



Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter 4

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1. Principal's Sharing

3rd June 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

The school has focused on the same goal for the previous 3 years – to broaden students' horizons. That's why teachers and I accompanied 10 students to Germany for exchange programmes from the 28th February to 12th March, in which the other 4 were participating in the Germany Exchange Programme and 6 students were participating in the "WEA Music Workshop". Participating countries of the music workshop included the USA, Germany, China, Hong Kong and others. Students rehearsed and co-ordinated with participants on an ensemble performance from the 29th February to 2nd March, and they went on stage for the actual performance on the 3rd March. Guests were all astonished by their high-quality performance, with students coming from different countries playing Western music, Chinese music, and singing. Apart from individual performances, there were also some ensemble performances with hundreds of students participating. I am sure that the 10 participants from CHSS know what "broaden the horizon" is.

I was proud of my students who bore satisfactory faces although their performances on Chinese music and Hong Kong pop music were just fair. In the following 3 days, we had been to Berlin for 3 days with the company of Mr. Eckhard, the representative of a local school in Germany. Not only did we enjoy the European lifestyle and culture, but also the mouth-watering cuisine. The most memorable moment was a meal in a traditional restaurant with over a century of history. We sang and cheered together with another 10 students from Finland to celebrate Mr. Eckhard's birthday. Throughout the trip, our students experienced a lot of European cultures, which impressed them very much. While we were concluding the gains and losses of the trip, some of them regretted being ignorant in the past, and determined not to be someone with a limited outlook.

On the other hand, the 4 exchange students had been in their host families in Germany for 2 weeks. One of them shared with me that she was thankful to her host family for treating her like a princess. Actually, we experience life differently, which motivates us to be mature; we should cherish every moment in our lives. I hope students have experienced something unforgettable through this exchange programme. Our 4 exchange students eventually arrived in Hong Kong on the 12th March and shared with us their experience at the morning assembly on the 14th March.

On the 18th to 22nd March, more than 20 students and teachers participated in a cultural tour to Nanjing and Shanghai. Students were all overwhelmed by the photos of the Nanjing Massacre, some of them could not continue reading. I sincerely hope that our students can learn from history to avoid similar incident in the future.

During the trip, I visited The Nanjing Municipal Water Resources Bureau and The East China Normal University (ECNU). Officials of the bureau expressed that they would like to subsidise our students to participate in a wide variety of international student activities and ECNU encouraged our students to devote more effort to study for a stronger competitiveness in order to meet the university's admission requirements. Apart from the two institutions above, we also visited The Shanghai Jiao Tong University. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the university for their hospitality.

The most touching and memorable moment was the visit from Chen Yan Ha, an alumnus of CHSS, together with her mother over some souvenirs at Huangpu River. Although we had met just for a short period of time, it was warm.

One of characteristics of our school is to have The Hong Kong Rugby Union as our close partner on rugby-related activities. They rent our school campus including the playground for the accommodation of rugby players from around the world on the 8th – 10th April, and almost 100 students and teachers were granted a free access pass to enjoy The Rugby Sevens. Since the nearby roads were blocked for the event, students could leave earlier.

Apart from sport, we also emphasise academic performance. In March, the school organised the English Speaking Competition and won the 1st runner-up among 3 other participating schools. On the other hand, the Boys and Girls rugby team also won the 2nd runner-up in a recent competition. I hope that our students can be bright in both sport and academic performance.

In recent years, the school has been closely communicating with many organisations, so have our students. In the new academic year, we will be holding exchange programmes with schools and host families in Germany, Denmark and the US. Moreover, we have registered for the 4th International Symposium on Water Resources Protection for Secondary School Students. I sincerely hope to see parents actively encourage our students to engage in different exchange programmes in order to broaden their horizons and be more knowledgeable. Financial burdens are definitely not obstacles for students to participate in this activity once they are shortlisted, the school will provide any possible assistance we can.

It is with sadness that we came to know of the sudden passing away of our manager of SMC and our former Supervisor, Mr. Shum Choi Sang on 27th April, 2016. Mr. Sham was born in 1922. He went to study abroad in the 1940s and obtained a Master's degree from a famous university in the 1950s. He became the chief editor of *Overseas Chinses Daily* after he came back to Hong Kong. Meanwhile, he initiated innovations of the daily press, including establishing a new team to focus on breaking news and importing modern facilities to manage the press.

Mr. Shum contributed a lot to charity and took over different jobs serving the public. In the 1960s, he established the “Child Sponsorship to Needy Children”, which lasted for more than 30 years with over 1.5 million children being subsidised with over nearly a hundred million dollars in donations. We can see that Mr. Shum contributed a lot in education. Before and after the Chinese economic reform, he had donated a lot to establish many primary, secondary schools and hospitals in China; he even became the manager or supervisor of those institutions, including universities. Therefore, Mr. Shum was awarded MBE and SBS from HK Government and became the fellow of Hong Kong University and Chinese University of Hong Kong.

To express our grief, the school organised a memorial ceremony for Mr. Shum on the 13th May. There were about 200 students, teachers and guests attending the ceremony during which some of them signed the condolence book. What surprised me was our students’ attitude and behaviour; they behaved seriously when signing the book, some even prayed to their Lord according to their religions.

The final examinations are approaching, I hope parents will encourage students to study hard for them in order to achieve satisfactory results. Once again, I would like to take this chance to express my deepest grief and sincere thanks to Mr. Shum for his consistent contribution to Confucius Hall for over 30 years.

2. Analects of Confucius

- 2.1 It is rare, indeed, for a man with cunning words and an ingratiating countenance to be benevolent.
- 2.2 Even when walking in the company of two other men, I am bound to be able to learn from them. The good points of the one I copy; the bad points of the other I correct in myself.
- 2.3 He cannot be led into excesses when wealthy and honoured or deflected from his purpose when poor and obscure, nor can he be made to bow before superior force. This is what I would call a great man.
- 2.4 The Master said, “A man is worthy of being a teacher who gets to know what is new by keeping fresh in his mind what he is already familiar with.”
- 2.5 I do not complain against Heaven, nor do I blame Man.
- 2.6 The man of wisdom is never in two minds; the man of benevolence never worries; the man of courage is never afraid.
- 2.7 What the gentleman seeks, he seeks within himself; what the small man seeks, he seeks in others.
- 2.8 While the gentleman cherishes benign rule, the small man cherishes his native land. While the gentleman cherishes a respect or the law, the small man cherishes generous treatment.
- 2.9 It is not the failure of others to appreciate your abilities that should trouble you, but rather your own lack of them.

3. Good News

- 3.1 The Liberal Studies Department participated in “*Student Ambassador for Privacy Protection cum School Partners Recognition Schemes 2016*” and was awarded a Bronze prize for our outstanding performance.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.2 4A Wu David and 4B Chow Ching were awarded certificates and prizes for their positive participation and the completion of “*The 7th Healthy Information Student Ambassador Scheme*” organised by the Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration. At the same time, 5B Wong Ho Hin was recommended to participate in “*The 8th Healthy Information Student Ambassador Scheme*” and he was admitted after the screening process and interview.

Event coordinator: Mr. Cheng Tsz Yan

3.3 5B Ma Ming Hui, Zahra was awarded the Platinum Award for the assessment and completion of the “*2014/15 The Chemists Online Self-study Award Scheme*” by the Science Education Section, EDB.

Event coordinator: Mr. Cheng Tsz Yan

3.4 Our school was recommended to compete for “*2016 Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (Secondary Schools Sector)*” organised by The Environmental Campaign Committee.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.5 Our school was awarded a “*Bronze Award in Campus Waste Reduction Campaign*” for our outstanding achievement on the reduction of campus waste by The Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC).

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.6 The following students were sent to participate in “*Riding High Together for a World Record, the Longest Paper Chain of Cheering Messages*” organised by The Hong Kong Jockey Club and were awarded a certificate for breaking the Guinness World Records with more than a thousand students in Hong Kong. They are:

3B	Yang Leheng	4A	Mang Tsz Fung
4B	Chow Ching	5A	Au Long Hin, Angus
	Chow Lok Yin		Lai Tsz Hing
	Haque Iqraa Bibi		Yao Zongsheng
	Leung Hoi Ki	5B	Lee Lok Sin
	Wong Chun Him		Wong Man Ching
	Zhang Weiguang		Zhong Hongchao

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.7 The School Orienteering Team was awarded the following achievements in the “*Joing School Orienteering Championships 2015/2016 (Hong Kong Island)*”. The results are as follow:

Individual:

5B Wong Man Ching – The 5th in A Grade Girls

Group:

The 1st runner-up in A Grade Girls

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.8 The school was funded HKD 12,000 by the Wan Chai Districts Youth Programme Committee for organising post-examination activities and a series of summer “*Student Leaders Training*”.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.9 The School Community Youth Club was awarded “*The 1st Community Youth Club Outstanding School Awards*” for our consistent contribution to the community by the Education Bureau (EDB) in 2016 Community Youth Club Annual Rally.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.10 The School Community Youth Club was awarded an outstanding award in “*Theme-activity Competition 2015/16*” (Secondary) for our consistent contribution to the community by the Community Youth Club (Wan Chai District), EDB.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.11 4B Tong Yuet Yi, Ivy was awarded the “*Member Merit Award*” for her enthusiasm in participating in social services by the Community Youth Club (Wan Chai).

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.12 The following students were awarded for their active participation in social services by the Community Youth Club, EDB. They are:

Secondary School Level 3 (Purple Badge)	
4B	Tong Yuet Yi, Ivy
5B	Ma Ming Hui, Zahra

Secondary School Level 2 (Orange Badge)	
4B	Tong Yuet Yi, Ivy
5A	Kwok Wan Yiu
	Liang Meiai
5B	Chan Yu
	Ma Ming Hui, Zahra

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.13 4A Tang Long Tin was recommended to participate in “*‘Train’ for life’s journeys*” Programme 2016 organised by the MTR Corporation.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.14 3A Lee Ting Hang, Henry was recommended to participate in “*Military Summer Camp for Hong Kong Youth 2015*” jointly organised by the Concerted Efforts Resource Centre, the Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration---People & Forces, the Moral Education Concern Group, the People's Liberation Army Forces Hong Kong and the Education Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.15 4A Tang Long Tin and Wu David were recommended to participate in “*Novice Reporters Programme*” organised by The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups. They will be reporting news or interviewing people, or even screened as the anchor during the live session of the Hong Kong Book Fair 2016.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.16 Our school was elected to participate in the “*Olympic Day Outreach Programme*” for promoting the Olympic Spirit by the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC)

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.17 Our school has signed the agreement “*Charter on External Lighting*” for the commitment of reducing light pollution and the waste of energy promoted by The Environment Bureau.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.18 Due to their outstanding performance, 5A Au Long Hin, Angus, Yao Zongsheng, Zhen Chiwen and 5B Zhong Hongchao won the 2nd runner-up in “*SR8 Rowing Green Reopening Fun Day*” organised by the Highways Department.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.19 5A Zhen Chiwen and 5B Chan Pui Ho were admitted to the “*Outstanding Students Summer Historical and Cultural Programme 2016*” by HKU Space and Our Hong Kong Foundation. They will be accompanied by scholars of history such as Prof. Siu Kwok Kin, Prof. Ting Sun Pao, Prof. Cheng Pei Kai and Prof. Kwong Tsz Man to learn “The Past and The Future of Hong Kong” during 5th July to 8th July.

Event coordinator: Mr. Lam Tsz Pan and Ms. Lau Wai Tung

3.20 5B Ma Ming Hui, Zahra was admitted to “*Innovating Today, Imagining Tomorrow*” *Mentorship Programme* jointly organised by The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG). Each student will be assigned a professor as his/her mentor who will exchange ideas and share experiences aspects like personal growth and academic performance. Professors include: Prof. Karen Chan from the School of Science, HKUST and Prof. Yeung King Lun from the School of Engineering, HKUST.

Event coordinator: Mr. Lam Tsz Pan

4. School News

4.1 Financial Assistance Schemes (2016 – 2017)

The School wishes to help students with financial burden. The details of the Financial Assistance Schemes in the new academic year are as follows:

Financial Assistance Scheme	Application Procedures	Deadline
School Fee Deduction Scheme (2016 -2017) (For low-income families)	1. Fill in the application form(s) Application forms for different schemes can be obtained at the General Office or downloaded online. 2. Submit the completed application form(s) with supporting documents (if applicable) to the General Office. All information may be checked and verified. Otherwise application will not be admissible.	2 nd September, 2017 (Friday) (First round)
Confucius Hall Secondary School Grant (For non-CSSA families only)	3. Application for the year 2015-2016 has invalid. To continue to receive tuition fee reduction, all applicants must resubmit an application in the new school year. 4. Results Results will be released in 14 days after the form is submitted.	Applications are accepted all year round.

<p>“Seeds of Hope Program” Scheme 2016 of Buddhist Compassion Relief Tsu Chi Foundation Hong Kong Limited</p> <p>Fees for catering, textbook purchase (prior assistance from the Government must have been sought), uniforms and extra-curricular activities can be subsidised.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill in the application form. Application forms can be obtained at the General Office. 2. Submit the completed application form(s) with supporting documents (if applicable) to the General Office. 	<p>10th June, 2017 (Friday)</p>
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4.2 Script Checking of Exam Paper Timetable 2015/16

23 rd June, 2016 (Thurs)						
Time	S1	S2A	S2B	S3	S4	S5
8:15 – 8:20	Roll Call					
8:20 – 8:50	English	Mathematics	Science	Liberal Studies	Liberal Studies	Chinese
8:50 – 9:20	English	Mathematics	Science	3A Chemistry 3B Geography	Liberal Studies	Chinese
9:20 – 9:30	Recess					
9:30 – 10:00	Mathematics	C & L	C & L	3A Physics 3B Biology	X1	Chinese
10:00 – 10:30	Mathematics	C & L	C & L	3A Biology 3B Physics	X1	English
10:30 – 10:40	Recess					
10:40 – 11:10	English	F. Maths.	GCSE F. Maths DSE Chi. Hist.	GCSE Chinese DSE PTH	Mathematics	English
11:10 – 11:40	Geography	Chinese	Chinese	GCSE F. Maths DSE Chi. Hist.	Mathematics	English
11:40 – 11:50	Recess					
11:50 – 12:20	Science	Chinese	Chinese	English	Maths (Extended)	X1
12:20 – 12:50				English	Maths (Extended)	X1

24 th June, 2016 (Fri)						
Time	S1	S2A	S2B	S3	S4	S5
8:15 – 8:20	Roll Call					
8:20 – 8:50	Chinese	Science	Mathematics	Chinese	English	Mathematics
8:50 – 9:20	Chinese	Science	Mathematics	Chinese	English	Mathematics
9:20 – 9:30	Recess					
9:30 – 10:00	GCSE Chinese	ICT	English	Mathematics	English	Liberal Studies
10:00 – 10:30	GCSE F. Maths	English	English	Mathematics	Chinese	Liberal Studies
10:30 – 10:40	Recess					
10:40 – 11:10	ICT	English	English	3A Geography 3B Economics	Chinese	X2
11:10 – 11:40	History	English	ICT	3A Economics 3B Chemistry	Chinese	X2
11:40 – 11:50	Recess					
11:50 – 12:20	Liberal Studies	Chinese	GCSE Chinese DSE PTH	3A ICT 3B History	X2	Maths (Extended)
12:20 – 12:50				3A History 3B ICT	X2	Maths (Extended)

4.3 Peak Season for Communicable Diseases

The peak season for communicable diseases usually falls between May and July. Parents should continue with the necessary preventive measures against communicable diseases during the summer vacation. They should maintain the household environment clean and hygienic, take notice of the health conditions of their children, and avoid letting children go to crowded places. If a trip outside Hong Kong is planned, parents should avoid visiting places being affected by communicable diseases with their children and remind their children to maintain personal hygiene and avoid visiting crowded places. Upon returning to Hong Kong, parents should pay close attention to their children's health and seek medical consultation immediately if fever or other symptoms are noted.

4.4 Recycling and donation of used school uniforms

In order to raise students' awareness of being environmentally-friendly and better use of resources, the Department of Students Affairs will organize a recycling and donation of winter/ summer uniforms.

This is a highly meaningful activity as it not only helps parents deal with the unfit school uniforms and also enables students to use resources well and share their love. We hope all parents can support us and join this activity.

Donation of School Uniforms

Date:	12 th July, 2016 to 22 nd July, 2016
Time:	8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
Category	Winter/ Summer Uniforms - school blazers, sleeved sweaters, vest sweaters, shirts, trousers and dresses
Collection Point:	General Office
Remarks:	1. The collected uniforms will be categorized and distributed by the Department of Students Affairs. 2. For better hygiene, please wash the uniforms before donating. 3. The collected uniforms will be donated to students in need free of charge.

Distribution of School Uniforms

Date:	25 th July 2016– 29 th July, 2016
Remarks:	1. Students in need should register at the General Office on or before 8 th July. 2. Teacher-in-charge will help registered students choose the fit school uniforms and contact parents on phone by 25 th July. 3. The distribution is on a first-come-first-served basis. 4. No return or exchange of the school uniforms will be arranged. 5. Please bring your own bag. 6. Only shortlisted students will receive a phone call on or 25 th July.

4.5 Suspension of Locker Service

All students must clear their lockers by 7th July, 2016 for the maintenance conducted from 8th July to 31st August. Students can keep their own locker key for using the same locker again from September. Parents should prepare a ‘spare key’ themselves. Student Affairs Office will no longer provide a spare key for the next academic year. If students lose their keys or damage their lockers in the next academic year, they will be disqualified from using the locker service.

4.6 Used Textbook Sale

Student Union will provide students with Used Textbook Sale service as a platform for students to resell and buy used textbooks. This is a voluntary service and there is no service charge. Used textbook prices will be determined by the seller.

Collection of books

Date	Venue	Teachers-in-charge
From 4 th July on to 8 th July	Staff Room on the 3 rd floor	Ms Yeung Tsz Wai Mr. Cheng Tsz Yan

Sale of books

Date	Time	Venue
11 th July (Registration Day for current students)	9:00 am to 10:00 am	Counter outside the Staff Room

Terms of Service of 'Used Textbook Sale'

Details

- (1) Books for sale can be items in the Book List or reference books for public examinations.
- (2) Books submitted should be clean. All pencil marks must be erased. Books with too much ball pen marks and correction pen marks will not be accepted.
- (3) Books submitted should be intact.
- (4) For the sake of convenience, any covers other than the transparent book packing sheet should be removed.
- (5) Books will not be accepted if the seller is not the owner of the used books.

Procedures

- (1) Students offering textbooks for reselling should reach Ms. Yeung Tsz Wai or Mr. Cheng Tsz Yan in Staff Room on the 3rd floor and complete the form 'Record of books submitted'
- (2) Students can receive the payment and the books not sold after the commencement of new academic year from 4th September to 6th September.

Points to Note

Students can choose the books they need at the counter next to the Staff Room. Students should check clearly that the books are intact and clean and the Student Union accepts no liability in paying compensation for any damage or loss of books submitted for reselling.

4.7 Student Photo taking

The Department of Student Affairs has contacted Powerful Colour Image to take photos for students on 2nd September, 2016. Details are as follows:

Item	Size	Price	Remarks
Passport photo (Background Colour – Pink)	1.5 X 2 Inches	HKD \$10 (1 dozen)	➤ Students can decide to take the photo whether or not. ➤ No change is offered.

5. School Events

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| 5.1 | 6 th June | The 3 rd Teachers Development Day |
| 5.2 | 7 th – 20 th June | Final Term Examination |
| 5.3 | 21 st – 22 nd June | TSA (Written) |
| 5.4 | 23 rd – 24 th June | Post-Examination Script Checking |
| 5.5 | 24 th June | TSA (Written) Reserve |
| 5.6 | 27 th June – 7 th July | Post-Examination Activities |
| 5.7 | 8 th July | Closing Ceremony and Distribution of Report Cards |
| 5.8 | 11 th July | Registration (Current Students) |
| 5.9 | 12 th July | S.1 Attainment Test (New Admission) |
| 5.10 | 13 th July | Release of HKDSE Results |
| 5.11 | 14 th – 15 th July | Final Term Re-examination |

6. School Holidays

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| 6.1 | 8 th June | Tuen Ng Festival |
| 6.2 | 1 st July | HKSAR Establishment Day |
| 6.3 | 18 th July – 31 st August | Summer Holiday |

Regards,

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon
Principal
Confucius Hall Secondary School

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

Date: _____ June, 2016

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter 4.

Name of student: _____

Class: _____ ()

Signature of parent/guardian: _____