

# G.T. Newsletter

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

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## Principal's Talk



Dr. Raymond TAM  
Principal

To mold well-rounded and worldly students, we need to consider what influences, aside from academics, that they are exposed to in their daily lives. Considering events and activities outside the classroom is paramount to students' development.

Opportunities to help out in the community are excellent opportunities to aid in student growth. This year, G.T. students who took part in G.T. Green Week had the opportunity to create game booths and perform music that promoted environmentally-friendly practices and educated those in attendance about carbon emissions. Meanwhile, the Statistics Talk, held recently by Ms. Mandy Law, was an excellent opportunity for students to gain a greater understanding of the society and job market they'll be entering into upon completion of their studies. Furthermore, the Mainland Study Tour was an enriching experience for students and an educational look into various facets of daily and corporate life in greater China. Though education gained from the classroom is of the utmost importance, stepping outside of it is the surest way for students to expand their horizons and grow into well-rounded adults.

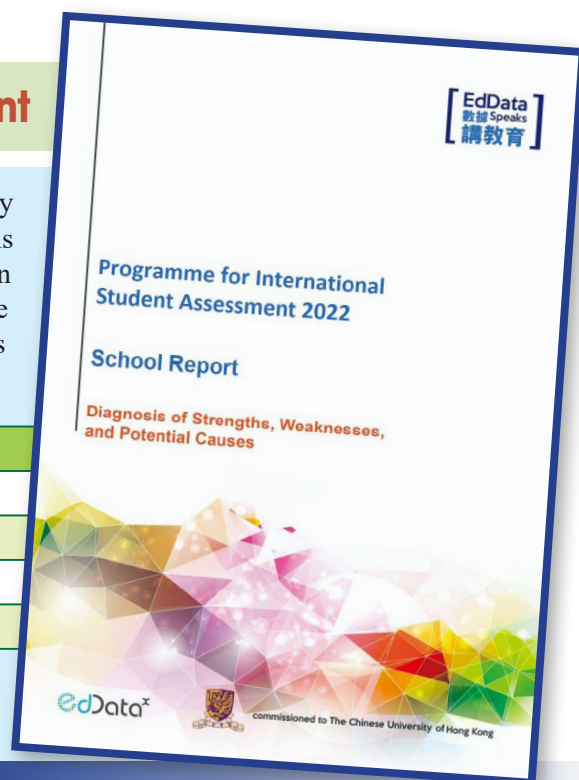
At G.T. College, we greatly value not only the academic development of students, but also the personal and emotional development as well. We're thrilled to see students having more and more opportunities to grow not just as students, but as thoughtful members of society.

## The Programme for International Student Assessment

The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) was organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and is conducted triennially. On 15 June 2022, fifty of our G10 students participated in PISA 2022. The results for our school were released in late February 2024. We are glad that our students did far better than the Hong Kong average as well as the world's top country average—Singapore.

	GT	HK Average	World Top Average
Mathematics	638	540	575 (Singapore)
Reading	573	500	543 (Singapore)
Science	599	520	561 (Singapore)
Average	603	520	560

Ms. Candy To  
Vice Head of Teaching and Assessment Group (Local & Internal)



## G.T. students learning by doing ...





## G.T. Family Photo



It is hard to expect time to freeze and take pleasure in the moment, but GT always creates ways to live up to expectations. This Chinese Lunar New Year was welcomed by taking a family photo as a greeting for all the parents to enjoy. It may just be a still image to most of you, but to G.T. teachers and students it is a memory and shared experience. The Multimedia Group arranged this photo with a lot of planning on 31 January 2024, such as lining up students in a particular way with certain students wearing school jackets. Even though it was not easy to capture about 700 people in a single frame, GT succeeded through team effort.

It was very touching to see everyone standing together despite the cloudy weather and assisting one another. Some of the students had forgotten their jackets, and hearing the words “Here, you can have mine!” from their schoolmates showcased the love and unity of G.T. College. At one point, Principal Dr. Tam requested to the photographer: “Please make sure the picture of my staff and students is as clear as possible.” Truly, these still images have created long lasting memories and emotions for all of us. This is why the G.T. team spirit is very essential as it drives us to succeed.

Mr. T. Y. & Mr. Farman Ali  
Multimedia Group



Prof. Rex Li and Principal Dr. Tam celebrating Dr. Paul Lip's PhD achievement



Mr. Leo Tsui, and Dr. Clara Cheng congratulating Dr. Paul Lip



## Second Parents' Day



Senior Consultant, Mr. Paul Chan, speaking with parents



Vice-Principal, Mr. Benny Lai, interviewing parents

Our 2023-24 Term Two Parents' Day was successfully held on 20 April 2024. It was the second time for class teachers to meet parents. We were so glad to see many familiar faces again. Parents could know how their children have been improving throughout these two terms. Other than discussing how students can improve, parents and class



Mr. Huntley Tam chatting with parents

teachers never forgot to point out that praise works. Some parents were so surprised to know their children were so mature at school. Outside the classroom, 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 precious moment for parents and teachers.

Ms. Doris Cheung  
Teaching and Assessment Group

## Thank You! My G.T. Family

A dream come true. 11 years ago, when I first stepped into GT and received teacher training, I was exposed to gifted education literature written by Professor Howard Gardner on multiple intelligences. As I started to teach at GT, I started to realise how special GT is. It is a special secondary school for the gifted and talented and founded by Prof. Rex Li, who is a prominent pioneer and distinguished scholar in gifted education. Prof Li's prestigious book *A Theory of Conceptual Intelligence* is a world classic in gifted education. When Prof. Li interviewed me after checking my research background, he asked me if I was interested in pursuing a doctoral degree at GT. He read my mind, and I thankfully accepted. Looking back at my 10-year enduring struggle of completing my PhD studies, I would like to sincerely thank Prof. Li, Principal Dr. Tam, related class teachers, and the G.T. family for their unconditional love and support. Now, it is time for me to give back to GT.

Dr. Paul Lip  
English Language Teacher



Assistant Principal, Mr. Leo Tsui, interviewing parents



Class teachers, Dr. Vincent Tam and Ms. Gill Rajwinder, listening to parents' sharing



# MISNET(Hong Kong) Reading Club Meeting & G.T. Staff Development



The MISNET members posing for the meet-up

On 26 April 2024, G.T. College hosted the annual MISNET (Multiple Intelligences Schools Network) Reading Club meeting aiming to enhance the knowledge and professional growth of its MISNET members. The meeting featured three topics of interest: AI, STEM, and Values of Future Schools by Professor Benny Hon, Principal Ho Tik Shun, and Professor Rex Li respectively.

G.T. College also hosted a staff development session aiming at enhancing the knowledge and professional growth of its staff members on the same day.



Mr. Benny Lai

Dr. Tam Woon Ling

## The Global MISNET: A Hybrid Meeting in Thailand for Future Collaboration



The MISNET members giving a thumbs-up to the G-MISNET meeting

Thailand played host to the G-MISNET (Global Multiple Intelligences Schools Network) as it held a significant hybrid meeting on 10 May 2024. The purpose of the meeting was twofold: to unveil the latest publication of *Research MI* and to facilitate dynamic discussions on the research and promotion of multiple intelligences (MI). Attendees hailing from Hong Kong, Thailand, and India converged to partake in the event.

The Global MISNET has emerged as a pivotal platform for sharing research on multiple intelligences and promoting collaboration



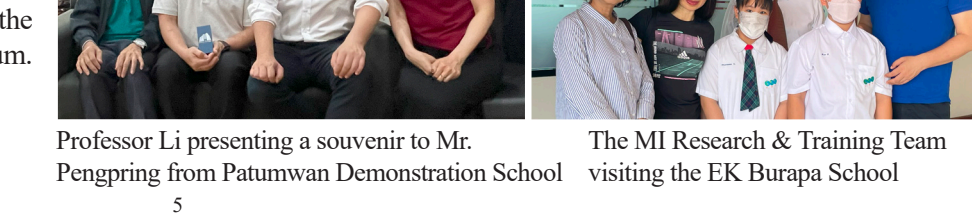
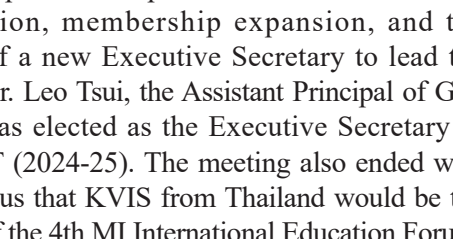
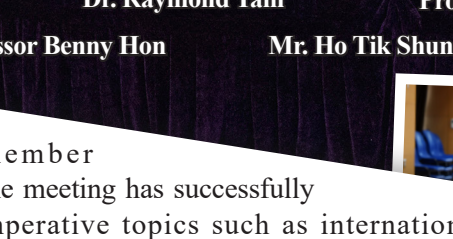
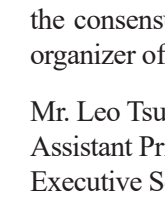
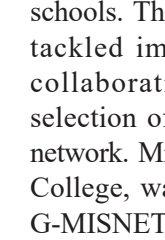


The MISNET speakers and guests holding their souvenirs for a group photo

Professor Benny Hon discussed the potential benefits and challenges associated with integrating AI into the learning process. Principal Ho Tik Shun from the Chinese Foundation Secondary School shared his insights into STEM student projects. Professor Rex Li, being the last speaker of the day, focused on values and future learning. He explored the evolving landscape of education and the role of values in shaping future schools.

The sharing provided an enriching platform for the staff members of G.T. College to engage in meaningful discussions and expand their knowledge in the areas of AI, STEM education, and value-driven schooling.

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



Mr. Leo Tsui

Dr. Raymond Tam

Professor Rex Li

Mr. Paul Chan

Mr. Kitty Yung

Dr. Clara Cheng

Mr. Jan

Professor Benny Hon

Mr. Ho Tik Shun

Mr. David Chan

among member schools. The meeting has successfully tackled imperative topics such as international collaboration, membership expansion, and the selection of a new Executive Secretary to lead the network. Mr. Leo Tsui, the Assistant Principal of G.T. College, was elected as the Executive Secretary of G-MISNET (2024-25). The meeting also ended with the consensus that KVIS from Thailand would be the organizer of the 4th MI International Education Forum.

Mr. Leo Tsui  
Assistant Principal  
Executive Secretary for G-MISNET



Professor Li presenting a souvenir to Mr. Pengpring from Patumwan Demonstration School

The MI Research & Training Team visiting the EK Burapa School



# The Outstanding Results in the 41st HKMO



Bryan Leung (10A), Sanders Kwok (10D), Nathan Ching (10D), Egan Wong (11D) preparing to join the final round with Mr. Yushan Yao



Students preparing to join the preliminary competition



Our GT students looking forward to the competition

The Hong Kong Mathematical Olympiad Preliminary Round was held in February 2024 and our school consisted of a strong team including Bryan Leung (10A), Sanders Kwok (10D), Nathan Ching (10D), Cyrus Hong (10D), Egan Wong (11D) and Bernice Chan (11D). They qualified for the final round which was held in April due to their outstanding performance. The final round was held at the Hong Kong Education University and four students joined the competition. The competition was divided into a team part and a solo part. They were required to solve different types of questions independently or in discussion. They received the merit prize in the final round.

Mr. Yushan Yao  
Mathematics Group



Students who joined the preliminary competition taking a photo with Mr. Alex O and Mr. Anthony Lee

## The Hong Kong Mathematical High Achievers Selection Contest 2024



Awardees with Math Olympiad teachers, Mr. Alex O, Dr. June Luo, and Mr. Yushan Yao

The 2024 Hong Kong Mathematical High Achievers Selection Contest was held in January 2024. The competition aims to select top students with math talent from Junior forms. This time our school generated a strong team including Marco Yeung (9A), Paris Liu (9A), and Alvin Sin (9B) to join the competition. Due to their outstanding performance (which included two second prizes and one third prize), for the first time ever our school has achieved the group merit prize. The prize is awarded to schools that have individuals in the top 20 students among over 200 participants from Hong Kong. This prize proves the students' amazing talent and the great math training provided by our school. Congratulations to these students for what they have achieved and for representing the school!

Mr. Yushan Yao  
Mathematics Group



Students gathering outside the competition venue



# Hong Kong Young Writers Awards 2024



Athena Lam (11B) being awarded "Shortlisted"



Isaak Chiu (9D) being awarded "Shortlisted"

Hong Kong Young Writers Awards is a very prestigious annual competition in Hong Kong which allows young writers to showcase their talents and creativity. This year's theme was Chinese Inventions, where students were invited to write prose, poetry, or non-fiction in celebration of famous Chinese inventions. It is a fiercely competitive competition, with over 1400 entrants competing for places. This year seven of our students earned an achievement: Arnold Tam (11B) came first place in the Creative Writing Poetry category; Athena Lam (11B) and Isaak Chiu (9D) were shortlisted in the Creative Writing Fiction category and Jesse Ma (11C), Brice Kay (11C), Elyn Zeng (9C), and Ellie Tai (9E) received honourable mentions.



Arnold Tam (11B) receiving his award

Student	Category	Award
Arnold Tam (11B)	Creative Writing Poetry Grades 11-12	Winner
Athena Lam (11B)	Creative Writing Fiction Grades 10-11	Shortlisted
Isaak Chiu (9D)	Creative Writing Fiction Grades 7-9	Shortlisted
Jesse Ma (11C)	Creative Writing Fiction Grades 10-11	Honourable Mention
Brice Kay (11C)	Creative Writing Fiction Grades 10-11	Honourable Mention
Elyn Zeng (9C)	Creative Writing Non-fiction Grades 7-9	Honourable Mention
Ellie Tai (9E)	Creative Writing Non-fiction Grades 7-9	Honourable Mention

Mr. Danny Sorby & Dr. Paul Lip  
English Department

## G.T. Dance Contest

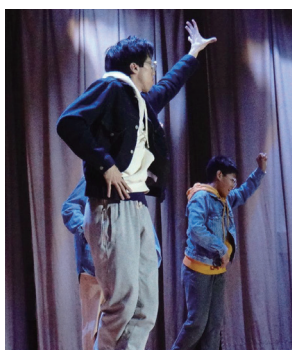
G.T. Dance Contest has finally come to an end. From 22 groups of participants in the semi-finals to six groups of finals contestants, they all deserve our respect and admiration for their blood, sweat, and tears throughout the process.

Our contestants brought out different high-quality performances, comprising of particular genres like K-Pop and Modern Dance. Audiences were thrilled and devoted their attention to the show in both the semi-finals and the finals, especially when groups with teachers stormed the stage.

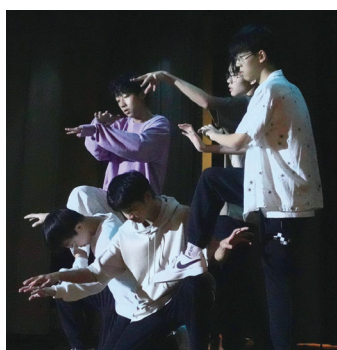
We are over the moon to report that the event was an overall success, and we would like to thank all the teachers who worked and helped out for the whole contest, including but not limited to our judges and organisers: Ms. Jacqueline Kwok, Ms. Cherry Kao, Mr. David Chan, and Ms. Sabrina Chan.

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

Photo of a 5-girl group synchronized in dance, radiating their energy



Mr. TY Wong performing his show



A 5-boys group applying themselves, unleashing raw energy onstage



A duo group performing modern dance, a fusion of style and expression



## Statistics Talk

The Statistics Talk was successfully held in March. We were glad to invite Ms. Mandy Law, who is the research manager of the Census and Statistics Department in Hong Kong to share her experience at G.T.

Mandy provided a comprehensive overview of statistics and its significance in various domains, such as science and social science. She analysed some of the information from the Census and Statistics Department, such as different types of statistics products and the relationship between the unemployment rate and education level, which enhances students' understanding of statistical ideas.

Moreover, that day was the last assembly for Grade 12 students and they were very enthusiastic to answer questions. At the same time, they also asked many interesting questions and the interaction was very good. Overall the introduction to statistics talk was an enriching experience.

Dr. June Luo

Assistant Panel Head of Mathematics



G.T. Students being all eyes and all ears on the sharing about statistical ideas



Principal Dr. Tam presenting Ms. Mandy Law with a token of appreciation



Students interacting with the speaker Ms. Mandy Law

## G.T. Green Week



Mr. Tse from EcoTravel giving a talk about sustainable development in the assembly

The G.T. Green Committee organized a successful event called G.T. Green Week 2024 at G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College from 5-8 February 2024. The activities received massive support from teachers and schoolmates, including three game booths, exhibitions, and sharing sessions about carbon emissions and sustainable development, all aimed at raising students' environmental awareness. In collaboration with G.T. Music Society, a new game booth called "Green Music" was organized, combining the idea of music and green action. Glass bottles collected from students were reused to make musical instruments. The event also featured a wonderful sharing session about eco-tourism by Mr. Derek Tse from Econ Travel Limited. Once again, we appreciate the active participation from our fellow schoolmates and we hope everyone will look forward to our upcoming events.

Mr. Leslie Tam

Head of Environmental Education  
Isaac Lai (10A)



A group photo of the members of the Green Committee and the Music Society



Students playing at the booth about carbon emission



Students playing at the booth about sustainable development



# Official Launch of The Zero Plastic League (ZPL) Organizing Committee



A group photo of ZPL Organizing Committee in an inauguration ceremony



ZPL former team leader, Liu Ka Kiu, Belovffy (12A) hosting the event and giving a speech before handing her role to the successor.



ZPL former team leader, Ng Wing Hang, Anson (10A) giving a speech before handing his role to the successor

It is my great honour and pleasure to announce that Zero Plastic League (ZPL) Organizing Committee was officially launched on 5 February 2024 which marked a new milestone since its first initiation on 7 June 2022. We greatly appreciate the support from:

**Prof. Rex Li and Principal Dr. Tam to be Honorary Advisors;**

Prof. Kar-hei Fang from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Dr. Christelle Not from The University of Hong Kong and Dr. Smriti Safaya, The University of York to be Advisors;

**Dr. Christine Yu, Founder and Chairman;**

Dr. Vincent Tam, Vice Chairman;

**Mr. David Chan, Activities Director;**

Ms. Daisy Yung, Art Director to be in the Executive Committee;

**With 8 ZPL members becoming founding members, Chu Yik Long, Adrian (10A) and Luo Yi, Elly (10A) to be ZPL team leaders.**

In addition, there are 22 G7 – G10 students joining as members in the Organizing Committee. With more advisors and members joining us, ZPL will explore diverse opportunities to engage more young people to protect the environment.

Dr. Christine Yu  
Founder and Chairman of ZPL



ZPL new team leader, Chu Yik Long (10A), Adrian giving a speech

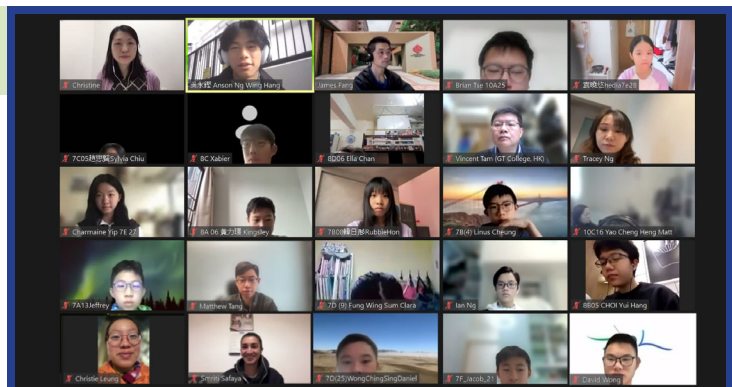


ZPL new team leader, Luo Yi, Elly (10A) giving a speech

## ZPL Webinar on Plastic Pollution

Zero Plastic League (ZPL) organized a webinar with the theme “Microplastics: Research and Public Engagement” on 13 January 2024. The webinar aimed to provide students with insights about recent advances in research on microplastics and current efforts to encourage public actions. In the webinar, Prof. FANG Kar-Hei from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University shared his research findings about the impact of microplastics on the growth and behaviour of the horseshoe crab; Dr. Smriti Safaya, Educator & Researcher from the University of York shared her insights into the Youth Participatory Action Research about how to encourage action and reduce the value-action gap; ZPL members shared different perspectives on plastic pollution including the engineering of biosensors for microplastics detection and survey findings about public perception on the issue. There were 250 participants from GT including teachers and G7 to G11 students joining the event. Thank you for your support!

Dr. Christine Yu  
Assistant Principal



A group photo of parts of participants in the webinar



Dr. Smriti Safaya sharing about how to engage young people to take action



Prof. Fang sharing his research findings





RTHK video production team preparing to film the episode



ZPL students conducting an experiment to extract microplastics from mussels (From right to left: Belovffy Liu [12A], Anson Ng [10A], David Wong [10A], Adrian Chu [10A], Prof. Fang and Dr. Ho)



ZPL students being interviewed by RTHK about their perspectives on microplastics

## RTHK Episode on Microplastics



A group photo of the ZPL team and the EPD team

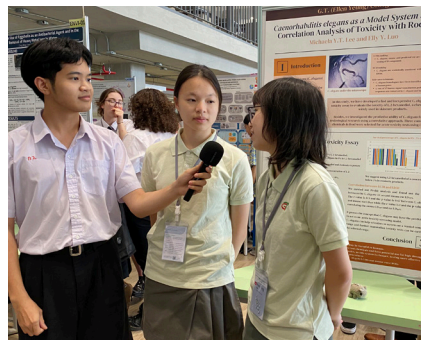
Zero Plastic League (ZPL) was honoured to be invited by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), HKSAR to take part in the RTHK episode about microplastics which is one of the main themes of the Youth Development Blueprint. The video shooting was held on 24 January 2024 at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Four ZPL students, Belovffy Liu (12A), Anson Ng (10A), Adrian Chu (10A) and David Wong (10A) participated in the event. During the film shooting, students were conducting microplastic baseline survey experiments to assess the microplastics abundance in mussels under the supervision of Prof. Fang Kar-Hei from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Students were then interviewed by RTHK on their perspectives over the impact of microplastics. The recorded episode will be released in April or May. Please stay tuned.

Dr. Christine Yu  
Assistant Principal

## The 7th KVIS Invitational Science Fair



Luo Yi (10A) and Lee Yuen Ting (11A) being awarded “Honourable Mention in Best of Project Award” in Biology



Luo Yi (10A) and Lee Yuen Ting (11A) were interviewed by KVIS production team in the poster presentation session



A group photo of Luo Yi (10A), Lee Yuen Ting (11A) and project supervising teacher, Dr. Christine Yu

The 7th KVIS Invitational Science Fair organized by Kamnoetvidya Science Academy (KVIS) was held from 29 January to 3 February 2024. This annual event highlighted students’ research projects from local and overseas partner schools, besides providing opportunities for the students to be engaged in scientific activities with their peers.

Our students Lee Yuen Ting (11A) and Luo Yi (10A) were awarded “Honourable Mention for Best of Project Award” in Biology. The research project entitled “*Caenorhabditis elegans* as model system and its correlation analysis of toxicity with rodents” provided insights into the potential use of *C. elegans* in the chemical toxicity test.

Dr. Christine Yu  
Assistant Principal



Luo Yi (10A) and Lee Yuen Ting (11A) giving a presentation in the project presentation session



# Mainland Study Tour to Shenzhen



G.T. students conducting a Biology lesson for Shenzhen students



Dialogue with a young entrepreneur in BEEPLUS Technology ( 蜜蜂科技 )



Group photo in Tencent Holdings Ltd

Our study tour to mainland China was an enriching and eye-opening experience for the G10 students. We had the opportunity to visit various prominent institutions and learn about their contributions to the development of China.

Our first stop was Qianhai, we were impressed by the zone's modern infrastructure and its focus on financial services, logistics, information services, and other industries. We learned about the advantages and policies that encourage collaboration between Shenzhen and Hong Kong businesses.

At BEEPLUS Technology, a renowned startup incubator, we witnessed the entrepreneurial spirit and innovation thriving in Shenzhen. We were introduced to some of the most promising startups and their groundbreaking ideas.

Our study tour also included an exchange program with students from Overseas Chinese Town Middle School. The visit provided valuable insights into the Chinese education system and the emphasis placed on holistic development. We were impressed by the dedication of the teachers and the enthusiasm of the students.

Our next visit took us to Tencent Holdings Ltd., one of the world's leading technology companies. We were given a comprehensive tour of their facilities and learned about their innovative products and services.

The study tour to mainland China was a memorable and educational experience and we look forward to applying the knowledge and insights gained during this experience in our future endeavors.



G.T. students having an astronomy lesson in Overseas Chinese Town Middle School ( 南山外國語學校 (集團) 華僑城中學 )



Understanding the policies in Qianhai Shengang Dream Workshop ( 前海深港青年夢工場 )



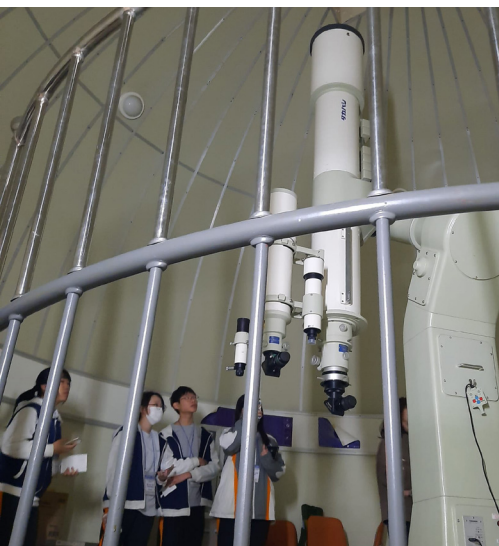
Guided tour in Shenzhen Urban Planning Exhibition Hall ( 深圳市當代藝術與城市規劃館 )

Ms. Winnie Au  
Panel Head of Citizenship and Social Development (CSD),  
Vice Head of International Exchange (China)



Group photo in Nantou Ancient City ( 南頭古城 )





G.T. students being truly amazed by the giant telescope of KSA



Mr. Farman and G.T. students attending the Korean Cultural Workshop

G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College has always placed emphasis on social development and cultural exposure for our students apart from academics. Hence, the G.T. International Exchange Department offers great opportunities and programs to achieve this holistic approach.

Recently nine of our G.T. students went to the Korea Science Academy of KAIST (KSA) from 22-28 March 2024 with their chaperone teacher, Mr. Farman. The KSA School is one of the prestigious schools in South Korea and offers tremendously innovative research-oriented education. Our students not only enjoyed the learning during the lessons, but were also amazed by the practical experiments in science lessons. Apart from learning, our students spent plenty of time with their buddies and visited some sites to understand Korean culture. The students had the luxury to visit Haedong Yonggung Temple, Gamcheon Culture Village, and Gukje market. They had plenty of fun at Skyline Luge(go-kart) riding small cars and attending the Korean culture workshop. G.T. students really gained plenty of friendship and treasured what this trip had to offer.

Mr. Farman Ali  
International Exchange Department



G.T. students receiving a certificate of participation from KSA Vice Principal



G.T. students with their buddies enjoying free time at Gamcheon Cultural Village



KSA teachers giving a tour of the physics lab to G.T. students



G.T. students in action for an early morning Taekwondo lesson



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