated.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

Working as a tutor for

primary school students

3B Lam Wing Yan

Nowadays, a lot of teenagers want to manage their pocket money and earn money themselves. Therefore, they may start doing part-time jobs. They may choose some jobs which can offer them a lot of money, such as working as a tutor for primary school students. Are you one of those teenagers? In my opinion, being a tutor for primary school students isn't a good job for a Form Three student.

One clear disadvantage is it may affect your academic results. It is very time-consuming because you need to spend at least one to two hours teaching students. You can earn more money from it but you are wasting your time. If you need to teach a few students a day, you will lose so much time. You may have less time to sleep because you spend a lot of time doing homework. You may not concentrate in the lessons the next day. This may seriously affect your academic results because you will select electives for your senior form school life. Therefore, this is not a good idea for Form Three students.

Another disadvantage I would like to mention is you may waste your money. You may need to go to students' homes so you need to spend money on transportation. If some of them live far away from your home, you need to spend more. If your tutor fee is set around \$80-100 per hour, it will be less if transportation costs are taken into consideration. Therefore, it is not a good idea for Form Three students.

The next disadvantage I would like to indicate is you may work under pressure. You may meet some parents who are very demanding. You may need to follow a lot of rules set by them and they may request you not to blame their children even though they are disobedient. Also, they may bargain with you. Sometimes you may earn less than your normal tuition fee. Moreover, you may be blamed by those unreasonable parents if you can't teach those students effectively or their academic results cannot be enhanced. However, their bad results may only be caused by their lazy learning habits. You may prepare a lot of exercises for them

but they just choose to do whatever they want so they can't follow your exercises seriously and quickly. If you tell their parents they can't follow the work, they may blame you and they may think you don't know how to be a good tutor. Therefore, in my point of view, I don't think working as a tutor for primary school students is a good idea for Form Three students.

'Working as a tutor for primary school students can improve our communication skills. We need to communicate with some irrational parents and help students understand what they don't know.' However, I think working at McDonald's can also improve your communication skills. You may need to deal with some complaints from customers and you need to be polite and patient. Additionally, you can practice your speaking skills. You can speak English with foreign customers. If you want to speak English more, this is a chance for you. Therefore, I think working as a tutor for primary school students isn't a good idea for Form Three students.

In conclusion, there are many disadvantages of working as a tutor for primary school students. It may affect your academic results, waste your time and increase your pressure. I hope you can all find a more suitable job if you really want to try to manage your money yourselves. However, I think the most important thing you need to work hard in is to study for your dream subjects in senior form. Am I right?

A girl and her Robot

3C Wong Hoi Pui

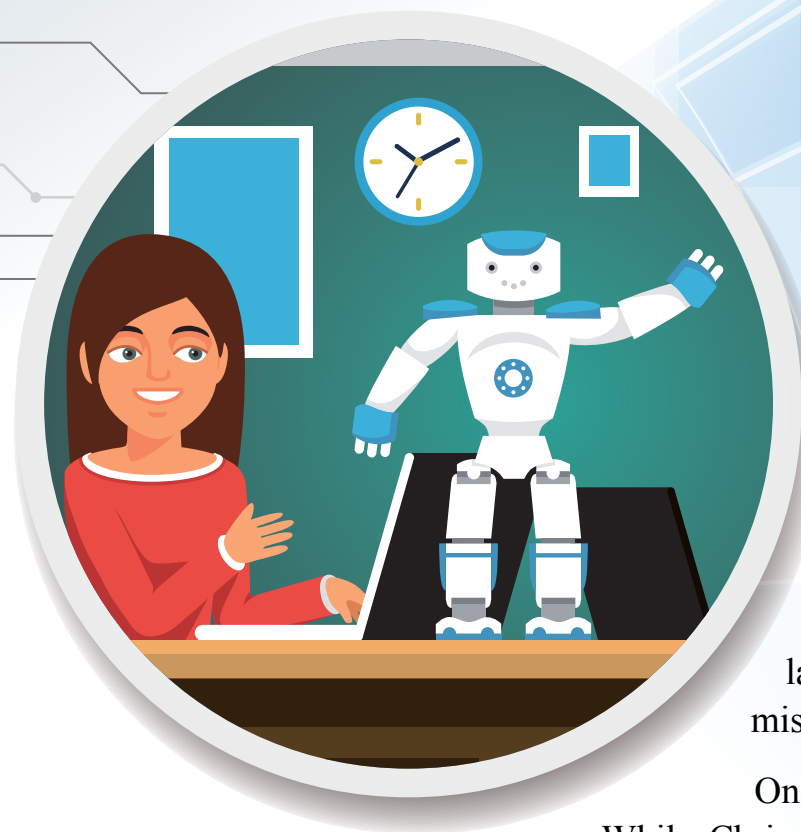
‘Miss Annabelle Cheng, Robot N67 has completed the final program. Please proceed to the control room and activate it!’ the manager, John said softly. Annabelle, the Chief Executive Officer of Roogle, soliloquized with tears in her bright eyes said, ‘Chris, my sweetheart, you have finally come back!’

In a spring with moderate winds and the gorgeous sun, Annabelle was walking to school cheerfully. She listened to the birds on the trees singing with lovely tones. Trees and hedgerows were in bloom. The petals of many flowers expanded in the sunshine. A charming handsome boy, who looked strange, was walking towards her. The moment Annabelle saw the boy, she had a crush on him. ‘This guy must be my true love! He is so attractive,’ Annabelle thought.

Upon arriving at school, Annabelle was thinking of the boy for a long time. ‘Ring Ring’ the school bell rang. Every student went back to their seats immediately. Miss Chan, who was Annabelle’s class teacher, walked into the classroom and announced, ‘Good morning class! Today, an exchange student from England will start studying at our school!’ Everyone was so curious about who their new classmate would be. They started chatting with each other. ‘Keep quiet please! Let’s welcome our new classmate! Chris, you may come in,’ Miss Chan instructed. When Chris came in, many girls gushed loudly as Chris was extremely handsome. ‘Oh! He is a charming boy! He is so adorable!’ Annabelle blushed red, and her cheeks burned. ‘Chris, you may sit next to Annabelle. There is an empty seat.’ Needless to say, Annabelle was overjoyed and delighted.

Chris was a highly intelligent student. He had a great deal of knowledge. For instance, he could answer different types of challenging questions. He was good at sports too! He swam fast and ran as fast as a leopard. Girls in class and teachers greatly appreciated him. Nonetheless, the boys were jealous of his intelligence.

Most of the boys in class started bullying Chris. When Chris needed a helping hand, they would ignore him. When they were having lunch, they would sit at a corner and watch as Chris felt more lonely and depressed. However, Annabelle chatted with Chris gladly. Annabelle would share what was on her mind and Chris would share



something new with her every day.

Annabelle and Chris had feelings for each other. They went to school and returned home together. And they became a sweet couple.

Nevertheless, good things didn’t last forever. They could not escape from misfortune.

One day, they went back home as usual.

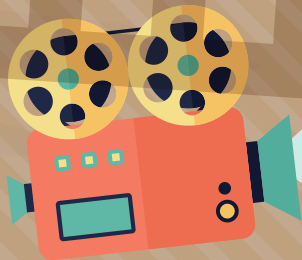
While Chris was chatting with Annabelle, a lorry was rushing towards them! Chris shoved Annabelle aside! The lorry made an attempt to stop, but Chris was so fear that he could not move. She cried out, ‘Chris!’ and she ran to rescue him. He was seriously hurt and it was a miracle that Annabelle was only slightly wounded, since Chris had protected her. Wires and pieces of metal were exposed from his arms. She froze, and couldn’t believe what she saw. Chris whispered faintly, ‘I am so sorry that I am not a human. I come from the year 2050. My mission was to protect you until you become a successful person in the future. Some bad guys want to kidnap you in the future. Please take this memory card away since I cannot be repaired at this moment. Please bury me so as not to let people know I am a robot. Farewell, my lover!’ he said as he closed his eyes peacefully. Annabelle realised that he would never open his eyes.

She collapsed. She could not accept this reality. He sacrificed his life and saved her. ‘Was that a meaningful thing? Why couldn’t I sacrifice myself and save him?’ Annabelle yelled.

The wail of sirens. The slamming of car doors. Running feet. Ambulance sirens. Annabelle was sent to hospital. The driver was arrested by the police.

No one saw Chris again and everything returned to normal. However, Annabelle still couldn’t let go of Chris.

‘Miss Annabelle Cheng, you have arrived at the control room, please log in to your account to switch on Robot N67,’ John instructed. After a while, the robot opened its eyes and said with a lovely smile, ‘Thank you so much, my lover. I will stay with you forever because this is my mission, Annabelle.’ Annabelle was touched and held Chris’ hands tightly. They walked out of the control room romantically.



Freaky Friday

The best movie I have ever watched

3D Chu Henry

10th Dec, 2017

Everyone has problems – especially teenagers. Teenage years are supposed to be the best part of our life. I have heard it before. However, it can be stressful as a teenager, because starting from 13, teens will start becoming independent, start thinking about family, their own decisions and other stuff. It will lead to a lot of problems. I watched a movie called 'Freaky Friday' with my friends yesterday; it stirred my emotions and I had strong feelings after watching it. This film recalled my past experience.

The film 'Freaky Friday' is about a teenage girl called Anna. She has a lot of problems because of the conflicts with her mother, disagreements with her step-father, and academic problems with her teacher. After watching this film, I suddenly started remembering my past memories.

When I was 14, I started to think about independence, but I ended up arguing with my mother. I didn't think that I was wrong at that time, but thinking back on those memories now, I feel ashamed.

Well, I really didn't know why I would think that way. I just wanted to leave home after feeling like my mom was controlling me.

I have learnt a lesson after that and it helped to improve my thinking and attitude.

First, listen to others and stop being self-centered. Sometimes, listening to others won't hurt, especially our parents. Our parents would never harm us. Now I know why my mom argued with me after knowing that I wanted to gain my independence. She was trying to protect me! In



the movie, Anna and her mom argued over this too. But unfortunately, they ate a cookie called a 'Fortune Cookie' which made them swap their bodies. Luckily, I don't have to face this punishment. Second, everyone has difficulties. We should try to understand others. In the movie, Anna's mom faced work problems and family problems and Anna needed to face academic and band problems. At last, they decided it was best to be who they were. Sometimes, we might think 'Why is he so handsome?', 'Why are his academic results so good?', 'Why don't I have that?' Actually, we overlook our strengths. Maybe we don't have these things, but I'm sure that you are useful and special. So never try being other people, because it is just a signal that you don't have enough confidence in yourself!

This movie 'Freaky Friday' is an inspirational movie, which reminded me how to be a good person who treats others well. Also, this movie is very exciting. There are a lot of small climatic scenes which really excited me. I don't want to say too much here. If you are interested, feel free to watch it. I am sure that you will NOT regret it!



Tips on how to relieve exam stress

4A Wong Suen Ting

Are you under tremendous pressure? No matter which form you are in, exams are a must. Here are a few tips on how to relieve stress.

How to manage examination stress and anxiety

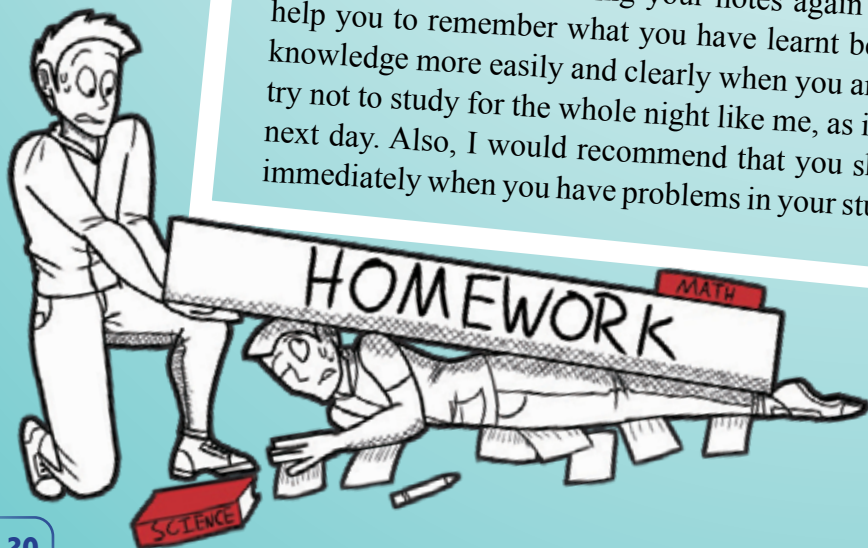
Exams? It is always intense and mentally exhausting, so we always bear stress and anxiety during examinations. Stress is inevitably part and parcel of studying. However, what should we do to manage the pressure? I would like to suggest you sit back and relax a bit when the stress starts to get to you. Not only should you stop studying, you should relax yourself by listening to some music or walking around. Pressure is overwhelming to students, so having a positive attitude is essential. Don't try to escape your pressure. It will only make you become more and more stressed. For me, I will be positive and brave to meet the problems and pressure.

How to strike a balance between studies and extra-curricular activities

Studying is important to students but extra-curricular activities also nurture students' development. However, how do we strike a balance between them? Some say, 'Work while you work. Play while you play.' I suggest that you should focus on your studies during lessons and exams. When you are free and want to relax, you can enjoy your extra-curricular activities. Don't be over-immersed in either one – it is far more effective that way.

How to achieve remarkable results in exams

When I first heard of the HKDSE, I was afraid I wouldn't get good results in it. I worked hard for a place in university. I always studied at night, sometimes I didn't sleep. But I still didn't do well in my studies. I had been freaking out about not understanding what I had learnt. It is a bad sample to you all. I know you all want to get good results in the HKDSE. I will recommend that the most useful studying method is revising your notes again every day after the lessons. It can help you to remember what you have learnt better. It helps you to remember the knowledge more easily and clearly when you are having the revision later on. And try not to study for the whole night like me, as it will affect your concentration the next day. Also, I would recommend that you should ask your friends or teachers immediately when you have problems in your studies. Don't ignore your problems!



MEETING WITH GIRLS' GENERATION

4B Lo Ka Kit



Dear diary,

Last week, when I saw the notifications on my gadget screen, I couldn't stop bouncing off the walls. So thrilled was I that I won the grand prize in a lucky draw organized by an agency of 'Girls' Generation'. Bravo! I could have a chance to dine with the group today. Shouldn't it be a once-in-a-lifetime experience? In my eyes, this new Korean pop group is enthusiastic towards music. Their graceful choreography and melodic songs really show their determination and passion in K-pop. That's why I like the group from the bottom of my heart. Of course, I like the group also due to their pretty faces. There's no way for me to deny that!

However, I was perplexed about my attire tonight. I finally went to a boutique to purchase something smart casual. Then, I went to a salon to shave my beard and have a trim. Everything was ready.

Tonight, I set off to a renowned five-star restaurant. Everything was gorgeous. The entrance of the restaurant was ablaze with fluorescent lights as if I was coming into a royal palace. Wandering in it, I took a glimpse at the environment. It was tremendously spacious. I was captivated by its tranquil ambience. I eventually saw the Korean pop group. The pictures I had seen in the posters didn't flatter them at all. Every lovely face made my heart beat ferociously. 'Hi!' they grinned and shook hands with me. I couldn't utter a word. It was entirely surreal to me. 'Sorry... Our English isn't very good. But we would try to communicate with you ...' they blushed. 'Maybe you can decide what to eat for dinner!' They were not snobs

actually. Couldn't you see they were willing to talk to me with their basic English? When I was telling them how I adored and appreciated their songs, I didn't even realize the dishes were being placed on the table with such adornment. There were fried fillet, spaghetti with tomato sauce, roast beef and many other superb dishes. At that moment, I thought the dazzling dishes couldn't overshadow the enchanting smiles from the Girls' Generation's faces. They passed me the tableware and I abruptly realized there was one dessert I hadn't ordered. 'What's that green chewy dessert? I haven't ordered that,' I asked with doubts. 'That's our "masterpiece". It's tailor made for you! Green tea pudding,' she said. Yum! It's lip-smacking! (They were really genuine to fans.)

After enjoying such a delectable dessert, I felt less tense. A barrage of questions popped in my mind. 'What's your favourite pop song? What inspired you to create this song?' I pointed out several doubts. One of the members patted me on my shoulder and said, 'It must be "Into the New World". It's our first composition and we want to build up a new music world and dominate the K-pop sector. It seems still a long way to go.' 'Fighting! I would always stand by you!' I grasped her hands. In the end, we exchanged presents. I have got the uber-acclaimed CDs from them with their autographs. For me, I just made cards and little accessories for them. Hope they liked it! Dinner ended up with laughter, enjoyment and chatty voices.

Girls' Generation is nice to fans. Their determination and aspiration in K-pop music are admirable. Though they kept smiling tonight, I knew there were hardships when they had their debut. Being looked down on and bombarded with negative comments, they didn't relinquish. Therefore, today's gathering emerged. Hence, they are still performing on stage. I should learn from them, learn to strive for dreams. Action speaks louder than words.

Public System Turns to Home-Schooling



4C Luk Yuen Lam

Parents are depressed about the public system. They don't want their kids to go to school. Consequently, parents hire a private teacher for their children. Because of children's individuality, parents want to fulfill children's diverse needs. They just want their children to be happier and have a comfortable learning. In this newspaper, Hongwu's father takes his son's education into his own hands. After that, Hongwu never again set foot in a school. The classmates of Hongwu are struck by his knowledge too. One of the reasons is that he can live in a more relaxing life and broaden his horizons.

What is more, I think that this kind of learning is beneficial for students. However, this will endanger students at the same time. On the plus side, students can have a cozy environment for learning. They don't need to study in a noisy classroom so they can absorb knowledge quickly. Furthermore, the tutors can adjust the schedule according to the students' ability. For some introverts,

they may feel more comfortable asking questions in the private lessons instead of asking questions in front of the entire class. Although home-schooling can help children to learn efficiently, they may not have a comprehensive development. Children need to communicate with classmates or friends to hone their speaking skills. They also need to make friends and study together. Their social circle may shrink as a consequence. Moreover, children ought to stay with classmates to improve their interpersonal relationships. This can help them to work easier in the future. Home-schooling can both benefit and harm us.

Even though there are downsides to home-schooling, parents still think that it is more suitable for children to study at home than studying at school. In addition, both parents and children think that it is very tough when they are studying at school. Home-schooling is a violation of the law, parents should think about it cautiously.

Setting Up a New Cross-Curricular Activity

4D Wong Lam Ching



Two Proposed Activities and Accompanying Details

Since I am interested in setting up a Korean Society in my school to promote Korean culture, two activities have been proposed. First, I suggest our school should organize a K-pop dance competition this year. Students can take part in the competition with their friends. Each group should consist of two to ten members. To participate in the competition, students should fill in the application form with their names, classes and class numbers using Google form. There will be some special prizes for the competition, like 'My Favourite Group'. This competition will be held in the School Hall during lunchtime for one day. Second, I suggest organizing a 'Korean Culture Fun Fair'. Our school can hold this fun fair after school for two days after the yearly examination. Students should design some interesting games and find information about the food, famous places and famous people in Korea. There will be a total of eight stalls arranged in the playground area on those two days. Students who want to help design games can apply through Google form too.



Why Students Would Enjoy Them And The Benefits To Students

K-pop music is sweeping the world and almost everyone likes listening to K-pop music and seeing the dances. It is a big hit. Students in our school also love K-pop culture very much. They want to have more chances to perform well and to show off their dancing skills. During the fierce competition, the other students can also enjoy the music and dancing because of the catchy tunes and routine dances. Furthermore, they can know more about the different kinds of K-pop style. By holding a dance competition along with fun fairs, students can know more about Korean culture in a fun and relaxing way.

How to Promote This Society In School

To promote The Korean Society at school, we can post some photos and ideas on Facebook. When students log in to Facebook, they can see our posts and know more about this society. Moreover, drawing posters is a good way to promote it. After drawing posters, we can stick them everywhere. Students can see the shiny posters and come to look at them immediately. With these two ways, students can know more about The Korean Society.

Are we too dependent on technology?

It's 2018. We now have the iPhoneX, which is equipped with facial recognition. We have the incredible Tesla, which is electric motor powered. We have a lot more.

With the constantly developing technology, have you ever stopped for a single moment to think about if we are actually depending on technology way too much?

Let me give you a simple task: What is the phone number of your best friend? To be frank, I wouldn't have realized the upsetting truth that I cannot even remember eight simple digits until I started preparing for this speech.

The movie "Back to the Future" had predicted that the hoverboards that could float off the ground would be developed in the near future in 1985. And guess what? That prediction has already come true in 2015.

Another movie, the "Terminator Genisys" talked about the program and robots, designed by mankind, that tried to rule the world. Gladly, humanity won at that one specific timeline of the main theme of the movie. But what if mankind lost at the other timelines? The entire world would be ruled by the single product that was developed by ourselves and we could lead ourselves to our own destruction.

With the AI system that is being improved and bettered every day, they would eventually outperform us. Actually, no. The Alpha Go is already steps ahead of us and it has already proven its capability by beating a lot of world-class champions, such as Ke Jie and Gu Li.



5A Wong Wai Laam

Do you even remember the Y2K crisis? In 2000, God had already given us a warning that we were over-dependent on technology. Everyone panicked over the problems caused by the shifting of years from 1999 to 2000, like nuclear power source, medical machines and so on. An unimaginably huge number of casualties would have resulted if the technicians had failed to solve the date problem. Wasn't it obvious enough that we have been over-dependent on technology?

Since it is still 2018 at the moment, if we ever want to prevent the tragedy mentioned above, it is the time for us to make a change before it is too late. Remember, it is up to us to decide if we want our lives to be flooded with emotionless electronic devices.



That smartphones can improve people's quality of life

5B Lam Kwan Hung Victor

Honorable adjudicators, teachers, and fellow schoolmates,

It's my paramount honour to present my speech as the captain of my debate team. I am here today to speak against the motion "That smartphones can improve people's quality of life." Despite the convenience brought by smartphones, they indeed bring devastating effects to human, all of us. Let me convince you with the following three aspects.

Firstly, regarding the personal aspect, so obvious is the fact that frequent use of smartphones will deteriorate our health. Although our dear opposing team claims that the attraction of smartphones may enhance people's quality of life in terms of entertainment, I am sorry to say that the catastrophic health problems brought by smartphones are detrimental to our quality of life. How much time do you spend on your smartphone a day? Four hours? Six hours? Should you be nodding your head, you might probably be suffering from short-sightedness and spinal pain. Not only will the radioactive blue rays harm your eyes, but it will also irritate problems of nerve system. Hardly can I deny that your health will keep deteriorating provided you keep your eyes glued to the tiny screen. With such disastrous health issues provoked, how can we say that smartphones improve our quality of life?

Secondly, concerning the interpersonal aspect, smartphones will hamper our interpersonal relationships. It is a pity that our dear opposing team had made a mistake as they thought smartphones will enhance human's relationship. Irrefutably, in this technological-advanced era, most of us opt to communicate with people via smartphones rather than face to face. Would you still think that it may be constructive to the relationships with others? Let's consider the following case. No sooner had friends arrived at a restaurant than they took out their smartphones texting others. Rarely did they conduct face-to-face communication, which is fruitful to boost relationships. Without body gestures, emotions and facial expressions, hardly

can you build up solid relationships with others through a cold screen. Therefore, neither would smartphones be favorable to enhance the relationships with others nor improve our quality of life.

Thirdly, as for the social aspect, so destructive are smartphones that they increase the numbers of cybercrimes. Our dear opposing team truly indicated that it is more convenient to do research on the internet through smartphones. However, have you ever thought of the potential risks of such action? To my strong belief, it is tantamount to providing more opportunities with people to commit cybercrimes. With that being the case, you take a higher risk of personal data being stolen or being hacked by hackers. Not only will this increase your anxiety in using the smartphones, but this will also be disadvantageous to your personal information. Consequently, it will only foster the ambience of committing cybercrimes in our society. Incontestably, criminals may get satisfaction from cybercrimes and commit cybercrimes. Put simply, a vicious cycle is set. It is incontrovertible that the misuses of smartphones will definitely worsen our quality of life.

Therefore, in light of the above, it is eminently concluded that smartphone is a bane but not a boon for our quality of life as it sparks health problems. Smartphone is a curse but not a bless as it hinders the consolidation of relationships. Smartphone is a plague but not a godsend as it evokes cybercrimes. Under no circumstances should we overuse or misuse our smartphone. All in all, today's motion must not stand. Thank you!



Minion in Hong Kong Disneyland

‘Hey! Look at that amiable Minion!’ ‘That Minion is so cute!’ I still remember that I could hear these compliments almost every day last summer. Last August, so fortunate was I that the Hong Kong Disneyland employed me as a costumed character performer. I knew never should I let go of this valuable chance because this is a golden opportunity for me to work in this popular local theme park. Hence, I started my busy summer holiday.

My summer job was definitely an impressive experience. On a typical working day, I had to start working at 8:00 am. I was ordered to play Minion, which is an adorable creature in a cartoon called “Despicable Me”. Minion has yellow skin and dresses in blue worker pants. From morning to the afternoon, I needed to be in the bulky costume and wandered around in Disneyland. What I was responsible to do was to be active, to wave to visitors and to strike poses when taking photos with people with joyful facial expressions. After working laboriously for four hours under sunlight, I could get one hour for lunch and take a break before the latter dreadful job. In the following three hours, I was dispatched to work under a shelter. The corner where I stayed at has attracted multitudes of tourists. Within that seemingly endless three hours, I persisted in setting poses for photo-taking at all times. In the evening, I had to be dressed as Minion and joined the parade. The parade was extremely spectacular as dozens of floats and costumed character performers would appear. My daily work was wrapped up with the parade in the evening. If I have to summarize my job, it would be ‘tiring but fun’.

The best part of my job was to provide entertainment to tourists, from which I could gain job satisfaction. Most tourists were excited and enthusiastic to meet a costumed character performer in Disneyland. When they saw me wandering around, almost all of the tourists, especially children, rushed to me/Minion, and asked for photo-

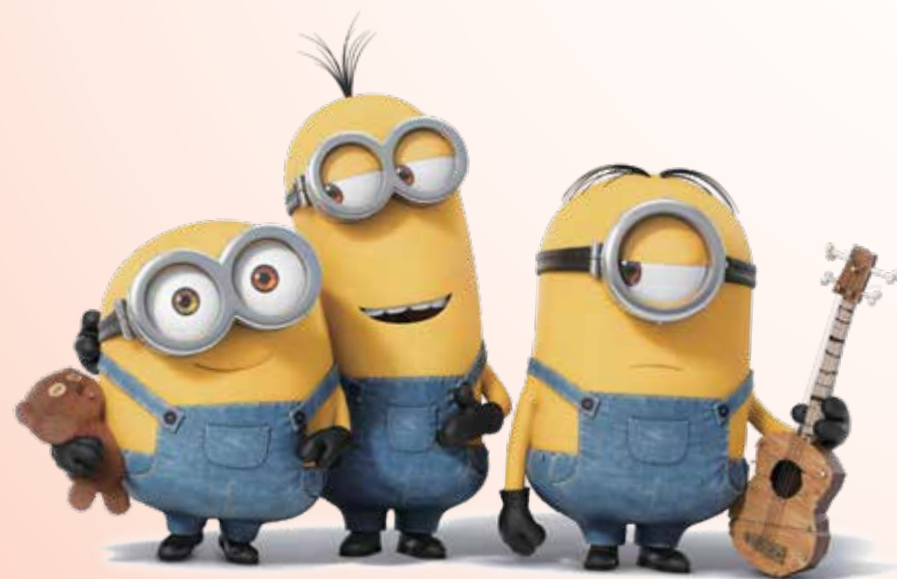


taking, or even a hug. They would show their merriment if I satisfied their wants. I was glad to see everyone feeling jubilant around me. I still remember a child named Chris, who approached me. He ran towards me and said, ‘Hello lovely Minion, I am Chris. Can you give me a hug? I love Minions so much!’ Chris was cute and short. Then I squatted and hugged Chris. Chris said, ‘Thanks Minion!’ With his innocent face and his adorable smile, I felt definitely excited and cheerful when I made others happy. I could gain a sense of achievement.

However, there were some problems with this job. The Minion costume weighed around five kilograms, which was quite heavy to me. It was excruciating to put five kilograms on myself and walked around for four hours. Worse still, it was hot inside the costume under the sun. I could even feel I was melting in the afternoon when the sunlight was fierce. I was drenched in sweat and it was disgusting and unbearable to be sticky and wet for a long period. Besides, it was tiring to cater for tourists in the heavy suit since moving around was difficult. Every day, I thought I have become crippled as I was worn out.

Although being a costumed character performer was tough and tiring, which has completely drained away my strength and vitality, it gave me a precious work experience. At first, I was doubtful whether I could handle this job well and then I managed to bring fun to tourists. I was so ecstatic when I did my work successfully. Through this summer work experience, I became a stronger individual and more mature to overcome immense hardship and get over obstacles. Being a costumed character performer brought me exposure to a new working condition, so I would never forget this experience.

I have gained a lot from my work experience. How about you?





Being a Knight at Hong Kong Historical Park



5D Cheng Ka Hang

Genghis Khan was bowing and aiming at the enemy; Paladin Frank was holding his sword and rushing toward the British army; Saint Joan of Arc was screaming and commanding the French to resist the invaders. Who are they? Historical figures? Yes, yet they were also my partners in the Hong Kong Historical Park. Having received an invitation from my uncle who works there, I became a costumed character performer in this summer holiday, which was a really valuable job experience for me.

When it came to my typical working day, I went to the dressing room at 11 a.m. every morning, putting on my shiny helmet, wearing heavy armor and holding a shield with a long sword. Guess what my costumed character was? Yes, I was an awesome knight who was dressed magnificently as well as riding a horse in the park. When the clock turned 12:30 p.m., a myriad of historical figures like Genghis Khan would lead his enormous cavalries on the main road in the park demonstrating the army in the parade. Meanwhile, when the parade ended, all of us would take photos with the audience and tourists. At 7:00 p.m., I became one of the actors in a drama performance 'Battle of Agincourt' by acting one of the Paladins combating the British archers. Frankly speaking, it was absolutely interesting and intriguing as a performer.

Notably, my duties were multifarious which included parades and drama performance, unlike sitting in the office a whole day which is dull and monotonous. I had to work outdoors most of the time, like riding a horse. What is more favorable is that I took part in the horse riding training in this summer in a bid to acquire horse-riding skills before the parade. Apart from learning a skill, being a knight also gave me a sense of satisfaction due to the acclaim

from the tourists and the compliment from the audiences after they watched our performance. Wearing an incredible outfit always enticed a host of children to take photos with me. Needless to say, their reactions were utterly great motivation for me to become more devoted to my job. In essence, my confidence and dignity were boosted thanks to the positive attitude of the tourists. Additionally, I met a group of friends in this job, some of which were history experts, telling me a lot of historical knowledge. Under this vibe, I strengthened my social skill and widened my social circle.



On the contrary, hardly could I deny that there were countless difficulties and frustration in this job. I noticed that tolerance was imperative for this job in light of the disrespectful behaviors of some tourists, even though they were a minority. Taking photos with mischievous children was a devastating moment for me. After a few months 'training', scratching my helmet, grabbing my props, I became accustomed to such behavior. So ridiculous were some parents that they did not halt their children. Even worse, they considered tolerating their children part of our job. Yet, under no circumstances should I display my fury in front of the tourists. On the plus side, I have to admit that these kinds of obstacles enhanced my emotion management ability. I got better temper, which helps me not to go berserk easily.

Even though there were hardships in the job, the experience was really conducive to my personal growth. I do relish my work experience last summer and I never regret participating in this job.



Should schools allow the public to use their sports facilities after school hours?



6A Lam Tsz Yu

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the recent article 'Fully utilize the resources'. Well-intentioned as it is, I strongly disagree with the idea that schools should allow the public to use their sports facilities after school hours. I am going to give three sound reasons to justify my point of view.

First of all, schools may not have sufficient staff members to monitor the citizens who come to the schools and use the sports facilities. Needless to say, teachers have an array of work to do, such as preparation for lessons or marking students' work. Their hectic schedule is occupied by a myriad of work already. What is more, many of them, if not all, work day and night in a bid to finish all their work and provide students with the best quality of teaching. The more people come to the schools, the heavier their workload is. How can we turn a blind eye to the exhaustion of the ones who cultivate the future pillars of society? All of us should put ourselves into their shoes and try to understand their feelings.

Not only should we care for teachers, but we should also think about the needs of students. All of us were students before, so we do not need to be experts to understand why they love to participate in extracurricular activities. Since they are teenagers, their curiosity about the world is endless. Participating in those activities help them explore the world and stimulate their creativity. Yet, suitable venues are vital for activities. For instance, the basketball team needs the school basketball court for practise, not to mention other teams, like the volleyball team and the handball team. As school is a place where students equip themselves before stepping into society, their needs should be prioritized. If the sport facilities are opened to the public after school hours, where should students practise? Maybe it is a question that all of us should think about.



Besides students' needs, it is worrying that people from all walks of life may come to the schools and pose threats to students. It is incontestable and indisputable that schools are safe for students because teachers and the government have made concerted efforts to safeguard their interest. I believe that one of the strongest reasons why schools are safe is because citizens from outside are not allowed to enter the school freely. As I mentioned before, there are different kinds of people beyond the school gate. I am afraid that drug trafficking, robbery or other kinds of crime will happen at school. The fragile and impressionable students may become the victims and be traumatized. The reputation and the safety of the schools take years to build, yet it could be demolished in one single second. By no means should we deny the detrimental and deleterious effects that allowing the public to use schools' sports facilities may give rise to.

All in all, if we need to battle a problem, we should battle its root. The crux of the problem is that there are no adequate sports facilities in our community. I now urge the government to construct more sports centres in the city, for the sake of our future pillars and the unsung heroes who nurture students. Belated as it is, it is an indispensable step for us to take so as to remedy and rectify the situation.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong



Should parents install apps on children's mobile phones?

6B Lai Man Chi

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about some parents' actions of monitoring their children's activities by installing apps on children's mobile phones. It seems reasonable for parents to monitor their children so as to protect them from dangers. However, this action is fundamentally flawed. Under no circumstances should parents keep track of the activities on their children's mobile phones.

To begin with, installing apps on children's mobile phone takes a toll on family relationship. Parents are the role models of their children and children follow their actions because children always believe their parents. If parents take children's mobile phones and install an app on it, children will become suspicious of their parents. Since mobile phone is a personal item, this action is regarded as invasion of privacy by children. Developing a sense of distrust of their parents, children may think they are being controlled by their parents and a barrier exists between them and parents. When comparing with other children, children who have their mobile phones monitored will find themselves inferior as they have no freedom when it comes to using mobile phones. It is not surprising that children may argue with their



parents on the use of mobile phone. Not only does the conflict undermine family relationship but it also leaves a scar on children's mind. As children grow, the situation will deteriorate, so it is not worth monitoring mobile phone activities.

Moreover, installing apps on mobile phones is ineffective and may cause drawbacks on the mind of children. With the advent of advanced technology, mobile phones are of the essence to normal life, so parents may regard this

action as the prerequisite for monitoring their children. With their mobile phones monitored by apps, children won't get in touch with unhealthy information on the Internet, such as swear words and obscene photos. Although children cannot browse those inappropriate websites, they can still keep bad company and learn even more bad habits. With the aforementioned reason, children lose their trust on parents and they want acceptance from peers in order to gain self-esteem. Evading the control from parents, children do not use their mobile phones but get close with their friends. It is public knowledge that children will go through the rebellious stage and become disobedient. Parents should not exert pressure on their children by monitoring their mobile phone activities as it will only make matter worse and bring adverse effects on their children.

Some say that parents are forced to control their children's activities online as this is the era of information technology. There are multifarious dangers on the internet, ranging from cybercrime to violent content, so parents can only place caps on the usage of mobile phone and hope children will not come across bad information online. Nonetheless, I beg to differ. These parents' actions are putting the cart before the horse. There are millions of ways to get to

know unhealthy information, so it is inevitable that children will realize those kinds of information eventually. The best way to eradicate the negative impacts of it is to teach children how to distinguish between right and wrong. Parents should inculcate a correct vision to look at new information into children, so that they will have the right value and avoid developing bad habits. It could also foster the bond between parents and children as they can communicate with each other more frequently.

After all, what children need is neither surveillance nor conflict, but care and respect. Only through teaching and parenting can children learn to use mobile phones responsibly and parents can ensure sound development of children.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong





6C Tin Yin Chiu

According to a 2015 survey, about half of the children aged between 6 and 13 in Hong Kong had been physically disciplined by their parents. Deplorably, such a phenomenon is depressing in such a thriving knowledge-based city.

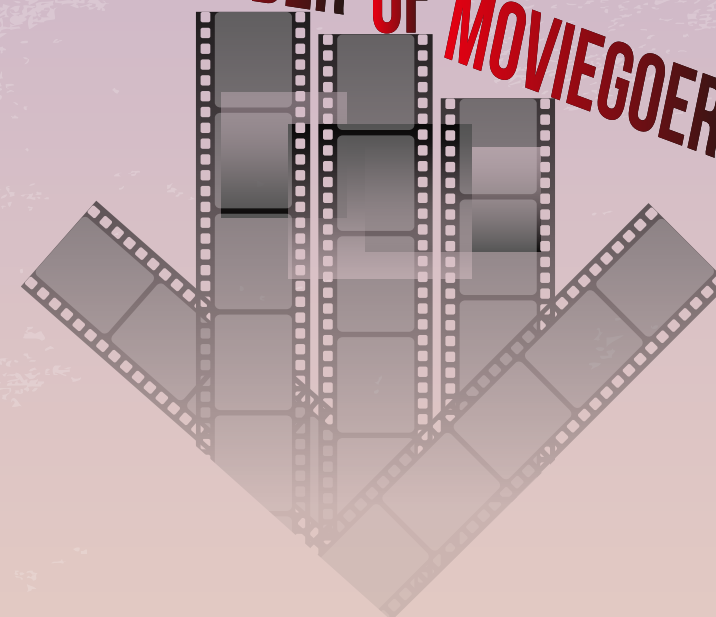
As far as I know, some may regard corporal punishment as a last resort to discipline their children. Some may even regard a certain degree of corporal punishment as “reasonable chastisement” to their children in order that they can be more disciplined, same as what our law considers. However, from my perspective, never should corporal punishment to children be the best parenting approach.

I sincerely hope that those parents can reflect on how they raise their children. The reason why I am up in arms against corporal punishment by hurting a child to be more disciplined is because it reflects the failure of parenting. Please pause and ponder: what kinds of parents would hurt their children in order to nurture them better? Indisputably, it must be those who fail to raise their children. They cannot find a better approach to teach their children probably due to their lack of awareness and knowledge of parenting. Therefore, the only way they can think of is administering corporal punishment to them to teach them a lesson, while they never understand the negative impact of corporal punishment brought to their children.

To conclude, in my point of view, there are undoubtedly better parenting methods than corporal punishment, such as role-model parenting plus words-parenting. The ways your children behave are probably attributed to the acts you have ever done. A small thing a parent has done can greatly influence their children. If parents can be role models of their children and teach them through quality interaction, all children can grow happily and unleash their potential at their tender age.



DWINDLING NUMBER OF MOVIEGOERS



6D LAM CHI HIN

In the heyday of movie industry, movie advertisement was omnipresent in the community. Every brilliant movie could strike ample discussions in our society. Nevertheless, so regrettable is the fact that the movie industry has lost its glory in recent years. In order to preserve the movie culture, I would like to point out the reasons why the development of movie industry is hampered and provide some suggestions to solve the problem.

To start with, the development of the Internet brings deleterious effect to the number of moviegoers. Nowadays, the Internet is becoming daily necessity like water to people. The Internet is convenient, free of charge, effective, and has an enormous database encapsulating all kinds of information, which results in all of the moviegoers watching movies on the Internet. Under no circumstances should people spend money watching movies when they can watch them without any expenses. Therefore, it is crystal clear that the development of the Internet is detrimental to the movie industry.

Another compelling reason is that watching movies in the theatre is



not suitable to modern people's lifestyle. In a cosmopolitan city like Hong Kong, people from all walks of life work in the hustle and bustle to make a living. Barely do they have adequate time to sit in a movie theatre and enjoy a two-hour movie. Besides, Hong Kong people are materialistic and feel reluctant to spend money watching movies. The hectic life of Hong Kong people has resulted in the declining number of movies eventually.

Apparently, the decreasing number of moviegoers has made the movie industry difficult to survive. Therefore, it is high time we made effort to help boost the number of moviegoers.

First and foremost, movie theatres should provide multifarious services to boost their competitive edge. When people are watching movies on the Internet, the visual and audio experience should be made incomparable with watching movies in movie theatres. Therefore, it is crucial to enhance the facilities to attract moviegoers again. Moreover, movie theatres can organize some special activities like surprise visit of movie actors and actresses. Once the gimmick is widespread by moviegoers, the number of moviegoers will increase significantly. So it is essential to elevate the experience of watching movies in movie theatres.

Secondly, movie theatres can offer discounts in holidays to attract moviegoers. Owing to the hectic life of Hong Kong people, they can only have entertainment when they are having holidays. If movie theatres can grasp the opportunity to do promotion during holidays, the number of moviegoers will rise consequently. So it is beneficial to the movie industry to offer discount during holidays.

All in all, if the movie industry can make concerted effort and endeavor for the sustainable development of the movie industry, I strongly believe that the movie industry can rebound to its old heydays eventually. I sincerely hope that the movie industry can reform and bring glamorous and fascinating movie watching experience to us.



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Hope all of you enjoy reading it!

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