



Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter 2

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1. Principal's Sharing

9th November 2015

Dear Parents and Students,

Apart from routine teaching and learning from our teachers and students in these 2 months after the start of the academic year, we have been busy with the establishment of the Student Union (SU), the election of School Prefects, the commencement of a wide variety of extra-curricular activities (ECA), and the election of committee member of the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA). Though we seem to be busy all the time, the fact that students are so into each activity and event helps me understand a truth – The school is important like their family.

We had two proposed cabinet of the SU this year. During the promotion period, students focused a lot on shouting slogans, organizing sharing sessions, meeting with me and teachers, and explaining their missions and visions in the hustle and bustle of the school campus. These incidents will definitely equip students to become more mature and patient. The most cheerful piece of news was that, there were Chinese and non-Chinese students in both proposed cabinets. They prepared all slogans and promotional leaflets bilingually. They actualized exactly what the school has nurtured them in harmony and unity. I am especially impressed by the President of the elected SU, she delivered her vote of thanks with tears. It proved how serious they were and how much they had sacrificed for the event.

The School Prefects are the essential student organization to help observe students' discipline in the school. The teacher-in-charge told me that some of the candidates applied for the post on their own initiative and hoped that they would be selected. Not only do the school prefects themselves observe discipline, but they must also be fair and modest so as to assist the school to manage students' discipline. In 2 years time, the demerit and minor demerit record in the school have dropped significantly by 90%. This figure amazed many principals in terms of students' awareness and autonomy.

I have an idea to include the Confucian Six Arts into all ECA, therefore I especially value the importance of music and activities related to Chinese culture. This year, the school still has interest classes

such as the zheng class and guitar class. We are trying our best to negotiate for Tai Chi class, French class and Spanish class. Although these classes are extra learning outside the classroom, students can actually improve their interpersonal skills, attitudes as well as cultivate their sense of art. Yet, some parents may think that joining ECA is just a waste of time. I would like to take this chance to say that it is vital to the whole-person development which is suggested by the Confucian Six Arts.

This year, the committee members of the PTA were elected by polls, in which more than 70 polls were valid. This result was unexpectedly ideal. I believe that the association will commence in different issues and activities soon. Honestly, parents are vital resources for the school. I once invited parents to be responsible for some ECA and they came to a great success. Therefore, I would like to engage our parents in, not only ECA, but also after-school tutorial classes. This issue will be left to the newly elected PTA for further discussion.

On 10th October, Ms. Mok Yuk Ling and I, together with a couple of students, picked up a German exchange student from the airport. Marlis is a cute and sunny girl. When I introduced her to some of the attractions in Hong Kong and places where she would visit, she looked excited. We arranged sessions for her to closely communicate with our students, for example, an introductory session during the morning assembly, classroom visits to share with students her learning experience in Hong Kong and life in Germany. On 20th October, Marlis' family, Mr. Knobloch and his family members, visited the school, teachers, Mr. Chow, the Vice Principal and I invited them to try out fresh seafood in TuenMun at night. They were impressed by the freshness.

In 2 weeks time, Marlis, apart from having routine learning in the school, had been to Ocean Park, and the Peak for sightseeing. I believe that having hotpot was one of the unforgettable moments for her. As far as I know, she had a lot of beef chuck! Time really flies, on the day she was about to leave, I handed over the floor to her to say bye to our students during the morning assembly, her eyes had filled with tears already. But after school, she couldn't help crying, hugging me and the rest of our students. I am pretty sure that our students treated her as a guest and made her feel at home.

John Dewey's 'Democracy and Education' 100 Years On – The International Symposium on the Centenary of Democracy and Education was held in Hong Kong in October, I was cordially invited to participate in it and exchange ideas publicly on human nature with famous scholar Prof. Jim Garrison, Prof. Stefan Neubert and Prof. Rex Li. I even prepared a presentation to demonstrate how Confucianism explains human nature. On 24th October, Prof. Jim Garrison and Prof. Stefan Neubert visited the school. They had an informal discussion session with me on the possibility of realizing thoughts of the Great Harmony suggested by Confucius. It provided me a chance to have a better understanding between thoughts of Dewey and Confucius.

There are a number of exchange programmes between the school and other entities, one of the most highlighted ones is the *WEA Music Workshop Stormarnschule* which will be held on 29th February 2016 in Germany. We are cordially invited to participate in it. Apart from the flight ticket itself, all expenses are free of charge. Students will have chance to perform on stage with different participants from all over the world.

Moreover, the Germany exchange programme will also be held at the same time for the convenience of students joining both activities. I would like to invite parents to encourage students to join. It's a valuable chance for students to join exchange programmes and learn their cultures by living with the homestay families. If one misses such chance, he / she may not have the second chance to join. So, grab such a precious chance! Don't miss it! Broaden your horizon and develop a broad-mind! You can apply for a subsidy on flight tickets for full amount if you encounter financial difficulties.

As the start of this academic year, the school has implemented the "Teachers as Mentors Scheme" in order to cultivate and assist potential senior form students academically with a ratio of 1 teacher to 2 students. Teachers evaluate their academic performance and provide relevant training on their weaknesses for better academic results. For those less capable students, tutorial classes are arranged to concretize their foundation. In general, senior form students are reluctant to join any ECA because of the tight studying schedule. I would encourage them to strike a balance between academic performance and ECAs. Therefore, S.6 students are encouraged to participate in 1 ECA starting from this year.

In October, the "Have Lunch with the Principal" gathering was held. Monitors from the senior forms are invited to have lunch with me. I am especially curious about their life, studies, and relationships between schoolmates. Some teachers told me students were excited about having lunch with me. Indeed, all students are welcome to make appointment with me for a chat or a meal. I am sure that we will have many chances to sit together and exchange ideas.

2. Analects of Confucius

2.1 The way of the Master is simply loyalty and forgiveness.

2.2 To live among the benevolent is good. To choose not to be with benevolent...of this I know not!

2.3 Meet the virtuous and think how to be their match. Meet those not virtuous and examine yourself.

2.4 Each day I examine myself on three counts: whether or not I am loyal to those in whose behalf I act; whether or not I am trustworthy in my dealings with friends; whether or not I practise what is imparted."

2.5 Extend your respect for your aged parents to all the aged, and extend your love for your own children to all children.

2.6 Virtue not cultivated, learning not expounded, not able to accommodate righteousness having heard of it, not able to correct what is not good...they trouble me.

2.7 To learn without thinking is labour in vain. To think without learning is desolation.

3. Good News

3.1 The following 21 students under Counselling Team in the school participated in “*Sun Hung Kai Properties HK Cyclothon*” as the student ambassador on 1st October 2015, they are:

3A	TsuiChakKuen	3B	Yang Leheng	4A	Lai Tin Long
4A	Lam Wang To	4A	MangTsz Fung	4A	Wu David
4B	Chow Ching	4B	HaqueIqraaBibi	4B	Tong Yuet Yi Ivy
4B	Wu Kam Fung	5A	Cheung Hon Wing	5A	Kiang Ka Yan
5A	Liang Meiai	5A	ShenYuyan	5B	Chan Pui Ho
5B	Chan Yu	5B	Chau Ting Ting	5B	Lam Chun Yi
5B	Lee Lok Sin	5B	Wong Ho Yin	5B	Wong Man Ching

Event coordinator: Ms. Lau Wai Tung and Ms. LuiWai Yi (School Social Worker)

3.2 2 non-Chinese students participated in “*Multicultural Education @ School*” organized by the Hong Kong Christian Service as the student ambassador sharing for the ethnic minority on 9th October 2015, they are:

4A	Tebi Anne Danielle	4A	Tebi Anne Mariz
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Event Coordinator: Ms. Lau Wai Tung and Ms. LuiWai Yi (School Social Worker)

3.3 The school was rewarded “*Green School Bronze Award*” by the Environmental Campaign Committee for the contribution made to motivate environmental education.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fun

3.4 The school was recommended by the Environmental Campaign Committee for the “*Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence 2015*” (Schools division).

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fun

3.5 4B Tong Yuet Yi Ivy, 5A Liang Meiai, Mak Kin Hei, Yao Zongsheng, Yung Ka Chung, 5B Lee Lok Sin, So Man Ho, Lam Ming Wai and our alumni, Yung Ka Chung were rewarded certificates for their completion on “*The Juvenile Horseshoe Crab Rearing Programme*”, organized by Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong and the release of 3 horseshoe crabs to their habitat.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan, Ms. Li HiuChing and Mr. Lo Yiu Fong

3.6 5A Leung Chun Kei, Liang Meiai, XuXianxing, 5B Wong Ho Yin, ZhongHongchao, 6A Li Ho Wan, LiTszLok and Ng SiuWawere rewarded certificates for their completion on 10km race of “*Sun Hung Kai Properties HK Cyclothon 2015*”, organized by the Hong Kong Tourism Board.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fun

3.7 6A Tong Po Yee was presented “*Applied Learning Scholarship 2014 – 2015*” HK\$ 1,000 by the Law’s Charitable Foundation for her outstanding academic performance.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.8 6B Or Siu Ling was presented HK\$ 1,000 scholarship by “*Sir Edward Youde Memorial Prizes for Senior Secondary School Students*” for her positive learning attitude.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

4. School News

4.1 The Mid-Term Examination for S.1 to S.5 students has been scheduled from 11th to 21st January 2016. Please refer to the following exam timetable, supervise your children in revising for the exam and be sure they attend each session punctually.

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Mid Term Exam Timetable

	F.1		F.2		F.3	
Date	Time	Subject	Time	Subject	Time	Subject
11/1/2015 Monday	8:30-10:00	Chinese(I) (GCSE)	8:30-10:00	Chinese(I)(GCSE)	8:30-10:00	Chinese(I) (GCSE)
	8:30-10:00	Chinese(I) (DSE)	8:30-10:00	Chinese(I)(DSE)	8:30-10:00	Chinese(I) (DSE)
	10:30-11:30	Chinese(III)(GCSE)	10:15-11:00	PTH Oral (Chi)	10:45-11:45	Chemistry
	10:30-11:00	Chinese(III)(DSE)				
12/1/2015 Tuesday	8:30-9:30	English (I)	8:30-9:30	English (I)	8:30-9:30	English (I)
	10:15-11:30	English (III)	10:15-11:30	English (III)	10:15-11:30	English (III)
13/1/2015 Wednesday	8:30-9:30	Liberal Studies	8:30-9:45	Civic Education and	8:30-9:10	Economics
	10:15-11:00	Mathematics		Liberal Studies	9:55-10:40	Mathematics
		(Foundation)	10:15-11:00	Mathematics		(Foundation)
	10:15-11:15	Chi. History	10:15-11:15	(Foundation)	9:55-10:55	Chi. History
14/1/2015 Thursday	8:30-10:00	Mathematics	8:30-10:00	Mathematics	8:30-10:00	Mathematics
	10:15 -12:15	English (IV)			10:45-12:00	Chinese(III)(GCSE)
					10:45-11:45	Chinese(III)(DSE)
					12:00-14:00	English (IV)
15/1/2015 Friday	8:30-9:30	Com. Lit	8:30-9:30	Com. Lit	8:30-9:30	Com. Lit
	10:00-12:00	Chinese (IV)(GCSE)	10:00-12:30	English (IV)	10:15-11:00	PTH (Chi)
	10:00-10:30	Chinese (IV)(DSE)				
18/1/2015 Monday	8:30-9:45	Chinese(II)(GCSE)	8:30-9:45	Chinese(III)(GCSE)	8:30-9:30	Geography
	8:30-10:00	Chinese(II)(DSE)	8:30-9:30	Chinese(III) (DSE)	10:15-11:45	Chinese(II)(GCSE)
	10:15-10:45	PTH Oral (Chi)	10:00-12:00	Chinese(IV)(GCSE)	10:15-11:45	Chinese(II)(DSE)
			10:00-10:45	Chinese (IV)(DSE)		
19/1/2015 Tuesday	8:30-9:30	Geography	8:30-10:00	Chinese(II)(GCSE)	8:30-9:30	Liberal Studies
	10:15-11:00	PTH (Chi)	8:30-10:00	Chinese(II)(DSE)	10:15-11:15	Biology
			10:45-11:30	PTH (Chi)	11:30-12:30	PTH Oral (Chi)
20/1/2015 Wednesday	8:30-9:30	Integrated Science	8:30-9:30	English (II)	8:30-9:30	English (II)
	10:15-12:15	Science(practical)			10:15-11:15	History

21/1/2015 Thursday	8:30-9:30 10:15-11:15	English (II) History	8:30-9:30 10:15-12:15	Integrated Science Science(practical)	8:30-9:30 10:00-11:30 10:00-10:45	Physics Chinese(IV)(GCSE) Chinese (IV)(DSE)
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Note : The Putonghua Examination is for Chinese student only.

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Mid Term Exam Timetable

	F.4		F.5	
Date	Time	Subject	Time	Subject
11/1/2015 Monday	8:30-10:00 10:45-12:15	English (I) English (II)	8:30-9:45 10:30-12:00 13:00-14:30	Chinese(I) Chinese(II) English (IV)
12/1/2015 Tuesday	8:30-10:00 10:30-12:00 10:30-12:00	Mathematics Chinese(IV) (GCSE) Chinese(IV) (DSE)	8:30-10:30 11:15-12:30	Liberal Studies (I) Liberal Studies (II)
13/1/2015 Wednesday	8:30-10:00 8:30-10:00 10:45-12:15 10:45-12:15	Chinese(I) (GCSE) Chinese(I) (DSE) Chinese(II) (GCSE) Chinese(II) (DSE)	8:30-10:30 11:15-12:05 12:20-13:50	Mathematics(I) Mathematics(II) Chinese(IV)
14/1/2015 Thursday	8:30-10:30 11:15-12:30	Liberal Studies (I) Liberal Studies (II)	8:30-10:00 10:45-12:15	English (I) English (II)
15/1/2015 Friday	8:30-10:00 8:30-10:15	Chinese(III) (GCSE) Chinese(III) (DSE)	8:30-9:00 9:45-10:45	Economics (I) Economics (II)
18/1/2015 Monday	8:30-9:30 8:30-10:15 8:30-10:15 8:30-10:15	Visual Arts History Information and Communication Technology Chemistry	8:30-10:15 10:45-12:15 8:30-10:15	History (I) History (II) Chemistry
19/1/2015 Tuesday	8:30-10:00 10:15-12:00	English (III) English (IV)	8:30-10:30	English (III)
20/1/2015 Wednesday	8:30-10:15 8:30-10:15 8:30-10:15 11:00-11:45	Biology Physics Geography (I) Geography (II)	8:30-11:30 8:30-10:15 8:30-10:15 8:30-10:15 11:00-11:45	Visual Arts ^ Biology Physics Geography (I) Geography (II)
21/1/2015 Thursday	8:30-9:00 9:45-10:45	Economics (I) Economics (II)	8:30-10:15 10:45-12:45	Chinese(III) Mathematics(Extended)

PS : ^VA Room ◦

4.2 Arrangement of Classes on 10th December 2015 (Thursday)

The Annual Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony will be scheduled in the afternoon on 10th December 2015 (Thursday). Students will have normal school day in the morning, prize winners and performers will have rehearsal separately in groups.

4.3 The Annual Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony 2015

The 52th Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony will be scheduled from 3p.m. to 4:45p.m. in the School Hall on 10th December 2015 (Thursday), **all students must be present**. Parents are cordially invited to attend for your children's achievement and students' performance. Here is the rundown of the ceremony:

Time Estimated	Rundown
2:00	All students must return to the classroom by 2:10p.m. for the roll call.
2:30	Prize winners enter School Hall.
2:40	Students gather on the playground.
2:45	Students follow instructions to enter the Hall and to be seated.
3:00-3:05	Guests enter the Hall.
3:05-3:10	Play the National Anthem.
3:10-3:15	The School Supervisor delivers welcoming speech.
3:15-3:25	Principal Yeung Wing Hon presents annual school report.
3:25-3:45	Guests present prizes.
3:45-4:00	Guest of honor gives a speech.
4:00-4:05	Student representative gives vote of thanks.
4:05-4:10	Principal presents souvenirs to the guest of honor.
4:10-4:40	Performance of teachers and students
4:40-4:45	Play the School Song.
4:45	Guests leave the Hall.
4:40-5:15	Tea time

Please note that the following dates and time will be scheduled for rehearsal for a smoother rundown of the ceremony:

Date	Time	Rehearsal	Even Coordinator
24 th November 2015 to 8 th December 2015	1:15p.m. -1:45p.m.	Script writing & presentation skills (Masters of ceremony must be punctual and present)	Ms. Mok Yuk Ling
3 rd December 2015	3:15p.m. – 5p.m.	Rehearsal (In the School Hall)	Mrs. Lam Lau So Yee
9 th December 2015	4p.m. – 5p.m.	1 st Session: Order & manner on stage (All prize winners, student helpers and masters of ceremony must be present and punctual)	Ms. Mok Yuk Ling
	4:15p.m. -5:30p.m.	2 nd Session: Teachers and students performance with the accompaniment of musical instruments. (Music room and the School Hall)	Mrs. Lam Lau So Yee

4.4 Road Safety

The school has recently noticed that there are a lot of vehicles parking on both sides of the Caroline Hill Road after 4p.m.; and the exit of the South China Athletic Association is actually an accident black spot, teachers found that some students crossed the road without noticing the traffic condition nearby. The school is calling students for the stop of such act and pay extra attention while crossing the road in avoidance of any accidents.

4.5 Parents-Teachers Association

The newly elected Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) would like to hear from you. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please write it in the box provided on the reply slip.

4.6 A couple of full-participation activities will be held soon, all students must be present and parents are cordially invited to attend for cheering or students' performance. Activities include:

- 10th December 2015 (Thursday) The 52th Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony
- 18th December 2015 (Thursday) Inter-House Singing Contest
- 4th- 5th January 2016 (Monday and Tuesday) Sports Day

5. **School Events**

5.1 4 th November	Blood Donation Day
5.2 9 th November	Winter Uniform Allowed
5.3 12 th November	1 st Board Decoration Competition
5.4 15 th November	1 st Parents' Day
5.5 17 th November	English Writing Competition
5.6 27 th November	School Picnic
5.7 30 th November	Winter Uniform Required
5.8 9 th December	Rehearsal of Speech Day
5.9 10 th December	Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony
5.10 18 th December	Inter-House Singing Contest
5.11 21 st December	Christmas Party
5.12 4 th – 5 th January	Sports Day
5.13 11 th – 21 st January	S.1 to S.5 1 st Term Examination
5.14 25 th January – 5 th February	S.6 Mock Examination

6. School Holidays

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| 6.1 16 th November (Monday) | The Day Following Parents' Day |
| 6.2 22 nd December 2015 to 2 nd January 2016 | Christmas Holiday and New Year Holiday |
| 6.3 6 th January (Wednesday) | Holiday After Sports Day |
| 6.4 8 th to 17 th February | Lunar New Year Holiday |

Regards,

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon
Principal
Confucius Hall Secondary School

-----**Reply Slip**-----

Date: _____ November, 2015

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter 2. My suggestions are as follow:

Name of student: _____

Class: _____ ()

Signature of parent/guardian: _____