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Empowering English: Adventures in and out of the Classroom

Learning English extends far beyond the confines of the classroom walls, aiming to foster comprehensive language proficiency through dynamic and interactive activities. To achieve this goal, our English Department has organized and actively encouraged students to participate in a variety of engaging activities both inside and outside the classroom.

Champion in English Choral Speaking

Combining English speaking, artistic and drama arts, choral speaking has become a milestone among our junior form English learners since 2023, providing them with a platform to brush up their English public speaking skills, fostering creativity and consolidating friendships.

Having undergone auditions for every S1 and S2 student, a total of 62 students, with representatives from each class, were selected. We are glad to see the IMPECCABLE BLEND of different voices regardless of their academic abilities. More remarkably, the team made history by winning the **championship in the 76th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival!**

So, dear fellow LWS students, it's time to soar! With courage and perseverance, it is possible to achieve the impossible!

2B Yu Chi Hin, Gordon (The Fox)

Originally, I felt nervous because I was one of the main characters. At first, dressing in costumes was embarrassing and I was even assigned different gestures like kneeling down. However, I would not have been successful without my teammates' support! In addition, as a member of the CMI class, I gradually became more confident after each rehearsal, regaining the inner faith and belief in my abilities.



2B Lam Yik Chun, Kimmy (Marshall)

Joining the choral speaking team helped me become more confident. At first, I was afraid to speak on stage, as I had never done so before, not even a solo verse speaking event. However, the school gave me the opportunity to be part of the team. After I joined, Miss Naomi Chan asked me to count "1, 2, 3" at the beginning of the poem. This made me feel nervous and doubtful about whether I could handle the responsibility.

In the first few rehearsals, many teammates complained that I spoke too softly and they couldn't hear me. Some even wanted the teacher to assign someone else to take over my position. Yet, Miss Chan encouraged me to continue. After some training, I became less nervous and much more confident.

Ultimately, we won the championship in the competition, and I felt very proud of myself. I no longer feared speaking on stage. Therefore, I think choral speaking has helped me become a more confident person.





Debate Adventures: Building Skills and Confidence

Debate is a high-profile competition for developing critical thinking skills and impromptu speech.

4D William Christopher Chiu (Awardee of the Best Debater)

A Lifetime Experience: Joining the Debate Competition

It feels like just yesterday when I decided to join a debate competition, Initially, I never considered participating seriously;

it was more of a joke when I suggested it. However, it reality hit me when I knew that we would be facing last year's champions. Panic set in, and for a moment, I thought about quitting.



But I persevered, and although we lost, the experience was invaluable. I made a new friend, Jacob, and gained a broader perspective on the world. This taught me an important lesson: don't shy away from exploring the unknown. After all, we only live once.

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4D Zhang Tsz Ching, Yolanda

This was my first debate competition, and it was an amazing opportunity to enhance my English-speaking skills. At first, I was nervous stepping onto the stage, but I quickly gained confidence as the competition progressed.

I learned a lot about effective argumentation, persuasive speaking, and critical thinking, and I improved my ability to articulate my thoughts on the spot. Although my team didn't win, the insights and skills I gained are invaluable. I'm excited for future opportunities like this and eager to continue improving



A Grateful Experience In the Common Room on RTHK

This year, we are honoured to be invited to co-host the radio program, In the Common Room, with RTHK. In this 15-minute session, four of our English Ambassadors shared their views on how to become a self-directed learner. It

> was undoubtedly a great opportunity for them to reflect on their current approaches while practising impromptu speaking.

4C Li Libbie

It was an exciting yet nerve-wracking experience. I was worried about whether I would understand or to be able to respond correctly as the host of the radio program was a native English speaker. However, fortunately, the host was nice and friendly. Despite making some grammatical mistakes and causing a bit of dead air, he didn't judge me. Instead, he listened to me patiently and encouraged me a lot. I really benefited from this experience and am grateful for the opportunity to participate in the program.

Time to Talk

This is a group public speaking competition co-organised with the EDB NET Section which encourages participants to interpret topics creatively and reflect in ways that inspire and impact others.



New Event, New Rules. This time, we introduced a ticketing system in order to motivate non-participating students to join us and be part of this grand event. Participating as an audience is equally important in the English-learning journey as peer support and observation can enhance learning effectiveness. We are thrilled to see LWS students' enthusiasm for learning English outside the classrooms.

30 Yeung Ching Tung, Venus

Winning 2nd place in the Time to Talk competition with my friends was incredibly rewarding. I am proud of our performance and grateful for the support of Miss Chan, especially when she devoted her personal time to rehearsing with us on Zoom at nights. When we first thought about the script, we felt helpless and under a lot of pressure. But in the process, we encouraged each other and worked together. Although we didn't come first, the experience highlighted the importance of teamwork and encouragement in pursuing goals. I hope my friends and I will continue to make progress together.

3C Lam Ling Lee, Queenie

When the judges announced that we had won second place, I was very surprised. Although I had some experience in choral speaking last year, it was slightly different this time because we had to write the scripts ourselves, which was much more challenging! Initially, I just wanted to gain experience, but I didn't expect to secure second place in the end. I really want to thank my teammates and my teacher, Miss Naomi Chan!

3D Ng Mei Ying, irene

I think Time to Talk is a great opportunity for me to challenge myself. It helps me to be more confident when speaking English. Although I did not win any prizes, I still learned communication skills and how to control my voices and facial expressions in order to enhance message delivery. In fact, I had been given ample opportunities to make English announcements previously, but I tended to slur. Until this competition, I decided to focus on articulating English words clearly and I succeeded! Now, I really enjoy standing in front of the audience and showcasing my improved skills. I am now more ambitious to keep challenging myself because every competition is shaping me into a better English-speaking Irene!









Flash Mob

With the dedication to create an immersive English environment beyond classrooms, our English Ambassadors are the essential manpower to motivate students to use English in daily conversations. Every Wednesday during lunchtime, our Ambassadors 'mob' around the school and invite students to share their views on a casual topic or read aloud a poem. More importantly, the flash mob activity was proposed by our manager, Zenith Long!

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2D Long Tsz Lok, Zenith (Manager)

When I first planned this activity, I thought that not many schoolmates would be interested in participating, so I decided that students would receive a small gift when they completed the activity. Although this activity was designed by me, I still felt very nervous during the activity. I was afraid that my schoolmates would dislike this activity, so I often spoke awkwardly and moved stiffly. However, I soon realised that I was over-worned! When we walked along the corridors and yelled our slogan aloud, many students rushed to us and volunteered to join the activity! With such enthusiastic participation, I gradually stopped feeling afraid and started enjoying myself in the game.

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3C Ei Enzi, Caden (Manager)

I think the Flash Mob activity is a creative way to improve our English speaking skills. Flash mobs are irresistible because the tasks are actually fun, surprising and easily manageable. It's amusing to see even those who typically avoid speaking English getting involved!







S6 Joint School Oral Practice: Elevating Our Speaking Skills

On 18 February, we invited students from Munsang College (Hong Kong Island), Hon Wah College, and Lingnan Secondary School to participate in our S6 joint school oral practice. More than 160 students joined the activity. It was a valuable opportunity for our S6 students to enhance their speaking skills and prepare for the upcoming HKDSE.





English Ambassadors and English Café Activities

As our English Ambassadors team is expanding into the strongest team ever, boasting more than 60 ambassadors this year, elite members have stepped up to take on leadership roles. These managers and chairpersons design activities and guide our younger ambassadors.

4C Wong Wai Hin, Curtis

As the chairman, I hope to create a dynamic English learning environment and empower all students to build self-confidence. I'm honored to organise various activities to strengthen different aspects of students' English proficiency.

To lead the English Club towards this goal, our chairlady, Amy, and I, along with the managers, have held multiple meetings to discuss innovative ideas and review the performance of each activity. One of our new activities this year is the Flash Mob, in which we surprise students on each floor asking them questions in English.

This year, I am determined to lead our English Club into new and exciting fields!

Chalipersons' Messages

4C Chow Nga Man, Amy

As the chairlady, I hope to construct an immersive English learning environment for our schoolmates and empower all students to use English confidently. We are committed to organising different activities to enhance students' English skills and abilities. To achieve this goal, the chairman, Curtis, and I have been meeting with managers to discuss different ideas and activities. In the past few months, we have organised a Flash Mob every Wednesday, the Time to Talk public speaking competition, debate competitions and more.



Cafe Rick-off and Activities in English Cafe

The English Cafe is an iconic English venue in LWS for its aesthetic and authentic environment that encourages students to learn English. Over the years, students have enjoyed a wide variety of food and drinks while engaging in English tasks.

1C Hoi Clarissa Shu Nga (Activity participant of Chat with Mr Atcheson)

Although lunchtime is a bit tight, the English cafe is very considerate and allows you to have lunch while joining activities! That's really great! During the activity, Mr Atcheson will show us various materials, including 10 to 20 tongue twisters for us to read. When I was not ready, the teacher wouldn't force me to read them, which I think was very thoughtful of him. Instead, I could listen to others first and practise myself before I chose to read one myself. After reading it, he would give us different stamps to encourage us! I believe this activity is a fantastic way to boost students' confidence in English!





3C Chan Sum Yau, Skye (Ambassador)

Helping at the English cafe kick-off is an interesting experience for me. I have witnessed how powerful English and communication can be. Everyone in the English cafe is nice and welcoming, always encouraging us to speak more English and boosting our confidence. Every time I help with the English cafe kick-off, I become more interested in English. Helping the English cafe kick-off is not just an event, but also a meaningful experience in my school life.

Students Good Writings



1C Shih Hei Yi, Hayley

A Thankful Moment at the Athletic Meet

Last Wednesday and Thursday, our school held the Athletic Meet in Siu Sai Wan. It was a cool sunny day. I am so thankful it could take place smoothly as there was a typhoon in Hong Kong last week

I participated in a shot put event. Although I didn't get any medals, I enjoyed the time very much. My classmates participated in different kinds of events, but in the end, nobody won a medal. However, we would not be discouraged. We will continue working hard next year. We also congratulated other award-winning students. More importantly, we



should really express our gratitude to the Lord for bringing us nice weather.

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An Inspiring Athlete and Role Model

Do you know who the first Hong Kong athlete to win two medals in a single Olympic Games is? It's Siobhan Haughey. From thinking that swimming is boring to becoming a world-class competitor, Haughey's journey is truly fascinating!

Despite people saying that she has tremendous talent for swimming, Haughey didn't even like swimming at first. She thought it was uninteresting. However, as she continued to swim, she started to enjoy spending time with her friends. Slowly, she found a love for swimming and became passionate about it, which led to history being made.

Unlike most athletes, Haughey didn't come from a poor family, nor did she have bad academic results due to her training, which includes 10 swimming sessions per week. She often balances her athletic pursuits and her academic responsibilities. This balance paid off well for her career because she got into the University of Michigan, where she further sharpened her skills with the guidance of professional and experienced coaches.

Haughey experienced lots of ups and downs in her journey. The most impactful moment was at the Paris Olympics when the Hong Kong Association chairman called Haughey's performance "regretful," which had a really negative impact on her. She was on the verge of giving up, but her coach said that he was really proud of her, which gave her just enough

encouragement to forget about what the chairman said and continue with her athletic career. This teaches us that with some support from our parents, people we know, or even strangers, it can be just enough to regain our confidence.



Haughey is a great role model and an inspirational figure. One time she said, "There is no point lingering even. Champions learn from their mistakes and move on quickly." This quote explains that if you keep thinking about losses, your original goal will slowly start to fade away. Just remember that it takes time and dedication to achieve success.

You might be thinking, "Oh? I'm not even trying to become an athlete; I'm just a regular student." And that's where you're wrong. The things that you've just learned do apply to us, students. One of the things that we can admire about Haughey is that dedication will eventually lead to success. When we are studying, we might get distracted by the things around us, but when we remind ourselves of the previous sentence, we can stay focused and continue.

In conclusion, Haughey isn't just a remarkable athlete but also a very good role model for us. She teaches us many life lessons. This is why we should admire this athlete very much.





1C Yip Sze Tung, Louisa

Ocean Park

Last Sunday, my family brought me to Ocean Park. Why? Obviously, it was because I was really too stressed with my poor academic performance. I wanted to stay in a relaxing environment so Ocean Park is definitely the best place to go!

At the beginning, we visited the Panda Village. The panda was super adorable and I really wanted to cuddle it. My dad helped me take a lot of beautiful photos. I think this place is worth visiting.

Next, we went to the aquarium. My mom likes sharks but I don't think sharks are lovely at all.

Despite their appearances, I learnt the history of sharks. This was a valuable and meaningful visit!

Lastly, we rode on the roller coaster. It was really exciting and thrilling. The kids were screaming

out loudly but I didn't feel terrified. Instead, I was exhilarated.

Ocean Park is the best amusement park ever! I don't feel tired anymore and I can't wait to visit again. What a spectacular day in my life!



4D Shi Lai Man, Nika

Students are stressed out, but we can iron it out!

Hello, everyone! Last time, I talked about how stressed the students are in Korea. Besides Korea, Hong Kong students also have a huge amount of stress and exam pressure. Last week, I finished my examination and I also had exam stress during the whole week. I slumped at my desk asleep during lessons and my stomach was chuming before the examination. In this blog, I like to provide some suggestions to you guys from my experiences to alleviate the exam stress.

Nowadays, students in Hong Kong need to sit for the public examination in a highly competitive environment. We need to learn different subjects and do tons of homework. We don't have much time to relax. Moreover, many students feel stressed because of the high expectation from their parents and the peer pressure makes them want to be perfect and not to fall behind. These kinds of problems also push students in Hong Kong to the breaking point.

What can we do to reduce our exam stress? Firstly, we can set goals but be realistic. Don't be too hard on yourself. There is no doubt that we are not perfect, but we need to boost ourselves by setting small goals. Our confidence can be boosted by

achieving every small goal. I believe that if you have more and more confidence, you can do better and better in the exam. Secondly, I think you don't need to compare with others. The natural talent of you and



your classmates are different, so you just need to compare with yourself, doing better than what you did the day before.

Besides what we can do, I think the schools and the government can also do something to help us. For example, I think the schools and universities can take other aspects of students' application into consideration, not only on grades but also in other areas such as music and voluntary work. I also think the government can provide vocational training for students to find their talents. I hope my suggestions can be adopted by the schools and the government.

These are all my suggestions for you guys. Hope you guys can have a happy school time and remember that failing in the exam is not the end of the world. You can still have a promising future if you keep on hitting the books and staying motivated.

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