G.T. Newsletter

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

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Principal's Talk



Dr. Raymond TAM Principal

This month has been a whirlwind of activity as our time at G.T. College comes to a close. We held our secondary graduation ceremony to honour our Grade 12 students. It was a bittersweet occasion, with students saying goodbye to the teachers who have shaped their journey over their secondary school life. Earlier in the month, we attended the school advisor's end-of-year dinner, where we celebrated the successes of our students and reflected on how we can continue to support them. One particularly inspiring story was that of our alumnus, Tye, who is now pursuing his dream as a medical doctor at Harvard Medical School.

Our students were also very busy this month before their exam preparations. Various engaging events took place, such as the visit to the Shanwei Sluge Power Plant, the public science lecture at HKU, the pre-field trip to Sha Lan beach and Nim Shue Wan Beach. Who can forget our students' enthusiasm in the cultural exchange programs as that made some lasting memories with their host families and classmates.

Also a big thank-you to our school advisors, teachers, and parents for making 2024 a successful year for our

students.

13th Graduation Ceremony

The 13th Graduation Ceremony was successfully held on 31 May, 2024, with the distinguished presence of Professor Nancy Y. Ip, the President of the HKUST, as the guest of honor. Professor Ip, a renowned neurobiologist born and raised in Hong Kong, has received international recognition for her work.

During her speech, Professor Ip empathized the challenges of raising children and the ups and downs that young people experience in life. She shared her personal journey, emphasizing the unexpected twists and turns, her remarkable research accomplishments, and the importance of self-preparation, recognizing aspirations, seizing opportunities, and realizing one's full potential. Her captivating and inspiring words left the audience enthralled. In her concluding remarks, she expressed her admiration and concern for the talented graduates, hoping that they would one day become university presidents, just like her. Her heartfelt words resonated deeply and earned thunderous applause throughout the hall.

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



^{13th}Graduation Ceremony

Professor Rex Li and Principal Dr. Tam presenting a souvenir to Professor Nancy Ip as a gesture of appreciation



Professor Nancy Ip and our school governance posing for a group photo



Professor Rosie Yong (Honorary Advisor) from the HKU Medical School

A Graduation Ceremony of A Difference at GT



Group photo of 12A



Graduate performance



Teachers performance



Our teachers graduated from the HKUST taking a memorable photo with Professor Nancy Ip

As a gesture of gratitude, the graduates performed two heartfelt songs to express their appreciation to their teachers and parents for their guidance and support. Our junior form students dedicated the opening scene of the school's annual musical to bid farewell to their graduating seniors. The grand finale of the graduation ceremony featured a performance by the school management team and Grade 12 subject teachers, accompanied by the school orchestra. The team sang popular Cantonese songs that inspired the students to dream big, pursue their ambitions, and uplift one another.

With a sense of accomplishment and pride, the ceremony concluded, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the graduates' lives.

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Group photo of 12C



Group photo of 12D



Cheri Chan (12D) and Jason Chan (12A) representing our graduates and presenting a gift to Professor Rex Li and Mr. Kryan Sze (Board Chairman) as a token of appreciation



Mr. Jonny Yeung (Honorary Chairman) and Ms. Gigi Lee (Governor) presenting the academic awards



Dr. Desmond Lee (School Supervisor) extending his heartfelt congratulations to our graduates



Mr. Rayon Chu (Governor) and Ms. Vivian Wu (Consultant) presenting the academic awards



Appreciation for parents



Musical performance

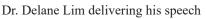


The winners of the academic, conduct, and service awards



Term 2 Prize-Giving Ceremony





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Principal Dr. Tam presenting a souvenir to Dr. Delane

The academic and conduct award prize-giving ceremony was a remarkable event that honored exceptional achievements and exemplary behavior. Principal Dr. Tam and the esteemed Dr. Delane Lim (serving as the Guest of Honour), delivered impactful speeches that left a lasting impression on the attendees.

Dr. Tam's speech emphasized the significance of holistic education, highlighting the importance of academic excellence as well as character development. He commended the students for their dedication and hard work. encouraging them to continue striving for greatness in all aspects of their lives. Dr. Delane Lim, renowned for his academic prowess, shared his personal journey and emphasized the values of integrity, resilience, and ethical conduct. His inspiring words motivated the students to embrace challenges and pursue knowledge with passion and determination.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the value of hard work, discipline, and ethical behavior in achieving success.

Ms. Winnie Au Head of School Functions Group



G7A-7C awardees



G8A-8C awardees



G9A-9C awardees



G7D-7F awardees



G8D-8E awardees



G9D-9E awardees



G11 awardees

Triumph in English Competitions

Our G.T. students demonstrated remarkable proficiency in multiple English competitions during the 2023–2024 academic year. They have really distinguished themselves with their diligence, commitment, and superb communication abilities. Once more, a hearty congrats to the winners of their esteemed awards!

Dr. Paul Lip English Language Teacher



Sino Junior Report Programme

Through this first-hand experience of interviewing people from various sectors as part of the Sino Junior Report Programme for news writing and interviewing, our student Janis Lam (10A) was able to anticipate potential career challenges. Our student receiving the Certificate of Achievement this year was a fantastic honour.



TOPick English Writing Competition

The TOPick English Writing Contest 2023, organized by the HK Economic Times, attracted over 300 schools and received approximately 1000 entries on the topic "My Post-Covid Life in Hong Kong." With the Merit award, our student Phoebe Chan (9A) was able to distinguish herself from the competition after burning the midnight oil on her essay.

From the left: Dr. Clara Cheng, Elyse Leung (9B), Gian Pang (8B), Hannah Kwok (7E), Elyn Zeng (9C), Chloe Kan (9A), Hinson Ng (8C), Mr. Leo Tsui, Emma Zhang (8A) and Gaily Yuen (7F) sharing the happiness of attainment





From the left: Leo Wong (11D), Dr. Clara Cheng, Sophie Cheung (9A), Christie Leung (10A), Adrian Chu (10A), Janis Lam (10A), Kingsley Huang (8A), Principal Dr. Tam, Vivian Choi (7C), Shirley Lee (7B), Hannah Kowk (7E), Emma O (10A), Allyson Hui (7D), Mr. Leo Tsui and Mr. Danny Sorby celebrating the joy of accomplishment

75th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (English Speech)

Established in 1949, the Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (English Speech) provides students different categories to excel in their English abilities. All English teachers made a determined effort to train students during recess. This year, our students earned one 1st place position, two 2nd place positions, nine 3rd place positions and 39 entrants attained Merit.

23.4 World Book Day Creative Competition

Christie Leung (10A) took home the Winner prize in the 23.4 World Book Day Competition in 2024 organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services



Department. She worked tirelessly on her prose piece on how books helped her. Her effort paid off and she won the **Outstanding Award** (Senior Secondary English (Category).

21st "Century Cup" English Speaking Competition

China's largest and most renowned English-speaking competition, the "21st Century Cup" National English Speaking Competition was started in 1996 by the China Daily



Group. Our student Christie Leung (10A) managed to grab First Prize among 10 finalists in the Senior Secondary Category which is an astounding result.

Grades 7-9 G.T. Reading & Writing Competition

This year is special as we held the Grades 7-9 G.T. Reading & Writing Competition 2024 to ride the wave of our Read & Write Initiative. Students found the competition interesting since the grade's top winner earns great prizes. Nine winners achieving 3rd to 1st places from each grade were chosen this year for their magnificent, artistic book reports.



Lion Dance performance with live musical accompaniment



Students from the Pop Band class performing a duet



The Creative Dance class giving an astonishing performance



Street Dance students posing for a photo after a successful performance

The G.T. College Talent Show 2024 was an amazing annual school event. It was very successful in allowing students to demonstrate their talents.

The talent show featured a wide spectrum of performances, ranging from singing, lion dance, street dance, creative dance, modern dance, pop band, instrumental performance, stilting, handchimes, and more. Students from various courses and cultural backgrounds came together to showcase their unique talents and skills. There were also wonderful teacher performances to reveal their talents as well.

The G.T. College Talent Show was a memorable evening filled with exceptional performances and unparalleled talent. Students forged their own valuable and memorable experiences. All students are looking forward to the

Talent Show in 2025. It's an event you will not want to miss!

Mr David Chan Talent Development Group

The Science Public Lecture at HKU

To gain insights about the sustainability of a plastic economy, six ZPL students attended a public science lecture presented by Dr. Christella Not, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Earth Science and Swire Institute of Marine Science of The University of Hong Kong (HKU), on 11 April 2024 at The University of Hong Kong. The speaking topic was "From Awareness to Action: Tackling Plastic Pollution and Building a Sustainable Future." They learned from the lecture that only 8% of plastics in Hong Kong are recycled while more than

70% of plastics end up in landfills. Thus, education is important to enlighten the public about the adverse effects of plastic pollution and take action to make change.

Dr. Christine Yu Assistant Principal



ZPL students taking notes while Dr. Not is delivering the lecture



A group photo of Dr. Christelle Not, Dr. Christine Yu and ZPL students in the science public lecture

From left to right: Cheung Kwan Ho (8E), Wong Kai Yui (8B), Chiu Long Tin (9D), Dr. Christine Yu, Dr. Christelle Not, Leung Yu Fung (10A), Yuen Tsz Yin (7F) and Cai Kai Hin (7F)



Dr. Not presenting the lecture about plastic pollution

Biomedical Science Internship at the CUHK

In February, 2024, Prof. Wai-Yee Chan [Vice-President (Strategic planning)] and Li Ka Shing [Professor of Biomedical Sciences, Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)] presented an inspiring talk to our students during the weekly assembly. The title of the talk was "Challenges in Growing Up as a Scientist". Prof. Chan used his own experience to encourage our students to develop diverse interests and social skills, to engage more in extracurricular activities and community service, as well as to remind us of the necessity of self-reflection and continuous learning. He guided us to look into the "change" from the DNA era to STEM era, and not to forget the ethics behind scientific development.

After the talk in February, Dr. Christine Yu has been in touch with Prof. Chan and his office at CUHK to explore the possibility of providing internships in biomedical science to some of our students who are eager to try out, or even just to observe, frontier research using the university laboratory facilities. It is great news to the G.T. community that we will have our first internship in a high calibre laboratory specialising in novel



Dr. Christine Yu visiting Prof. Chan at CUHK

therapeutics for cancer research in the School of Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, CUHK this summer. We are now interviewing G10 and G11 students who have shown outstanding performance and dedication to science research projects at school. We encourage junior grade students to be more proactive in the study of science and participation of science activities. We anticipate more internships at different institutions in the near future.

Dr. Christine Yu **Assistant Principal**



Principal Dr. Tam welcoming Prof. Chan Wai Yee



Prof. Chan being in a dialogue with some G10 students

ZPL pre-field trip to Sha Lan Beach and Nim Shue Wan Beach



A group of ZPL students collecting sand samples for microplastic collection

Zero Plastic League (ZPL) organized a beach clean-up activity for school students on 1 June 2024 in order to clean up the beach and collect data for environmental research. We hope the activity will increase students' awareness of plastic pollution. The collected data about the number and types of microplastics will also be contributed to the online database, helping to create the global map of ocean microplastic pollution. To make the cleanup experiences rewarding, ZPL students conducted two pre-field trips to Sha Lan Beach in Tai Po on 23 March 2024 and Nim Shue Wan Beach in Discovery Bay on 13 April 2024 to learn of the site information. Nim Shue Wan Beach in Discovery Bay was finally chosen to be the beach cleanup site. Stay tuned for further updates!

Dr. Christine Yu **Assistant Principal**



A group photo of ZPL students participating in the beach cleanup pre-field trip in Nim Shue Wan Beach From left to right: Cheung Kwan Ho (8E), Au Tsz Lok (8A), Fu Kit Kwan (10A), Tang Yu Chit (10A) and Yuen Tsz Yin (7F)



A group photo of Dr. Christine Yu and Dr. Vincent Tam with all ZPL student participants in the beach cleanup pre-field trip in Sha Lan Beach









Posing a for team photo in Old Trafford

20 students were selected to represent G.T. College to participate in the Manchester International Easter Cup. The event took place from 28 March to 6 April in Manchester, United Kingdom, to enable teams all over the world, including: Ireland, Trinidad and Tobago, Australia, and Scotlandto enhance their skills and friendships among players. Despite a significant disadvantage in size and individual skills, the kids worked hard as a team, keeping their spirits high. They finished 3rd in the group stage and placed 5th out of ten teams overall.

After participating in the Manchester Cup, they were honoured to have the chance to visit two of the most famous football stadiums: Old Trafford and Emirates Stadium. They are the home of Manchester United and Arsenal, both teams competing in Premier League football, and they are among the most widely supported football clubs in the world. The students were thrilled to see things they had previously only seen on TV, in person.

The students had a remarkable experience in Manchester, where they learned about their strengths and weaknesses in football. I hope they are able to improve and apply these experiences in their games.

Mr. Richard Yiu Vice-Principal







Students playing against Jaric Titans Sports and



Wonderful photos of our players, playing against Rycob Lions

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A grand team photo before returning back to Hong Kong

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1	Tranmore AFC (Ireland)	4	3	1	0	4	10
2	Athletico Failsworth JFC Cobras(Manc)	4	2	1	1	3	7
3	GT Ellen Yeung College (China)	4	1	2	1	2	5
4	Jaric Titans Sports and Development (T&T	4	1	2	1	2	5
5	Rycob Lions (Isle of man)	4	0	0	4	-11	0

Third place, GT Ellen Yeung College (China), in the group

International Economics Olympiad Hong Kong Regional Selection: Outstanding Students to Compete Against Elites from 50 Countries

On 18 May 2024 the Gifted Education Council organized the International Economics Olympiad Hong Kong Regional Selection, attracting nearly 400 students from local schools and renowned international schools.

The Council has also been officially appointed by the International Economics Olympiad Committee to host the 2024 International Economics Olympiad in Hong Kong for the first time. The Hong Kong Team, which won 1 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze, as well as first place in the global business case project at the 2023 competition in Greece, will also compete on home soil for the first time.

This year's competition will be held from 22-31 July 2024 at G.T. College. It is expected to attract elite students from over 50 countries and regions. The Hong Kong SAR government is also providing strong support, with the Investor and Financial Education Council (IFEC) under the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) becoming a supporting organization for the competition. In addition to having prominent political and economic figures as guests of honor at the opening ceremony, the event will arrange for participants to visit famous tourist spots in Hong Kong and engage in cultural exchange activities, allowing global elite students and educators to gain deeper insights into Hong Kong.

Some students stood out in the competition, winning gold medals and qualifying for Hong Kong team training. The Gifted Education Council will intensively train these selected students, selecting the top ten to represent Hong Kong in the competition against elite students from 50 countries and regions.

The organizers stated that this competition successfully showcased the talents and competitiveness of Hong Kong students in economics.

Mr. Jerwa Ip Assistant Principal



Former Political Assistant to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr. Chiu Bit Lap, sharing his insights with the participants



Participants registering and waiting to enter the examination



Nearly 400 participantis from about 60 renowned local and international schools



Participants achieving excellent results in the team competition



Participants winning gold medals and being selected for training with the Hong Kong Team

MWIT Inbound Exchange Program



Dr. Paul Lip taking MWIT students to Ocean Park



MWIT students visiting the historical Hung Shing Temple in Wan Chai



Mr. Mike Carr and MWIT students playing rugby passionately in the rain

The GTC-MWIT Exchange Programme, held from 22-28 April 2024, was a resounding success. That students and teachers arrived early on the first day and immediately jumped into various lessons at the host school, including art, third language studies, and science.

In addition to the classroom activities, the Thai participants had the opportunity to explore Hong Kong and experience its vibrant culture. They visited HKUST, and enjoyed the bustling seafood street, known for its connection to the city's movie and drama scene. The renowned M+ Museum provided them with a chance to immerse themselves in art and history. Roller skating, bonding at Ocean Park, and spending a day with their host families were also part of the memorable experience before bidding farewell and returning to Thailand.

But the adventure didn't end there for the Thai buddies who continued their exploration of Hong Kong by visiting Causeway Bay and other districts, indulging in some retail therapy and savouring delicious street food. Even after school, they continued to discover more tourist spots alongside their local buddies.

The exchange program forged deep, lasting friendships between the G.T. students and their Thai counterparts.



Ms. Daisy Yung giving an Art lesson to MWIT Students

Ms. Esther Chan
International Exchange Department





Dr. Vincent Tam giving a Biology lesson to MWIT Students

RITS Cultural Exchange



Students dressing up in traditional Japanese clothing

Students attending their karate lesson

From 26-30 May 2024, a group of 7 students from our school had the incredible opportunity to visit Ritsumeikan School (RITS) in Kyoto, Japan, accompanied by their chaperone, Mr. Danny Sorby. This cultural exchange program was an immersive experience that allowed our students to fully immerse themselves in Japanese culture and traditions.

During their time at RITS, the students participated in a variety of activities that gave them a deep appreciation for Japanese customs. They learned how to make traditional daruma dolls, and even took part in a genuine tea ceremony. One of the highlights was the karate lesson, where the students were able to learn basic self-defense techniques from the school's martial arts instructor.

The trip also included visits to some of Kyoto's most famous historical sites, including the stunning Nanzenji Temple and the serene Heinan Shrine. It was an unforgettable experience that has left a lasting impression on our students.

Mr. Danny Sorby International Exchange Department



The students showing their daruma crafts

四川自貢弘潤外國語學校



憂才同學參觀燊海井



優才同學和四川小夥伴在 藝術節上合唱《港川同行》 從左往右:羅丞希(8E)、 關子澄(7A)、徐兆睿 (8D)、林蔚翹(7D)



自贡弘润外国语学校



在歡迎儀式上,優才的老師、同學與弘潤外國語學校的老師、同學們合影留念

2024年5月12日至18日,優才同學外訪到四川自貢弘潤外國語學校,進行了為期一周的交流學習。在這次外出學習中,同學們學習了多元的文化課程、體驗了內地的體測項目和特別的住宿生活,還感受了四川自貢悠久的歷史文化

及美味的麻辣火鍋。他們與四川的小夥伴一起 們與四川的小夥伴一哥 在文化藝術節上合唱歌 曲。同學們紛紛表示 開 此次交流活動不僅開地 了視野,還搭建了兩地 堅實的友誼橋樑。

吳婧老師、黃卓文老師 國際交流組(中國)

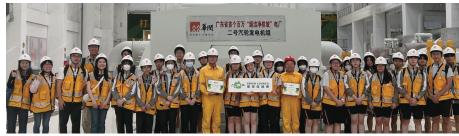


優才和自貢弘潤的老師及同學們在花 海進行野餐,並合影留念

A Visit to Shanwei Sludge Power Plant



Group Photo being taken after we arrived at the power plant



Students standing in front of the power generator

Students sightseeing in a tower



Students watching the explanation of the facilities of the power plant

Mr. Leslie Tam, Mr. David Chan, 15 G11A IB Geography students, and 13 Green Committee members visited Guangdong Shanwei power plant on 13 April 2024. This activity was held by China Resources Power Holdings (華潤電力) and Green Council (環保促進會). This power plant has applied the latest environmentally-friendly technologies, such as sludge incineration, fixation of carbon dioxide with algae, and solar power generation. It is one of the first batches of scientific and technological innovation pilot demonstration projects of the National Energy Administration. Students visited all these facilities and their knowledge of climate change has been enriched.

Mr. Leslie Tam Head of Environmental Education

Parents' Talk - The Power of Positive Parenting



Mr. Alex O & Mr. Jerwa Ip showing appreciation to Mr. Chu

On 10 May 2024, Legislative Council member Mr. Chu Kwok-Keung delivered a talk entitled "The Power of Positive Parenting" to over a hundred teachers and parents that were in attendance. The main message was to praise children more. Mr. Chu emphasised that regularly offering sincere, specific praise can greatly improve a child's self-confidence and motivation. Research shows that this is better than always criticizing children or expecting too much from them. The audience found the talk very helpful and many parents said they would try to be more positive when parenting. The event showed the value of community programs that empower parents to better support their children's development.

Mr. King Lau Head of Parent Liaison Group



Mr. Chu emphasising that positive parenting can bring great changes in children



Parents discussing the message they had learned form the talk

Passing on the Torch Sharing Session



Assistant Principal Mr. Leo Tsui sharing in the FAQ session



Vice Principal Mr. Richard Yiu giving the welcoming speech to parents



Our Scout teams welcoming the parents

and 6 families. Over 100 primary school parents attended to learn more about the transition from primary to secondary school.

At the event, 22 parent volunteers from the Secondary Section and

On 24 May 2024, our school's PTA hosted a special event for Primary 5

20 teachers shared information on topics about the curriculum, extracurricular activities, school culture, and student support services. Parents had the chance to ask questions and gain insight to help prepare their children for the next stage of their education.



Vice Principal Mr. Benny Lai answering parents' questions

The large turnout and active discussions show the strong partnership between our primary and secondary sections. GT is grateful to everyone who participated in this meaningful knowledge-sharing event, which will benefit our future secondary school students and their families.

Mr. King Lau Parent Liaison Group



Chairlady of PTA, Ms. Gigi Lee, sharing her childrens' experiences in secondary school



The sharing session being conducted within small groups

Alumni Corner: No Place Like GT

I am glad to share a successful story from our alumus graduate, Tye Chu, from GT in G11 in 2020. He recently came back to HK from the US and visited Principal Dr. Tam and teachers. Tye has been working very hard to prepare for his second degree pursuing his dream as a medical doctor in the USA. I wish him every success in his future endeavours!

Hello everyone! My name is Tye Chu. I have had the privilege of studying and growing up at GT from G1-11 until 2020. I recently graduated from Cornell University, an Ivy League university in the US, and will be working as a research assistant studying autism at Harvard Medical School. I was very fortunate to be able to participate in many exchange programs and international science competitions during my time at GT, which broadened my views of the world and academia, and allowed me to interact

smoothly with peers all around the world. For those invaluable opportunities given to me, I do thank Principal Dr. Tam, Dr. Christine Yu, and other mentors at GT. These programs offered at GT are one of a kind in Hong Kong, and were extremely valuable in shaping my development as a scholar. I encourage everyone without reservation to participate in them!

B.S., Biology and Society, 2024 Cornell University

Dr. Christine Yu Assistant Principal





G.T. Alumini Gathering: No Place Like Home

The PE Department and Alumni Association hosted a G.T. Alumni New Year Gathering & Sport Competition for alumni and teachers on 17 February 2024. We invited over 50 alumni, 30 teachers and 20 students to our mother school to join our event. Alumni and teachers could choose to participate in one of the following sports: football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, and table tennis. At the end, the old boys and girls won lots of games in the friendly competition. A New Year gathering was organized in the Grand Hall that evening. We had nine bowls of Poon Choi prepared for all the participants. During dinner, the Alumni Association

had prepared a Kahoot Quiz about our G.T. History and provided prizes for the prize draw. The event created a lot of memories and fun for all involved.

Mr. King Lau Head of Alumni Association



A group photo before having the Poon Choi dinner





A group photo after attending the sports competition



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