

G.T. Newsletter

G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College - Secondary Section

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Principal's Talk



Dr. Raymond TAM
Principal

Once again, we find ourselves at the end of a successful academic year, and once again we say farewell to some very hardworking graduates. We are confident they will continue to represent the school well in all of their future endeavours. This year we see our graduates enrolling in prestigious schools not only locally, but overseas too.

During their time at G.T. College, we have encouraged them to explore their passions and interests. We offer them a rounded education, with many opportunities to showcase their talents and skills. Just like the Talent Show 2023 where students were invited to share with their classmates the myriad of talents they have developed over their academic journeys.

We are confident this new batch of alumni will go on to do great things, and can only hope they do not forget to reach out and remember the school where they began their impressive journeys. Going forward we would like to remind our students that, in the words of John Dewey, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

12th Graduation Ceremony

The 12th Graduation Ceremony was held successfully on 9 June, 2023. On this momentous occasion, our governors, teachers, and parents rejoiced in the achievements of the 2022-2023 cohort.

Among the honourable guests was our guest of honour, Mr. Raymond Siu Chak-ye, PDSM, PMSM, Commissioner of Police. In his address, he shared his personal journey of university studies and he also encouraged students to strive for every opportunity in their studies and work. After his inspiring speech, Mr. Siu presented graduation certificates to the G12 students with our school supervisor, school founder, and school principal.

Dr. Ken Cheng & Ms. Winnie Au
Heads of School Functions Group



Mr. Paul Chan, Principal Dr. Tam, Mr. Raymond Siu and Mr. Richard Yiu posing together



The Principal's Address being delivered by Dr. Raymond Tam



The Guest of Honour Address being delivered by Mr. Raymond Siu



Mr. Raymond Siu Chak-ye (PDSM, PMSM) standing with honourable guests

12th Graduation Ceremony



Group photo showing 12A graduates and teachers



Group photo showing 12B graduates and teachers



Prof. Rex Li and Principal Dr. Tam presenting a souvenir to Mr. Raymond Siu



Supervisor Address being delivered by Mr. Desmond Lee



Sian Lee (12A) and Jonas Fok (12C) delivering their votes of thanks



Graduates performing for the hall of audience

The Graduation Ceremony was enlivened by the performances of our graduates, students, and teachers. It was a fantastic evening for graduates to celebrate with their families and friends and to look forward to the next phase of their lives with excitement and anticipation. We wish our graduates all the very best as they embark on a new journey in life.

Dr. Ken Cheng & Ms. Winnie Au
Heads of School Functions Group



Group photo showing all the guests, graduates, parents, and teachers



Group photo showing 12C graduates and teachers



Group photo showing academic, conduct, and service awardees



Graduate representatives presenting a souvenir to our school



Appreciation being given to graduates' parents



The Musical Team giving a farewell performance



Teachers performance building the climax of the night



MI Impact by GT: To the U.S.A! To Thailand!

USA



Professor Rex Li conducting an interview with Professor Howard Gardner



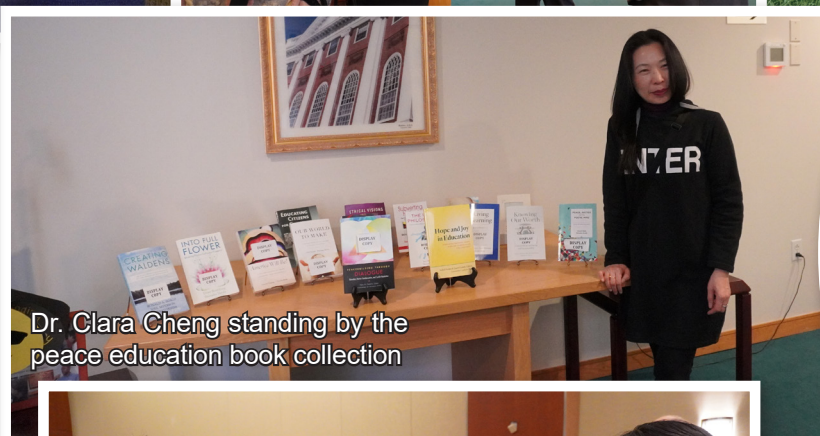
Professor Rex Li, Mrs. Li, and Dr. Clara Cheng being the early birds for the Presidential Address



The Research Team being very much into the titles collected at the Ikeda Centre in Boston



Professor Rich Milner(2023 AERA President), Professor Li, and Dr. Clara Cheng posing at AERA (Chicago) 2023



Dr. Clara Cheng standing by the peace education book collection



The G.T. Research Team being overwhelmed by the AERA 2023 (Chicago)



Engaging in scholastic exchanges



Dr. Clara Cheng introducing Research MI to the Vice-president of AERA



The two research teams taking a group photo



Thailand

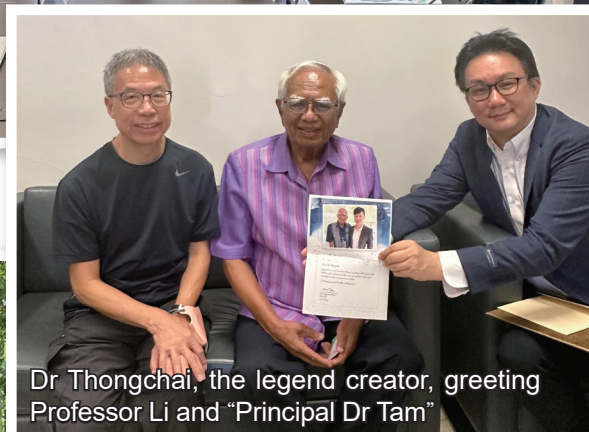
The G.T. Research Team visiting a KVIS lab

G.T. College has positioned itself at the forefront of global progress in educational innovation and the growth of the popularity of MI as a pedagogical principle. It has relentlessly sought to work together with partners across the world to stimulate collaboration and facilitate the growth of MI educational theory and practice. At the Kamnoetvidya Science Academy in Thailand and Thai Ministry of Education, Professor Li and G.T. staff met with education experts to collaborate on ways to best utilise MI theory to prepare students to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Across the world, GT met with master educators at an exchange conference at Harvard University. These partnerships are invaluable and they show GT's commitment to being at the very cutting edge of educational theories and practices. All this hard work will pay dividends in our students' brighter futures. As education evolves, it will be better able to serve the needs of students and lay the foundations for a brighter tomorrow across the globe. It is for their benefit that we work so tirelessly to continuously refine the art of teaching and learning.

Dr. Clara Cheng & Mr. Leo Tsui
Heads of Research and Training



Posing at the MOU Signing Ceremony



Dr Thongchai, the legend creator, greeting Professor Li and "Principal Dr Tam"



Professor Li exchanging with a MWIT student



The G.T. Research Team visiting the Office of the Basic Education Commission in Thailand

Invicta Grammar School Exchange



People attending a school briefing



A picture showing the Canterbury old town



A picture showing where Thomas Beckett was murdered



Students standing with a giant elk skeleton

From 9th May to 19th May 2023 a group of ten Grades 10 and 11 students took part in the UK exchange trip to Invicta Grammar School in Maidstone, Kent (South-East of London). This year we went in May, when spring had most definitely arrived, and the Kent countryside was at its best. Bluebells were prevalent everywhere.

All the students stayed with their buddies' families and emersed themselves in the UK culture, experiencing family life in the UK, and attending lessons with their buddies at school. We went to historical sites and places of interest, namely Leeds Castle, Canterbury, and Kings College (Cambridge University). We also went to Maidstone Museum and learnt about the history of the town and the surrounding area.

The oldest part of Leeds castle is over 1000 years old. However, it has been built on and improved greatly over the period including art deco rooms when the castle was used as a partying venue for the rich and famous. It is also set in the countryside, and has a large amount of land on the estate. Our students enjoyed the maze and the falconry show.

Canterbury is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, containing a cathedral where Thomas Beckett was murdered. Again the town dates back over one thousand years and the streets around the cathedral are all historic.

Kings College (Cambridge) being one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world was full of history and gave a full impression of life at the university.

Mr. Mark Sullivan
International Exchange Department



The Cloisters standing in the Canterbury Cathedral



Students standing at the grounds at Kings College – Cambridge



Students and staff posing at the dinosaur exhibition – Maidstone Museum

G.T. International Exchange Trip to Taiwan's K.S.H.S and K.G.H.S



Principal Chaung Fo Tai (K.S.H.S), Mr. Leo Tsai (middle),
Principal Cheng Wen-Yi (K.G.H.S)



Mr. Leo Tsui giving a speech in K.S.H.S

A Whirlwind of Wonders in the Heart of Kaohsiung

Our students embarked on a week-long, action-packed escapade that took them to the dazzling sights and sounds of Kaohsiung. One such destination was the enchanting island of Cijin, where our students indulged in the freshest seafood before embarking on a thrilling three-hour bike expedition, taking in the breathtaking beauty of the island. The excitement didn't stop there! Our students had the rare opportunity to explore AI-augmented rides at cutting-edge technology companies, gaining invaluable insight into the world of artificial intelligence and its numerous applications.

GT College Takes the Airwaves by Storm

In what can only be described as a moment of pure serendipity, both Ms. Tracy Lo and I had the pleasure of participating in a radio interview alongside our brilliant G.T. students. With their eloquence and wit on full display, it's safe to say that G.T. College has now achieved international fame!

Reinforcing Bonds and Strengthening Educational Ties

During this unforgettable week, I had the honor of signing and renewing the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the two distinguished principals of our partner schools in Taiwan. This significant event solidifies our commitment to fostering strong relationships, promoting cultural exchange, and providing our students with the best possible educational experiences. This international exchange trip to Taiwan was not only a delightful adventure but also an exceptional opportunity for our students to learn, grow, and create lasting memories.



Mr. Leo Tsui & Ms. Tracy Lo
International Exchange Department



Signing the MOUs with K.G.H.S



Ms. Tracy Lo posing with teachers and students at
K.G.H.S



G.T. students and teacher sharing in a local radio
show



A commenorable occasion: a group photo showing G.T., K.S.H.S., and K.G.H.S students and teachers

The Greater Bay Area Youth Exchange Program



Drones displaying our school's name over the sky of Guangzhou!

On 31 March to 2 April 2023, a group of nine G.T. students were invited by the Guangdong Provincial Committee of the CPPCC (廣東省政協) to the Greater Bay Area Youth Exchange Program in Guangzhou.

During the 3-day trip in Guangzhou, the delegation visited schools, universities, museums, the Nansha exhibition centre, advanced technology firms, as well as one of the largest shipyards in China. Teachers and students gained first-hand experience of the latest development trends and new opportunities of the Greater Bay Area.

Mr. Philip Kwan
National Education Group



Traveling to Guangzhou by High-speed Rail



Visiting CPPCC Guangdong Provincial Committee



Concluding the 3-day program



Interviewing the mascot designer of Winter Olympics 2022



Visiting CAS Space, an aerospace technology firm

Talented Programme Artwork Exhibition

The Gifted and Talented Programme (Talent Class) Artwork Exhibition was recently held at our school's art gallery, showcasing the incredible talent of our most gifted art students. The exhibition was the culmination of months of hard work and dedication from these talented young artists.

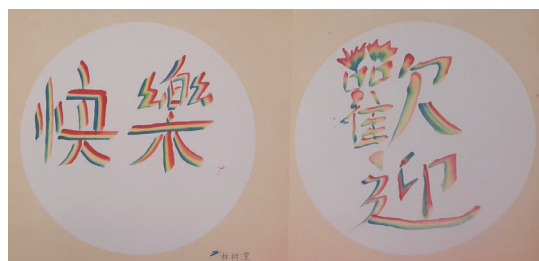
The exhibition featured a diverse array of artwork, ranging from intricate pencil sketches

and vibrant paintings to mixed media pieces. Each work of art was a testament to the unique creative vision of the artists, with each piece conveying different emotions and messages.

The Gifted and Talented Programme (Talent Class) Artwork Exhibition was a testament to the importance of art education and the incredible power of creativity. It was an inspiring celebration of the talent and dedication of our most gifted artists, and a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and appreciate the incredible work of these talented young people.

Mr. Jerwa Ip
Assistant Principal

Mr. David Chan
Head of Talent Class



A picture showing Chinese Rainbow Calligraphy



A picture showing products from Basic Sketch



A picture showing Chinese Paper Cutting Art

Hong Kong Economics Olympiad (HKEO)



Nearly 200 contestants from about 20 well-known local and international schools joining the HKEO



Contestants concentrating on answering the Economic Olympiad paper

GT students who won Gold Medals:

Chan Hei Nam
Chan Lincoln Charles
Chan Pak Lun Jason
Chong Kwan Pui
Chow Chun Yin
Chua Wai Yin
Ho Huen Yau
Ho Sheung Hong
Lam Wai Lam Charlotte
Leung Ho Chun Gordon
Liu Peirui
Luk Hiu Ying
Mak Chik Sum Avis
Ng On Yi Annie
Tsang Hei Yin
Yu Wing Tung

On 20 May 2023, the Hong Kong Economic Olympiad was held by the Gifted Education Council, our school sponsoring body. Nearly 200 students from Band 1 local schools and well-known international schools participated in the competition.

The contest was divided into two parts: Economics Test and Business Case. Students were required to complete advanced-level economics questions as well as a real-life business case for a wine trading company in the Greater Bay Area.

The three professional judges were Mr. Alan Chiu, Member of the HKSAR Election Committee; Professor Arbitor Ma, Programme Leader of Economics of the Hong Kong Metropolitan University; and Mr. Yiu-man Chui, a Certified Public Accountant.

GT students won 16 gold medals and a silver medal. After the intense training and selection for the International Economics Olympiad (IEO) Hong Kong team, 2 GT students will represent Hong Kong in the IEO Main Competition in Greece. Congratulations!

Mr. Jerwa Ip, Mr. Karl Yeung & Mr. Philip Kwan
Economics Department



Dr. Raymond Tam (third from left), Chairman of the Gifted Education Council, presenting a souvenir to the judging panel



Mr. Alan Chiu, one of the honourable judges, commenting on the students' performance



Professor Arbitor Ma presenting medals to the winning students



Dr. Raymond Tam presenting medals to the winning students



Bridging Courses and Parent Courses



Our teacher conducting a debriefing session for parents after the mass game



Our Vice-Principal, Mr. Richard Yiu, introducing the school's achievements in physical education during the parent course



Principal Dr. Tam sharing his educational philosophies with parents during the parent courses

To help parents and primary school students who are newly admitted to our school adapt more quickly, the school has organized nearly 10 student bridging courses and 4 parent courses. During the bridging courses, students not only learn more about academic subjects such as Chinese, English, Mathematics, and Science, but also have the opportunity to get to know their peers by mass games and competitions. The students were enthusiastic and engaged in playing.

philosophies and future trends in education. In the first parent course, parents also had the opportunity to experience our Sport Friday activities, such as flyball and floor curling. In the second parent course, with the guidance of our school's social worker, parents played some mass games and learned ways of parenting to better understand their children's personality traits. The parents were engaged and excited, and we once again thank all the colleagues in the school for their assistance.

In our parent courses, Principal Dr. Tam and Professor Li shared their educational

Admission Group



Parents are currently experiencing playing flyball

M+ "Yayoi Kusama: 1945 to Now" Guided Exhibition

Visual Arts Teachers and 16 students have attended a guided tour "Yayoi Kusama: 1945 to Now" exhibition at M+ museum, exploring the collection of Yayoi Kusama's works. The activity was led by M+ educators and featured over 200 exhibits, including paintings, sketches, and sculptures. Students asked questions actively, learning about the meanings behind each of Yayoi Kusama's works and discovering the connections between contemporary life and visual culture.



G.T. students being divided into two groups to join the guide tours.

During the activity, the educators distributed worksheets to cultivate critical thinking, self-reflection, and visual literacy among the students. Afterwards, the students submitted extended reflections to their teachers.

Ms. Daisy Yung
Acting Visual
Arts Panel

Ocean Tang
(10C), Matthew
Tang (9B), and
Anson Ng (9D)
standing inside
the Mirror room



A group photo in front of the M+ museum

My favorite work is "Between Heaven and Earth" from 1987. This colorful soft sculpture is composed of five panels, each with a unique texture. The objects on the panels are organized by color, creating a dreamlike landscape that transports me back to my childhood, a time of joy and vibrancy. From the artist's statement, this work allows her to transcend pain and existence and enter a spiritual realm, a means of constructing an ideal world.

Saleisha Ho (9C)

The exhibition follows a number of themes such as Infinity, Accumulation, Radical Connectivity, the Biocosm, Death, and Force of Life



Great Great Fun: Talent Show



Students performing a violin show



Students showcasing stilt walking skills



Students performing the guitar



Students performing a street dance

Students performing creative dance

The Talent Show 2023 was a highly anticipated event showcasing the extraordinary skills and abilities of performers from various grades. Taking place in the school hall, the talent show served as a platform for participants to showcase their talents.

Whether it was singing, modern dance, street dance, creative dance, musical instrument performances, stilt walking, acrobatics or any other talent, performers of all ages and walks of life were encouraged to participate. The show aimed to celebrate creativity, diversity, and the power of self-expression.

A panel of esteemed judges, consisting of influential personalities from different subjects, evaluated the performances based on creativity, technical skill, stage presence, and audience engagement. Contestants made a lasting impression on both the judges and the attendees. Everyone is looking forward to the Talent Show 2024.



Students giving a bell chime performance

Mr. Jerwa Ip
Assistant Principal

Mr. David Chan
Head of Talent Class



The guitar class performing



Students performing a pop song



Students performing acrobatics



Students giving a modern dance performance

Nightingales at GT: Parents Singing Competition

Group photo showing the contestants



Ms. Vikki Tong giving the final performance, which was the highlight of the evening



My Favorite Song award being won by the Mak Wang Lik family of 7A

On April 28th, 2023, the PTA held a parent singing competition called "Parents, Sing & Shine!" which drew an audience of around 250 people. The event began with a warm reception and welcome, followed by speeches from Principal Tam and PTA Chairlady Gigi Lee.

Next, the competition got underway, and the standard of performances was very high. In addition to the parent performances, our students also put on impressive displays of talent, including a choir, street dance, and modern dance. The judges awarded silver and gold awards, as well as the overall champion, which was won by the parent of 8C SHEN Xinbo.

The audience also got involved in the event, participating in the "My Favorite Award" voting segment, which was won by the parent of 7A MAK Wang Lik. The event culminated in a guest performance by popular singer Vikki Tong, which added to the excitement of the evening.

Overall, the event was a great success, with a lively atmosphere and many impressive performances. It provided a fantastic opportunity for parents to showcase their talents and for the school community to come together in celebration.

Parents Liaison Group



Principal Dr. Tam and the PTA chairperson GiGi presenting souvenirs to the guests



The Supreme Song Award being won by the parent of Shen Xinbo (8C)



Serving as judges: Ms. Vikki Tong and two music teachers



Students performing a modern dance



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