

G.T. Newsletter

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Principal's Talk: Whole-Child Education at GT



Dr. Raymond TAM
Principal

Times are changing. Technology is changing. Education is changing. It is not enough to cultivate just one skill in our repertoire—we must cultivate them all. **This is the fundamental mission of G.T. College—to bring education into the 21st century** by cultivating the **skills** and **intelligences** of all our students, regardless of their strengths and weaknesses. During 15-16 December, 2023, we held the Third International MI Education Forum as the keystone to our many efforts to operate on the cutting edge of pedagogy. This is the measure of our success in education—it is not only that our students compete successfully in Math and Physics Olympiads and/or perform as world-class athletes at sporting events. It is that **we educate the whole child and all of their intelligences**. It is our humble wish that our students will continue to carry the **principles of MI** into their futures for the good of **our whole society**.



MI Forum

Special Assembly on
Science and Mathematics

Adventure
Experimental
Activity

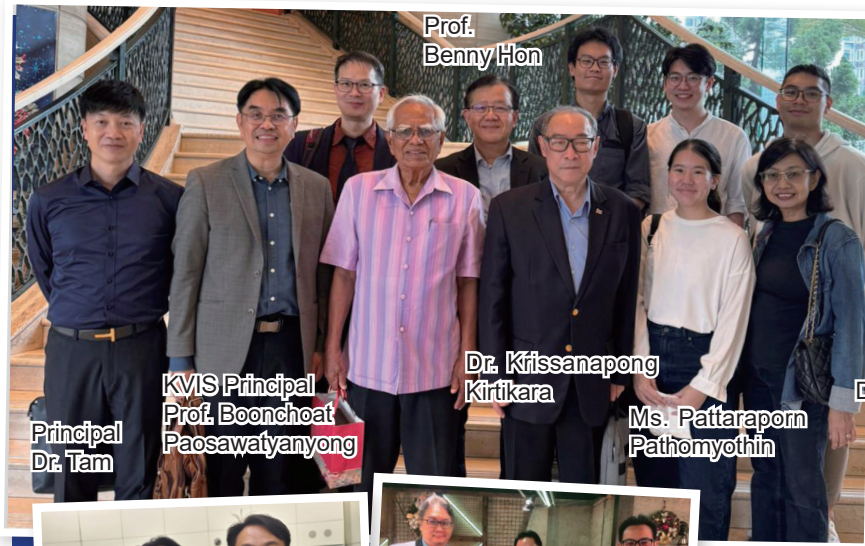
Tchoukball

Singing Contest

The Greater Bay Area
Science Project Competition

Parents' Day

G.T. Hospitality Group: A Remarkable Display of Care and Hospitality at the International MI Education Forum



As the Assistant Principal of G.T. College, I am delighted to **commend** the exceptional efforts of the G.T. Hospitality Group in providing exemplary care for our **distinguished** guests from Thailand during the recent MI Forum. The dedication and commitment of the group's 25 plus teachers has **raised the bar** in hospitality, making our institution proud.

G.T. Hospitality Group's Thailand guests received exceptional service from our dedicated teachers. They provided warm welcomes, assistance, and guidance, fostering a comfortable environment for guests to fully engage in forum activities and discussions.

The G.T. Hospitality Group's commitment to going **above and beyond** was evident in their meticulous attention to detail. They flawlessly coordinated transportation, ensuring that our guests were picked up from the airport and taken back to their hotels with the utmost convenience. This seamless process allowed our visitors to **unwind** and **concentrate** on the **objective** of their visit **with a peace of mind**, knowing that they were in **good** hands.

Furthermore, the group's efforts in organizing extra outings for our Thai guests truly enriched their experience. From **enthraling** Chinese opera performances to **energetic** hiking **expeditions** and enlightening museum visits, these outings provided our guests with a **profound comprehension** of our culture, heritage, and natural wonders.

On behalf of G.T. College, I extend my **heartfelt thanks** to Professor Li and Principal Dr. Tam for their invaluable guidance and support. Their visionary leadership has **nutured** a culture of **warmth and assistance within our establishment**, inspiring the G.T. Hospitality Group **to surpass their duties**.

Mr. Leo Tsui
Assistant Principal



Deep Sharing from Professor Ping-Kong Wai (President & Vice-Chancellor of HKBU)



Principal Dr. Tam presenting a token of gratitude to Prof. Ping-kong Wai



Prof. Ping-kong Wai delivering a talk about the latest developments in HKBU



A group photo (from left to right: Mr. Richard Yiu, Mr. Paul Chan, Principal Dr. Tam, Prof. Ping Kong Wai, Dr. Christine Yu, Mr. Benny Lai and Dr. Joseph Liu)

It was our great honor to have Prof. Ping-kong Wai, President and Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), share his insights in a talk on 26 October, 2023. Prof. Wai gave a talk entitled "Latest Developments of HKBU" in which he shared the latest transdisciplinary undergraduate programme and research, the world's first visualization research centre, motion capture laboratory and life science imaging center in HKBU. As HKBU was appointed by the Government to be the Operator of the first Chinese Medicine Hospital in Hong Kong, Prof. Wai also shared with us his insights into the future development of Chinese Medicine. He also shared his views about the use of ChatGPT and AI in future education with students. He concluded the sharing session with an inspirational quote "Love what you do and do what you love."



Prof. Ping-kong Wai sharing his insights in the sharing session with students.

(From left to right: Adrian Chu (10A), Chole Yeung (10A), Prof. Ping Kong Wai, David Wong (10A) and Dr. Christine Yu)

Dr. Christine Yu
Assistant Principal



A group photo with Prof. Ping-kong Wai, Principal Dr. Tam, all teachers and students

Pre-G7 Experience Day

A group photo of students involved in the G7 experience day



The Pre-G7 Experience Day was successfully held on 28 November, 2023 at G.T. College. It was commenced by a welcoming speech from Principal Dr. Tam, and students got to learn more about secondary school life, including different events, school activities, expectations and lessons during a Q&A session. They also had lots of fun playing flyball as well as dodgeball. Students also learnt about the basics of science and made a diving octopus to reinforce their learning, while playing some fun English games in class.



A student playing flyball

On top of that, they had an inter-class competition playing dodgeball, and the students really enjoyed it! To wrap it up, we had a prefects' sharing session, where the prefects shared their secondary school life and what they could expect from it.

Mr. Jerwa Ip
Assistant Principal



Students during Q&A session



Students playing with their diving octopus made in their science lesson



Students learning more about GT's secondary school life



Students enjoying their dodgeball

G12 Relay Race

Considering Grade 12 will have their study leave in February and March, the Students' Union planned and hosted some of the activities for them before their leave. A race was held on the 23 November, 2023 for G12, in the form of a relay race. Different from the ordinary ones, we designed a few tasks during the race to spice it up. Each class would form a team with four boys and girls; the girls started after the boys finished their part.

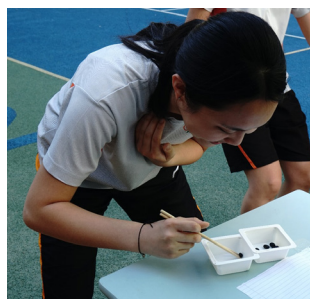
Jasper Chang (11B)
External Vice President of Students Union



Group photo of Student Union and G12 participants



Participants concentrating on their calculation



Participants transferring black beans from bowl to bowl



Participants feeling strenuous in the second round

Parents' Day: Unlocking the Elements of Effective Learning



Our Vice-Principal, Mr. Benny Lai, interviewing a parent



Our Assistant Principal, Mr. Alex O, being in a deep chat with a parent



Mr. Huntley Tam explaining in detail to parents

In the blink of an eye, Term one is over, and Term two has started. It is time for students to review their efforts and make plans for the next term. Our 2023-24 Term One Parents' Day was successfully held on 9th December. On that day, class teachers could not wait to share with parents, while parents could not wait to know more about their children from class teachers. In classrooms, there were class teachers interviewing parents. Outside classrooms, there were non-class teachers having more informal chats with parents so that parents could know more about their children and

different subjects. Senior teachers and teachers from Moral Education Group (MEG) interviewed parents of those whose performance required special attention. On the whole, it was a good time for better communication between parents and teachers. We enjoyed it so much!



Our Reception Team welcoming parents

Ms. Doris Cheung
Teaching & Assessment Group



Mr. Ali Farman sharing some school life events



Ms. Queenie Liu and Mr. Kevin Tsang interviewing parents

Pick of the Month: Halloween

In recent years, the Students Union has always arranged festival-related activities for students; not only celebrating them, but also aiming to let students enjoy the overall atmosphere.

However, this year's Halloween was close to the exam period. To avoid being affected by activities, we chose to hold it on the 24th of October, hoping to provide a simple channel for students to relax from examinations, while also not disturbing the revision for assessments.

The content was divided into two parts: the Morning Session and the Recess Session.

Jasper Chang (11B)
External Vice President of Students Union



Group photo of Ms. Esther Chan, Mr. Leslie Tam and students



Exchange students and our schoolmates receiving candy while entering the campus



Group Photo of Ms. Jacqueline Kwok and Ms. Rachel Lam with G11 students



Group photo of some participating teachers:
Left to Right: Mr. Harvey Lam, Ms. Rachel Lam, Mr. Leslie Tam and Ms. Jacqueline Kwok

Signature G.T.'s Got Talent: Singing Contest



Teachers performance... as always... as GT



12A Graduates performing with their class teacher Mr. Anslem Kwok

Semi-Finals:

For Semi-Finals, we had a sum of 65 groups of participants. Each unit performed for at most two minutes. All participants gave a high level performance, our audience enjoyed it very much.



12B's class performance



12C's class performance



12D's class performance

This Singing Contest was a success, with the champion belonging to Rainbow Yu from 11B. Congratulations to the winner and we would like to thank our judges: Dr. Ken Cheng, Mr. Thomson Ng, Ms. Queenie Liu, and Ms. Vanessa Gadzieva. With special thanks to Mr. David Chan for organizing the event.

The Singing Contest is one of the regular activities that is held during November-December, for the aim of schoolmates having a chance to perform. The Semi-Finals were held on 29th November, and the Finals were held on 22 December, 2023.



Mr. Richard Yiu singing nicely

Mr. David Chan
Head of Extra-Curricular
Activities



Ms. Rachel performing with her students



Mr. Benny Lai performing with his students creating much amusement and laughter... forever humorous... forever entertaining

Finals:

Going to the Finals, there were 15 groups of participants promoted. Followed by 12 teacher-student group performances and 4 shows from each of the graduates'



Mr. King Lau performing with his students

classes. We also invited a member from the boy band "Match" to be our special guest. All audiences were devoted throughout the contest, which our schoolmates, teachers and alumnus all enjoyed.



Ms. Jacqueline Kowk and Ms. Tracey Ng performing with their students

G.T. Tchoukball Teams: Gave it their Best Shot at Tchoukball Geneva Indoors (TGI)



All students taking a photo with Daniel (Chairman of TGI) after the prize giving ceremony

Our Tchoukball Boys Team made history by winning the titles of both the M12 and M16 champions at the International League of TGI. Also, M14 boys, M14 girls, and M16 got the champion title of the local sports club of TGI. TGI is one of the major tchoukball tournaments in Europe. It was held on the 9th and 10th in December in Geneva, Switzerland. Participating teams came from all around the world, including the host country Switzerland and the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Portugal, Italy, Hungary, and Poland. We represented Hong Kong and were the only Asian representatives in the tournament.

In the M12, a total of 28 teams participated. After being divided into four groups, they competed in a round-robin format. The top two teams with the highest points advanced to the next round of round-robin matches. Our M12 players dominated the competition with an undefeated record of 14 wins, securing the championship title.

In the M16, there were 20 teams, divided into two groups for the round-robin matches. Our M16 team achieved a perfect record in the preliminary rounds, securing a spot in the top four. In the round-robin matches of the top four, although they were defeated 13-15 by the Swiss representative team Geneva Dragons, they still secured a place in the finals with two wins and one loss. In the final match, our G.T. boys faced off against the Geneva Dragons once again. With the coach's tactical adjustments and support, they took an early lead of 4-0 and maintained a strong defense. In the end, they emerged victorious with a score of 19-14, defeating the Geneva Dragons and claiming their first championship title.

Mr. Richard Yiu
Vice Principal



Hooray! M16 getting the champion title, the second is Switzerland team and the third is Germany team.



Congratulations! The Girls Team getting the champion in Geneva local sports club competition



M16 final G.T. Boys playing against Geneva Dragons



M16 celebrating their first title of champion after the referee ended the game



M16 demonstrating high quality team spirit in the final game

Greater Bay Area Science Project Competition: Do It and Do It Well



Seeking an audience with the STEM fanatics



Principal Dr. Tam delivering a welcoming speech.



A group photo of Principal Dr. Tam with Honorary Speakers.

(From left to right: Prof. Ho Lam Hui, Principal Dr. Tam, Prof. Jun Zhang and Mr. Chun Ho Leung)



The Guest of Honour, Prof. Ray Chak Chung Cheung delivering an address in the GBASPC STEM Forum.



The Guest of Honour, Prof. Reynold Chun Kong Cheng delivering an address in the GBASPC Prize-giving Ceremony

The Greater Bay Area Science Project Competition (GBASPC) is a STEM competition initiated by the Gifted Education Council (GEC) and G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College. It aims to connect talented young scientists in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) to exchange their knowledge of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for exploring and developing innovations.

The GBASPC STEM 2023 Forum cum Award Presentation Ceremony was successfully held on 18 November, 2023 in the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park (HKSTP). Principal Dr. TAM gave an opening speech to welcome the audiences. It was our great honour to have Prof. Ray Chak Chung CHEUNG, Associate Provost (Digital Learning) and Professor in Computer Engineering at The City University of Hong Kong and Prof. Reynold Chun Kong CHENG as the Guest of Honour of the STEM forum on behalf of the Presidents of their esteemed universities, Prof. Freddy BOEY and Prof. Xiang ZHANG. There were 180 participants joining the event including 10 finalist teams from Hong Kong, Macau and Guangzhou. This was the first time non-local teams had a physical judging session in Hong Kong. The theme of the STEM forum was “Scientific Innovation in the Age of A.I.”, and it was uniquely focused on bringing together three leading STEM professionals, Prof. Ho Lam HUI from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prof. Jun ZHANG from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Mr. Chun Ho LEUNG from HKSTP to share their insights with audiences. Dr. Christine YU gave the Closing Remarks after the prize-giving session. Our students, Kei Yin NG (10A) and Yilin ZENG (9C) were the MCs, and they played their roles well.

Thank you all for your effort and support in making the event a grand success!

Dr. Christine YU
Assistant Principal



Dr. Christine Yu delivering a closing remark in the GBASPC Prize-Giving Ceremony.

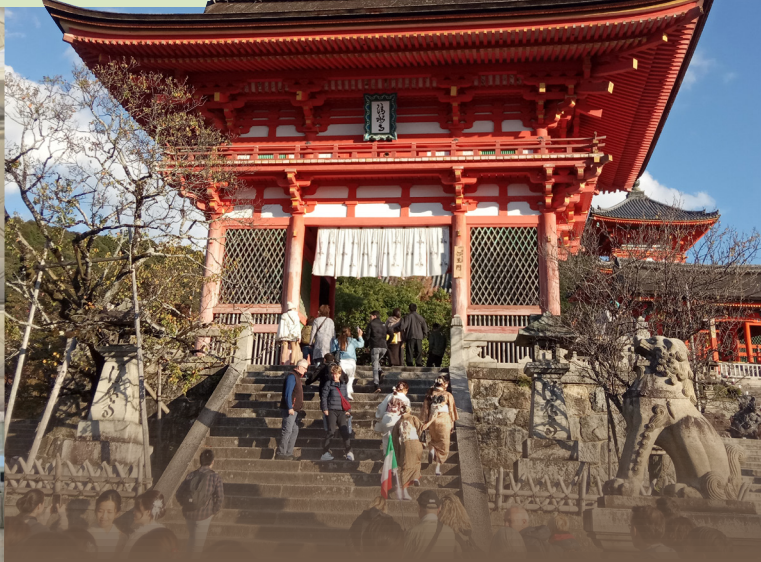


A group photo of the Guest of Honours, Honorary Judges, Principal Dr. Tam and school teachers

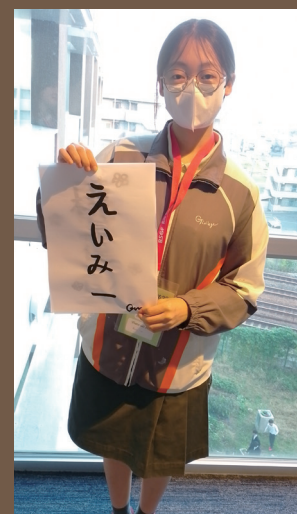
RSGF Sharing in Japan: Learning by Sharing



Students and parents taking a photo before departure at Hong Kong International Airport



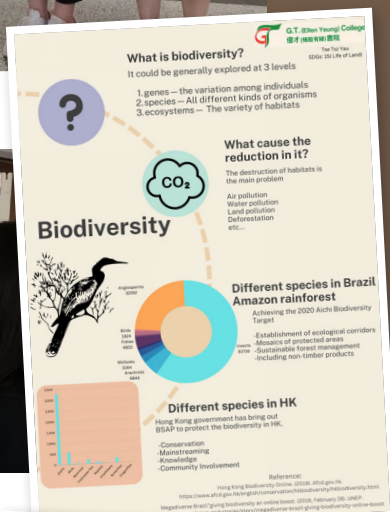
RSGF stands for Rits Super Global Forum. It's an event organized by Ritsumeikan High School in Japan every year to allow students from different places in the world to exchange ideas on a particular theme. This year, the theme is "Diversity and Inclusion." There were 140 students from 16 schools in 12 countries/regions and more than 20 principals and teachers joining this forum. Through poster presentations, topic group discussions, product and design sessions, keynote lectures, seminars by overseas teachers and presentation contests, the students shared their research findings and cooperated with each other to come up with a product design and business plan as a solution to promote the diversity and inclusion on gender, disability, ethnicity, and biodiversity respectively.



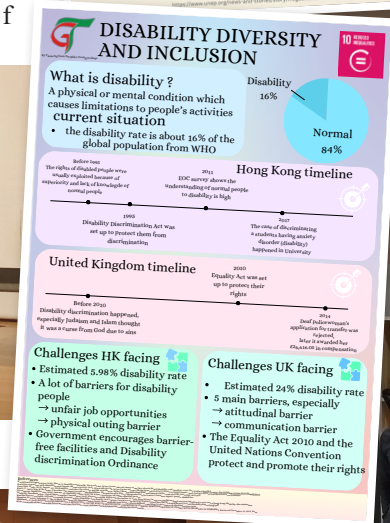
Cultural experience of calligraphy by Amy



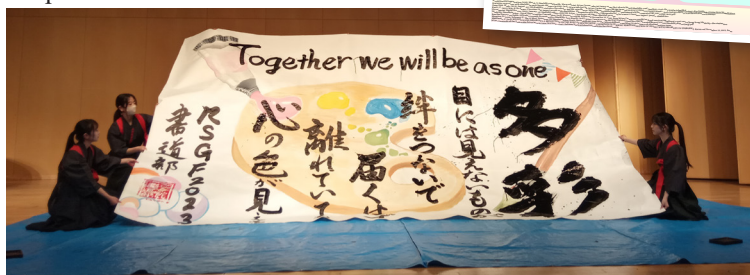
Cassidy presenting her poster on biodiversity to the other students in the atrium of Ritsumeikan High School



Participants being all eyes and all ears on the presentations



Dr. Alex Lee
Department of Science and Mathematics



Cultural performance of calligraphy by the Japanese students from Ritsumeikan High School



Students sharing the cultural experience of Kendo (traditional Japanese martial art) in the arena of Ritsumeikan High School

Adventure Experimental Activity: Learning by Taking Challenges



Students eagerly preparing for the climbing experience

An invigorating adventurous and experimental activity unfolded, captivating the senses and igniting the spirit of adventure for 12 students on 21 October, 2023. This thrilling event, which included top rope climbing and abseiling, provided an exhilarating opportunity for our students to engage in daring physical pursuits, and our students displayed their courage and resilience as they descended down sheer walls using ropes and harnesses.

The event fostered a sense of teamwork, and enhanced friendship among the participants as they encouraged and supported one another throughout the challenges they encountered. This adventure-filled day allowed our students to push their boundaries, develop new skills and create fond memories that will inspire their future endeavors.

Mr. Jerwa Ip
Assistant Principal

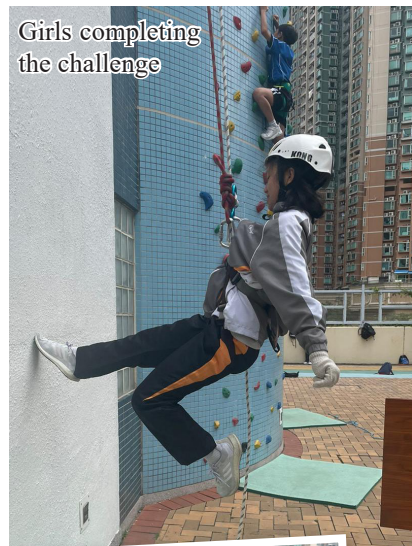
Ms. Jacqueline Kwok
Chemistry and Integrated Science Teacher



Students doing warm-up exercises



Students attentively listening to instructions



Girls completing the challenge



A student taking the first step forward

"Accompany You to Grow—China Merchants" Inauguration Event

On the afternoon of September 23, the launch ceremony of the 2023-2024 "Accompany You to Grow—China Merchants" was held in Hong Kong. 500 teachers, students, and parent representatives from 45 schools in Hong Kong, and 30 representatives of young employees of China Merchants gathered together to launch the new year's project. The goal of this program is to walk with Hong Kong society, and to demonstrate the unshrinkable responsibilities and commitments of China's state-owned enterprises to Hong Kong citizens. The program can better help the development of Hong Kong's youth, and achieve stability and long-term development under "One Country, Two Systems" schemes.

Ten G.T. College Students and Assistant Principal Mr. Jerwa Ip representing Principal Dr. Tam attended the ceremony. Mr. Jerwa

Ip presented a Pennant from G.T. College as a token of appreciation to the Executive Vice President of China Merchant Hong Kong Mr. Li Baian. While WONG Ching Yuen David (10A) represented G.T. Students to receive a total of \$100,000 in scholarships awarded to our utmost outstanding Grade 9 and 10 students.



Assistant Principal Mr. Jerwa Ip presenting the Pennant to Mr. Li Baian, Executive Vice President China Merchant, Hong Kong

Both teachers and students at our school felt honored to participate in the "Accompany You to Grow—China Merchants" program, and hope that students can develop their personal strengths and broaden their horizons in the program.

Mr. Jerwa Ip
Assistant Principal &
Mr. Lawrence Cheng
Vice Head of Moral Education Group

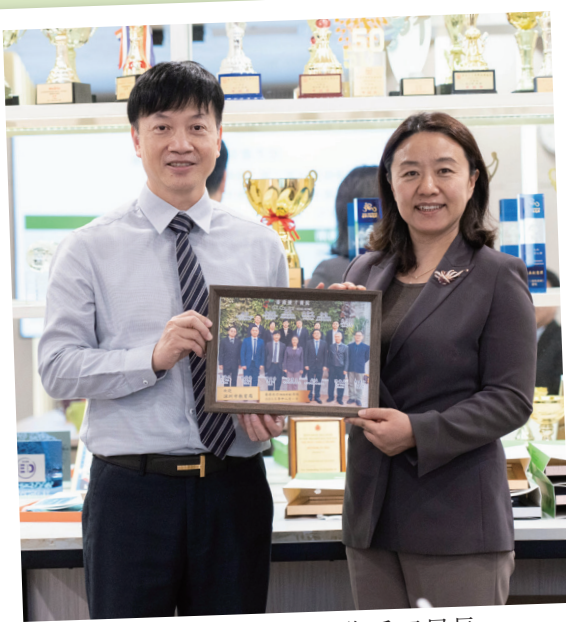


A Group photo with Assistant Principal Mr. Jerwa Ip, Miss Alice Chan, and Mr. Lawrence Cheng with all ten scholarship recipients at the end of the ceremony



David Wong Ching Yuen (10A) representing G.T. College receiving the 100,000 scholarship award from Mr. Zhong Guodong, Director of China Merchant Hong Kong

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調研團參觀選修日課程 1



調研團參觀選修日課程 2

2023 年 12 月 1 日 (星期五)，深圳市教育局鄭秀玉局長率領一眾教育局官員及基礎教育調研團隊蒞臨優才書院進行調研交流訪問。

調研團隊當日除進行觀課，更參觀選修課 (Elective Day) 及運動星期五 (Sports Friday) 兩項資優課程，並與優才學生進行親切交談。在總結階段，調研團成員們紛紛表示被校園內的熱烈氛圍感染，尤其欣賞優才學生展現出來的自信和才能，以及小小校園卻能進行眾多的體育活動。認為優才書院「喜悅」與「卓越」並重的教學理念踐行得十分成功！

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