

# G.T. Newsletter

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## Principal's Talk



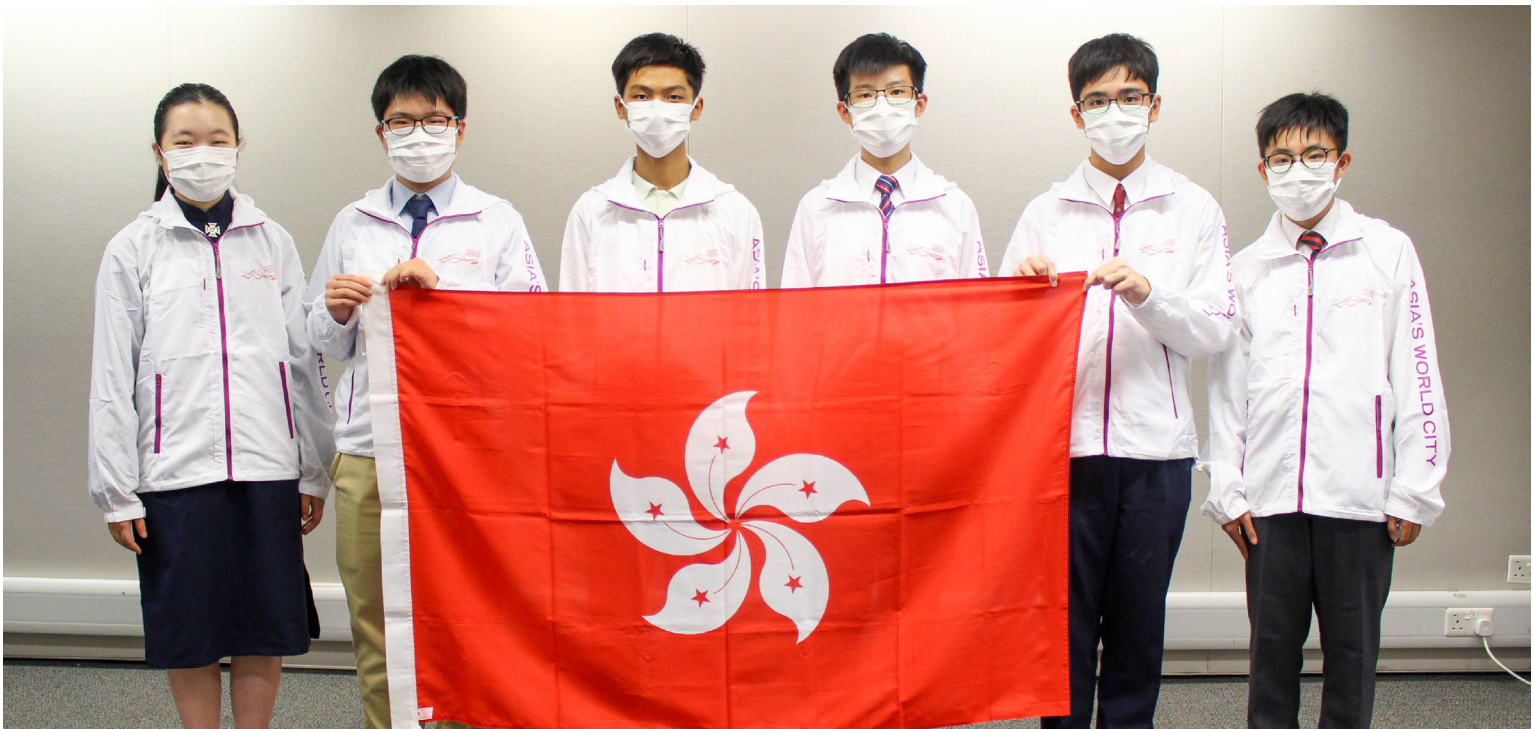
Dr. Raymond TAM  
Principal

"Have great hopes and dare to go all out for them. Have great dreams and dare to live them. Have tremendous expectations and believe in them." – Norman Vincent Peale, author of *The Power of Positive Thinking* (1952)

"Dare to" is the spirit of G.T. College in taking on the challenges presented by the pandemic for three years in a row. Being virtual is undoubtedly different from being physical. Yet, we dared to carry on normalcy – daring to upgrade all hardware and software to support teaching and learning, daring to quickly adjust our timetables and calendars to accommodate all the sudden changes, daring to work out all the details to conduct online assessments with integrity and validity, daring to run the Spiritual and Learning Support, and group projects for our students to make their learning meaningful, daring to continue to participate in various local and international competitions and exchanges.

All in all, we are student-centered. Through a whole-child approach, we take the time to connect with students both in group and individual settings, maintaining the strong relationships and bonds that we have built throughout the year. Thanks to students, parents, and colleagues, whose support and dedication have been indispensable in making our program remain strong and on track, and have allowed all our students, regardless of being virtual or face-to-face, to finish the year with the skills to move on to the next level. I am delighted to meet you face-to-face in one space again.

## 18th International Junior Science Olympiad 2021



Wong Chun Lam (the 3rd from left) achieving a SILVER medal in the 18th IJSO 2021

Our student, Wong Chun Lam (10A), represented Hong Kong to participate in the 18th International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) from 12 to 21 December 2021 and achieved a SILVER medal.

All the students' achievements were recognised in a press release of the Education Bureau.

Congratulations on the incredible success of Chun Lam and all the awardees!

Dr. Christine Yu  
Assistant Principal  
Department Head of Science & Mathematics





## No. 2 in World Top 50 Musicians Award 2021-2022

Kan Yuet (11A) has won numerous awards in different international music competitions. We are glad to announce that she achieved the second place in the World Top 50 Musicians Award 2021-2022 presented by London Young Musician in April 2022. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Kan Yuet and hope that she will have an extraordinary musical path.

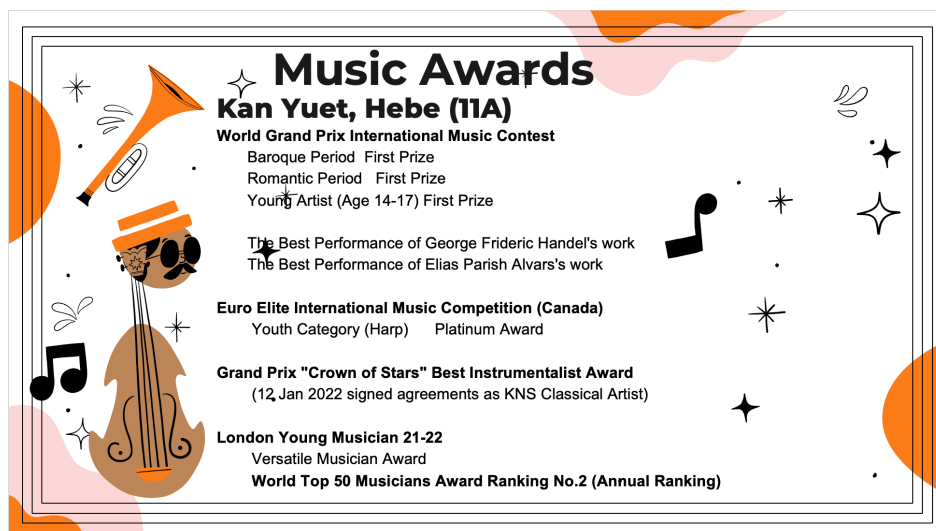
Ms. Queenie Liu  
Music Panel Head



World Top 50 Musicians Award presented by London Young Musician



Kan Yuet (11A) – No. 2 in the World Top 50 Musicians Award 2021-2022



Kan Yuet (11A) achieving excellence in various international music awards

I am very grateful for the opportunity to participate in competitions, given the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many competitions worldwide have been cancelled due to the pandemic, and I feel lucky that I can still enter competitions and gain more experience from them. Although most competitions are now hosted online, I am motivated to improve and share my music with other musicians across the globe. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizers, my teacher, and my parents, who have supported me throughout this journey and encouraged me to continue pursuing my dreams.

Kan Yuet (11A)



## 2021 Greater Bay Area International Youth Sustainability Debate Competition

Two Grade 9 students, Ashton Chow and Jerry Chong, participated in the 2021 Greater Bay Area International Youth Sustainability Debate Competition. They competed with over 2500 students from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau, and were awarded Quarter Finalists at the Secondary Division.

The competition aimed at promoting exchange between youths in the Greater Bay Area regarding education, culture, and sustainable development. Participants could also learn to develop international perspectives through debates about global issues.

Mr. Philip Kwan, Dr. Judy Wei and Mr. Thomson Ng  
Leadership Training Programme



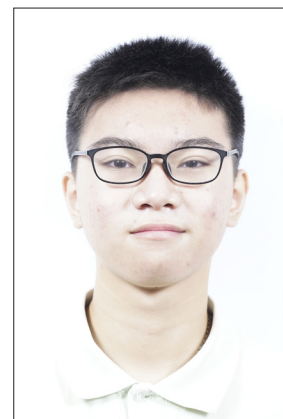
Judging Panel for the Greater Bay Area Debate Competition



One of the outstanding students from the Greater Bay Area



Ashton Chow (9B)

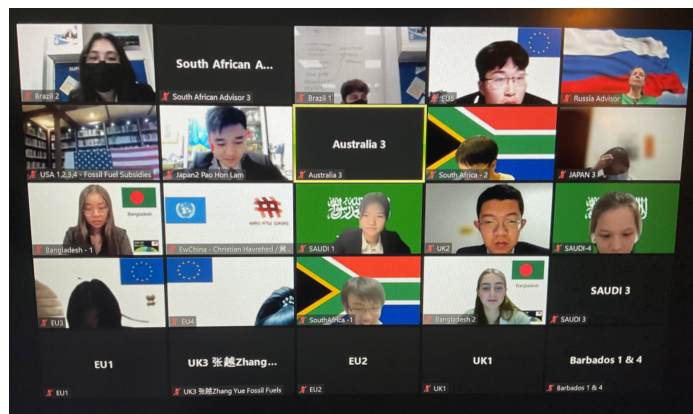


Jerry Chong (9B)

## Model United Nations Climate Change Forum

On January 28<sup>th</sup> 2022, G11 students Jaison, Jessie, Chuck, Sophie, Gabriel, Sian, Alvin, and Heison participated in the Model United Nations Climate Change Forum. G.T. College was the only school which represented Hong Kong to attend the forum, together with 16 other schools worldwide including Macau, China, Japan, Ireland, Australia, and the UK. In the forum, students presented their analysis of climate change on behalf of another nation, not their own country. G.T. College represented South Africa with others representing China, the USA, India, Russia, Japan, the European Union, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the UK, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Norway, and Australia. Our students put a lot of effort into this meaningful event and actively participated in the forum.

Mr. Jerwa Ip, Mr. David Chan, Ms. Winnie Au, Dr. Norman Cheung  
Department of Humanities and Liberal Studies



G.T. College, the only school from Hong Kong, representing South Africa in the forum



Revising the PPT about vulnerable communities in South Africa



Preparing the introduction for the forum



Rehearsing the topic "Is coal a kind of sustainable energy?"



# International Biology Olympiad - Hong Kong Contest 2021

## International Biology Olympiad – Hong Kong Contest 2021 Prize-giving Ceremony 國際生物奧林匹克－香港區比賽2021 頒獎典禮

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Silver and Bronze medal awardees and guiding teacher attending IBO-HKC 2021 Prize-giving Ceremony on 13 December 2021. (From left to right: Leung Gabriel, Chan Cheuk Hei, Lee Chak Hei, Lo Yuet Hei and Dr. Christine Yu)

Our school achieved remarkable results in the International Biology Olympiad – Hong Kong Contest 2021: LEUNG Gabriel (11A) was awarded a SILVER; LEE Chak Hei (12A), LO Yuet Hei (10A) and CHAN Cheuk Hei (11A) were awarded a BRONZE; WONG Chun Hei (11A) and WONG Chun Lam (10A) were awarded a HONOURABLE MENTION. Our school won the Best Schools Award. The SILVER medal and BRONZE medal awardees are eligible to participate in the Student Training Course for International Biology Olympiad 2022 (Phase I). Congratulations to all awardees!

Dr. Christine Yu

Assistant Principal

Department Head of Science & Mathematics



All IBO-HKC 2021 awardees

(From left to right: Wong Chun Hei, Wong Chun Lam, Lo Yuet Hei, Leung Gabriel, Lee Chak Hei and Chan Cheuk Hei)



# The 24th Moral and Civic Education Award Scheme

Our school's G8 Leadership Training Programme was one of the 14 secondary school programmes in Hong Kong that won the 24th Moral and Civic Education Award Scheme, co-organized by Yan Chai Hospital and the Education Bureau.

Since 2020, our G8 Leadership Training Programme has been revamped to include new learning elements such as leadership principles, communication skills training, civic education, and Constitution and Basic Law education.

The scheme aims at reinforcing character building of students and enhancing their sense of civic responsibility. It also seeks to develop students' moral sense and civic awareness at various levels, ranging from family, society, country to universal values. Each successful proposal will be awarded an activity grant of \$5,000.

Mr. Philip Kwan, Dr. Judy Wei and Mr. Thomson Ng  
Leadership Training Programme



Mr. Leung Pak-wai Ashley, Principal Education Officer (Curriculum Development) of Education Bureau, presenting the award to our teachers



14 secondary schools in Hong Kong getting awards which recognise their contributions in promoting moral and civic education

## Music For Hope (Volunteer Service)



Experiencing giving guidance by sound

Music For Hope (樂奏希望) was a volunteer service held from September to December in 2021. Some G8 and G10 students attended the group training for volunteers which included: activities to experience the abilities and needs of those who are visually impaired or children with special needs, playing music activities and building coordination skills through leading games.

At the end, the students designed suitable activities to disseminate useful information and encouraged children in their pursuit of happiness and hope. Although the service day was originally scheduled to be held in January 2022, it had to be postponed due to the epidemic. It is hoped that students will be able to return to the community to serve those in need after the epidemic subsides.

Ms. Nestle Hui  
School Social Worker



Understanding the needs of visually impaired people



Students visiting The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf



# 73rd Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (2021) (English Speech) Results

For the 73rd Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (2021), the practice time for our students was affected due to COVID-19 regulations. Our trainers used recess time to train our students. A Google classroom was set up for online training after school; students submitted practice videos for trainers to comment on. Our trainers also swapped around to give comments on the practice videos of other students so they could learn from other trainers. This year, we achieved brilliant results with 13 of our students winning 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Congratulations to all the awardees and my deepest thanks and gratitude go to all our trainers and students for their concerted efforts.

1st Place	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christie Leung (8D)</b></li> <li>Solo Verse Speaking</li> <li>Teacher Trainer: Mr. Mark Sullivan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ryan Hu (10E)</b></li> <li>Solo Verse Speaking</li> <li>Teacher Trainer: Mr. Wallace Ma</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Phoebe Chan (7B)</b></li> <li><b>Chelsea Ho (7B)</b></li> <li>Dramatic Duologue</li> <li>Teacher Trainer: Ms. Constance Lee</li> </ul>	
2nd Place	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Luther Ho (8C)</b></li> <li>Public Speaking Solo</li> <li>Teacher Trainer: Mr. Farman Ali</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Central Wong (10C)</b></li> <li>Solo Verse Speaking</li> <li>Teacher Trainer: Ms. Debbie Hui</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chloe Kan (7F)</b></li> <li>Solo Verse Speaking</li> <li>Teacher Trainer: Ms. Esther Chan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Anson Ng (8B)</b></li> <li>Public Speaking Solo</li> <li>Teacher Trainer: Ms. Iqra Zahid</li> </ul>
3rd Place	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Belovffy Liu (10A)</b></li> <li><b>Sian Lee (11A)</b></li> <li>Public Speaking Solo</li> <li>Teacher Trainer: Dr. Clara Cheng</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chelesa Ho (7B)</b></li> <li><b>Dominic Chow (7B)</b></li> <li>Solo Verse Speaking</li> <li>Teacher Trainer: Ms. Constance Lee</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Elyse Leung (7F)</b></li> <li>Public Speaking Solo</li> <li>Teacher Trainer: Ms. Pauline Chan</li> </ul>	

Mr. Paul Lip  
English Speech Coordinator



Ms. Constance Lee guiding Phoebe Chan (7B) and Chelsea Ho (7B) in Dramatic Duologue



Students getting into the mood in Dramatic Duologue



Anson Ng (8B) learning to master his public speaking skills on Teens Crave Responsibility



Ka Yau Chau (8E) practising his poem during recess



Zhenha Tse (9A) showing her avidity when reading aloud Kit Wright's poem 'Mercy'



# Sir Edward Youde Memorial Prize 2021-2022



The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund was established in 1987 to commemorate the former late Governor Sir Edward Youde

Two G12 students, Jocelyn Tsui (12D) and Brayden Fan (12C), won the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Prize for Senior Secondary School Students 2021-2022. The prize fostering youth leadership in Hong Kong aims at encouraging students to attain a high standard of learning abilities and develop leadership qualities. The value of each prize is HK\$1,000 for each winner.

Mr. Philip Kwan and Ms. Sura Ng  
Heads of Moral Education Group



Brayden Fan (12C)



Jocelyn Tsui (12D)

## Science Paper Publication in the Context of the Climate Crisis

In January, a science education paper entitled “Listening to Youth: How to Close the Knowledge-action Gap in Climate Change Education” was published in *School Science Review* (SSR), a themed journal widely distributed in the UK to science teachers, and local authority advisors. This was the first collaborated project with teachers and students at our school: Dr. Christine Yu, Lun Ho Hin (12C), Ng Cheuk Yan (12C), Fung Jessie Hau Ching (11A) and Yung Zhe Sheng (11A), at the International College Hong Kong and the Chinese Foundation Secondary School, a PhD teacher student from the University of York, a student from Columbia University and The Chinese University of Hong Kong worked together on a study about climate education in Hong Kong schools and co-authored a paper.

It is such an invaluable experience that our students worked in a diverse research team to go through the research process from student interviews to data analysis. The research findings provide insightful suggestions for the community which can be applied to climate education.

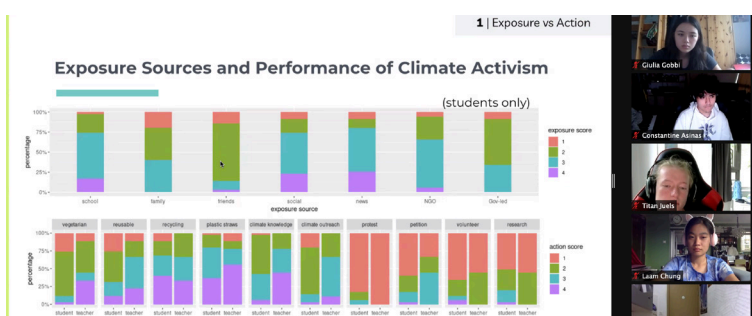
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Dr. Christine Yu  
Assistant Principal  
Department Head of Science & Mathematics



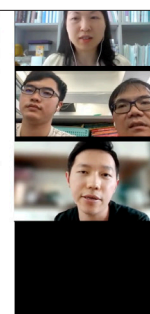
Fung Hau Ching (11A) and Yung Zhe Sheng (11A) conducting interviews with G10 and G11 students



Lun Ho Hin (12C) attending the data analysis meeting and sharing his views with other school students

What kind of opportunities have you created in your curriculum for students to learn about climate change issues?

How equipped do you feel to incorporate climate change education into your curriculum (consider factors such as available resources at your disposal, your expertise, administrative support, flexibility in your curriculum, time, etc.)



Dr. Christine Yu conducting interviews with teachers including Mr. David Chan, Mr. Leslie Tam and Dr. Richard Cheung



The 5th KVIS Invitational Science Fair (online) organized by Kamnoetvidya Science Academy (KVIS) was held from 24 to 28 January 2022. The annual event showcased students' research projects from local and overseas partner schools, providing opportunities for the students to be engaged in scientific activities collaboratively.

Our students Tam Ching Yeung (10A) and Liu Ka Kiu (10A) were awarded "Best Oral Presentation Award" in Environmental Science. The research project entitled "Engineering and Characterization of a Poly(ethylene terephthalate) Hydrolase for PET depolymerization" provides insights into the potential use of a dual enzyme system to synergize PET depolymerization process and adds value to the plastic recycling ecosystem.



Tam Ching Yeung



Liu Ka Kiu

Tam Ching Yeung (10A) and Liu Ka Kiu (10A) gaining the "Best Oral Presentation Award" in Environmental Science

## Foundations of Project-based learning (PBL)

- An American philosopher psychologist and educational reformer.

I believe that the school must represent present life-life as real and vital to the child as that which he carries on in the home, in the neighborhood, or on the playground."

— John Dewey (*My Pedagogic Creed*)



John Dewey  
(1859 – 1952)



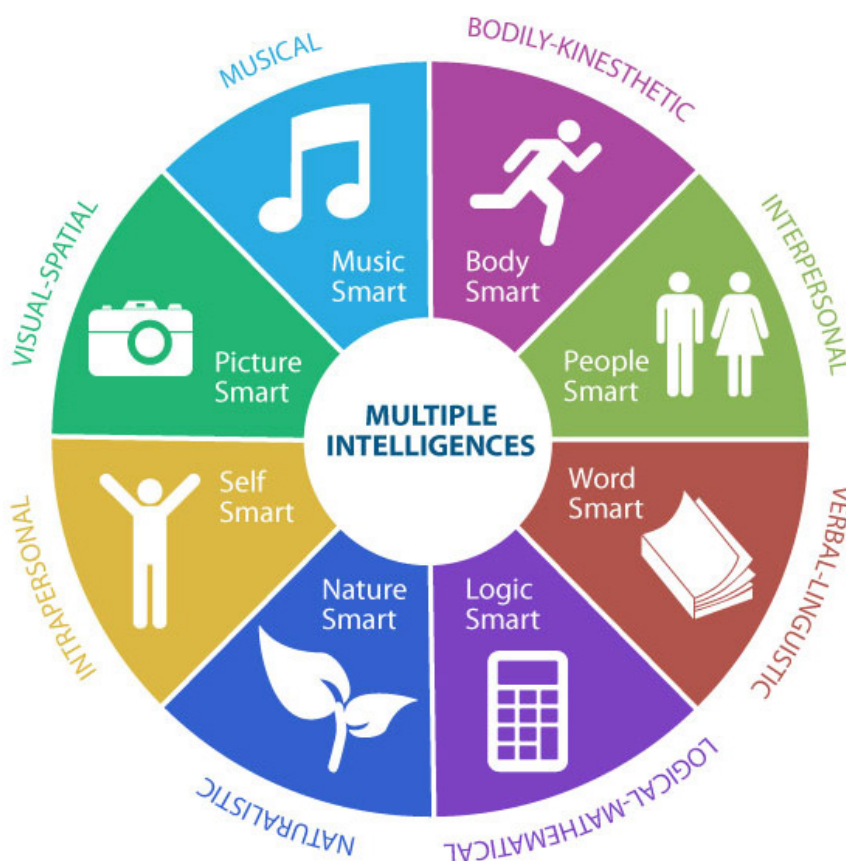
Besides student activities, principals and teachers shared their views for professional development. Principal Dr. Tam was invited to share his insights in school leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also shared, how our school continued to support students learning and well-being during the pandemic. In the teacher session, Dr. Christine Yu shared about how students' learning skills were transformed through project-based learning.

Dr. Christine Yu  
Assistant Principal

Dr. Christine Yu explaining the foundations of project-based learning

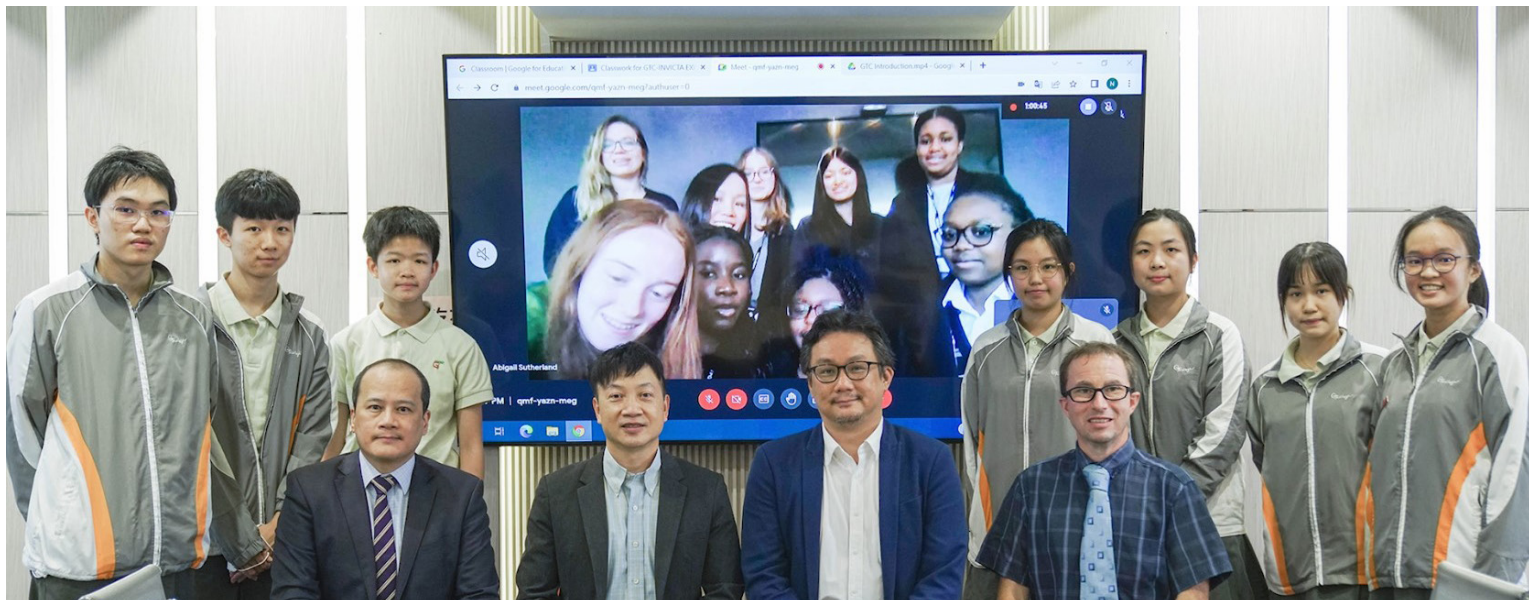


Principal Dr. Tam sharing his insights into school leadership during the pandemic



The publication of  
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The Exchange Program between G.T. College and Invicta Grammar School (2021-2022)

Against all odds, the exchange program between G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College and INVICTA College was organized online amidst the height of the fifth wave of Covid-19 infectious period in April 2022. It was a week program with seven students participating from each school.

The program was packed with language, photography and visual art lessons. A bilateral exchange on the topics of food and teenagers' cultures such as computer games, KOL, fashion and celebrity, and two mini-discussion sessions on the academic subjects, sustainability and climate change, were added for the first time to facilitate the exchange of students' knowledge and attitude on the environmental issues.

The exchange room of GTC was filled with laughter and fun. Students of both schools found it easy to make the acquaintance and began the talk and worked together with the aid of Internet and an online working platform, Miro, for brainstorming ideas and drawing. Definitely the friendship built up between the students of both schools will continue to thrive.

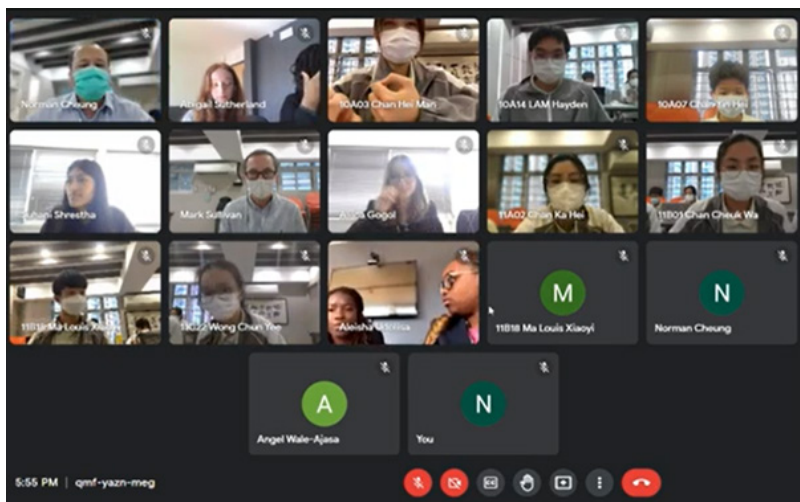
"...This is undoubtedly a precious opportunity for us to broaden our global horizons as well as a chance to build strong relationships with native English speakers. I couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity provided by the school and all the hard work paid by teachers from both schools" Kary Chan (11A).

Seven zealous students participating in the event were Kary Chan (11A), Ronni Chan (11B), Louis Ma (11B), Sofie Wong (11C), Angeline Chan (10A), Hayden Lam (10A) and Yancy Chan (10A). Special thanks are given to Prof. Li and Dr. Tam for their continuous support to the international exchange and Mr. Leo Tsui for his leadership on directing the program.

Mr. Mark Sullivan and Dr. Norman Cheung  
Department of International Exchange



Feeling contented on the last exchange day



Students exchanging ideas and knowledge in the main room



## G12 Cheer on Video

The coronavirus pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges to the world. Our G12 students are facing the additional trials and tribulations of public examinations. In April, our school's multi-media group and school functions group jointly produced a cheer on video to deliver our encouragement messages to candidates. Professor Li, Principal Tam, our senior management team and G12 subject teachers sent their blessings in various forms, including but not limited to singing, drama, piano performance and drawing cartoons. We believe that our creative expressions can show our support and care to our students. We wish they would come out with flying colors as their predecessors did in previous years.

Mr. TY Wong  
Multi-media Group

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



Prof. Rex Li giving his tips to candidates in the "Little Ant Theatre"



Principal Tam, Vice Principals, Mr. Paul Chan and Mr. Benny Lai, together with 30 teachers delivering their wholehearted messages in various ways

## Warm Gifts from Parent-Teacher Association

To tame the growing outbreak of infectious diseases, the Hong Kong Government advised shifting the learning order by bringing forward schools' summer holidays. During the rescheduled break, G.T. teachers dedicated most of their time to supporting students' learning and well-being. From online support sessions to self-directed projects, teachers led tailored lessons and discussions for students to interact with other classmates. Their efforts were definitely rewarded by the smiles from students when school resumed on 3 May 2022.

Although the past term was tough, G.T. parents appreciate the arrangement of online learning support. A short note of gratitude and fruits were sent to Principal Dr. Raymond Tam, Vice Principal Mr. Benny Lai, and the representatives of Parent Liaison Group on 5 May 2022. Thank you for the warm gifts and the continuous support to all teachers at G.T.!

Mr. King Lau and Mr. Jerwa Ip  
Heads of Parent Liaison Group



Thank you for showing tremendous support to all G.T. staff



The connection between school and parents has been growing stronger during the pandemic



# Early Summer Holiday and G.T. Group Projects

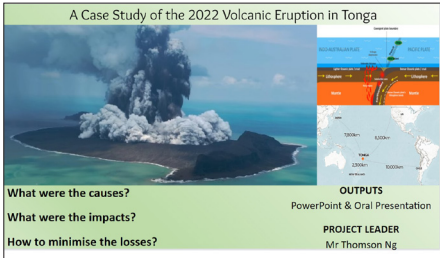
As the Education Bureau announced an early summer holiday for all schools from March to April 2022, G.T. strived to foster a closer rapport and nurture our students in this period of difficulties. In order to offer learning and psychological support, class teachers and subject teachers conducted online lessons with students three days a week during the early summer holiday. To promulgate the value and significance of autonomous learning in the 21st century, teachers also promoted group work and self-directed learning by offering group projects for G7 to G10 students. As a result, G.T. students continued to enjoy school life and their knowledge hunt during these two months. In fact, e-learning is the future. The establishment of extensive online course providers such as edX and Coursera has demonstrated that learning knows no limits, transcending geographical boundaries and time constraints. I truly appreciate G.T. teachers' and students' assiduous efforts, exemplifying their diligence and tenacity in the face of adversity.

Professor Rex Li  
 Founder and Curriculum Director

## G.T. Group Projects

Despite the challenges of a new wave of COVID-19, G.T. students continued to learn through different ways! Initiated by Prof. Li and guided by our dedicated teachers, 48 G.T. Group Projects were offered to G7-G10 students during the “early” summer holiday. Students formed their own groups, chose the projects they were interested in, and started exploring new knowledge under the teachers’ guidance. Responses were overwhelming and 358 students were enrolled. Their learning outcome would be presented and prizes would be given to outstanding projects.

Mr. Philip Kwan, Mr. Johnnie Wong,  
 Mr. Karl Yeung and Dr. Richard Cheung  
 G.T. Group Projects Task Force



Geography project by Mr. Thomson Ng



Literature project by Ms. Holy Yoong



Project about learning method by Ms. Doris Cheung



Science project by Mr. Jasper Kwok

# Joint School Economics Mock Exam 2021-22

The Joint School Economics Mock Exam was held on 18th December 2021 at our school’s lecture theater and classrooms with more than 800 candidates from over 50 secondary schools. The exam was organized by Hong Kong Economic Times (HKET) and co-organized by Gifted Education Council. This event provided a platform for students from all over Hong Kong to experience a full-length HKDSE exam under the influence of the pandemic. Special thanks are given to the Gifted Education Council for reserving the venue and HKET for their arrangement and marking.

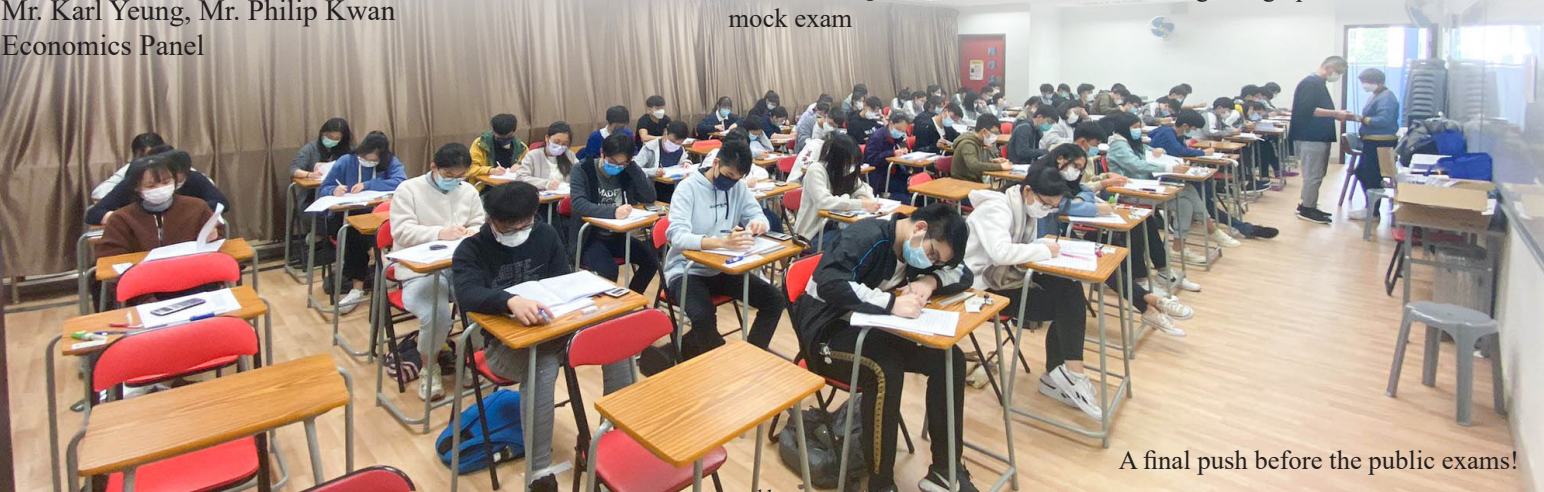
Mr. Jerwa Ip, Mr. Casey Ng,  
 Mr. Karl Yeung, Mr. Philip Kwan  
 Economics Panel



Promotional poster of the mock exam



Students all gearing up for the exams



A final push before the public exams!



## Term 2 Online Assessments



G.T. students completing online assessments remotely and properly at home

Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Term 2 assessments were smoothly completed online on 1-11 March 2022. We took on the challenges to make the online assessments accurately reflect the learning progress of our students. With the support of our students, parents, and colleagues, we actualized our G.T. spirit - Take on Challenges and Make Progress.

Mr. Anselm Kwok  
Head of Teaching and Assessment Group

## Workshop on "Enhancing Teachers' Ability to Respond to Crises"

On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021, the Moral Education Group invited Jockey Club Online Youth Emotional Support "Open Up" to the school to hold a workshop on "Enhancing Teachers' Ability to Respond to Crises". Three social workers from different institutions shared many real-life cases with our teachers so that they could be more aware of students' common emotional problems, thus being able to identify students' emotional distress and even crisis signals. Through different scenarios introduced in the workshop, teachers could find the right antidotes, master the skills to respond to students' emotional needs, and provide appropriate support.

Ms. Sura Ng  
Head of Moral Education Group



Principal Dr. Tam presenting the commemorative flag to the guest speakers

## 五四運動週會



1918-1920 年肆虐的西班牙流感與今日的疫情頗有相似之處



同學們專注聆聽老師的分享

1919 年的五四運動是我校十分注重的歷史事件，此從校歌「承傳五四」的歌詞，可見一斑。每年的五月初，中史科老師都會舉辦五四運動週會，藉分享五四運動的歷史片段，向同學傳遞一些正面的訊息。今年5月5日，中史科以五四運動與西班牙流感反映的中國國際地位為題，以應合新冠病毒肆虐的時局，希望藉貫穿古今，令同學能多角度地認識五四運動的歷史。

劉景輝老師（中國歷史科科主任）



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