



Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter 1

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1. Principal's Sharing

Dear Parents and Students,

It was a fruitful academic year last year. Everyone in the school was excited on the day of release of the HKDSE results because our students had achieved outstanding results of 5* and 5** in several subjects, including Chinese Language, Mathematics, Physics and Mathematics Extended Part Module 1. 5 students will further their study in local universities including The University of Science and Technology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Lingnan University; about 27% of our students are able to admit to universities in Hong Kong, China and Taiwan, which exceeds the average percentage in secondary schools in Hong Kong.

For the graduation trip this year, S.6 students visited Hangzhon. One of our students, Cen Ye, also joined us from Beijing while we were in Shanghai. The view in West Lake is indubitably gorgeous, so I advised our students to feel it with their heart instead of merely watching it, to feel the relationship between nature and human. The tour guide teased about being demanding! He said that students ran back and forth because of the spectacular views; this is youth, the tour guide and I silently enjoyed the view; this is maturity. He is really intelligent, hitting the nail on the head.

To be frank, I could feel students' anxiety with their school lives about to end. It is understandable that students need ways to vent their emotions. As a Principal, I sometimes will also scream with them, just to vent. Dreams and hopes can be seen on the faces of students, I wish them all wonderful prospects.

In July, I was invited by The Hong Kong Institution of Education to deliver a talk about strategies of quality education. Participants were mostly teachers from local secondary and primary schools. I hope that they improve in teaching and learning from my experience. Also, New Asia College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong invited Ms. Chan Yuk Kwan and myself to deliver a speech to a group of teachers and officials from the Mainland of China regarding our teaching experiences. In the meantime, they appreciated much of the school's accomplishments in education about Confucianism.

I have two more pieces of good news to share with you. The first is about the major repairs of the school. The quotation has been successfully approved by the Education Bureau and Architectural Services Department. It is estimated that works will commence in December this year. During the summer holiday next year, we will have a newly renovated school.

The second piece of good news is the re-establishment of a primary school curriculum. The school management board has come to an agreement with International Chinese Academy Education Foundation and signed it on 29th August 2015. This is the very first step to the new curriculum. On the day of signing the agreement, there were guests including eminent scholars, businessmen and former government officials. This reveals that the importance of the re-establishment of primary curriculum in our school in the eyes of the public. The agreement includes maintenance funding for the school to improve hardware facilities and construct a new academic building with the latest facilities. The chairperson of the fund even donated a lump-sum of HKD 1 million seed money to the school management board to fund the development of Confucianism.

Recently during the summer holiday, lead in water in schools has become a heated issue in Hong Kong. The school has therefore assigned a laboratory to test the water in our tuck shop. The testing result shows that our given sample conformed to drinking standards. Moreover, filters in water dispensers will also be renewed with lead-removing filters for our students' health.

With the effort of Ms. Mok Yuk Ling during the summer holiday for the exchange programme with a German school, it is confirmed that there will be a girl from Germany in October. The family of one of our students will be accommodating her as a host family for 3 weeks. We will be responsible for introducing her to CHSS, Hong Kong society, education system and the attractions in Hong Kong. In return, we will have 2 students visiting German in April next year. I hope that students will treasure every opportunity to join our exchange programme, broaden their horizons, enhance their experience, and become more knowledgeable.

On 1st September, I could see students leaping in to school, screaming, hugging and greeting with classmates whom they hadn't seen for the whole summer holiday. Mr. Chan Shu Chun sentimentally expressed next to me, "students like CHSS very much, we should provide them with a nice environment for learning." He always reminds students of 3 NOs: No bullying, no assaulting and no discriminating. I am motivated whenever I see students bowing to and greeting me with smile and innocent faces; questions pop up in my mind: How can I cultivate their worth? How can I help them establish their independence and thoughts? How can I guide them to be indomitable?

2. Good News

2.1 Congratulations to Ms. Tsang Kar Man and Ms. Fung Lai Yin for being nominated as awardees for the 20th Teachers Commendation Scheme organized by Committee on Respect Our Teachers Campaign.

2.2 Mr. Chan Hing Shing, Ms. Hung Pan Kan and Ms. Poon Wing Ki were awarded trophies of “Enhanced Smart Teen Project 2014/2015” organized by the Guidance and Discipline Section, Education Bureau for their devoted contribution to our students.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

2.3 5B Ma Ming Hui Zahra has completed the MTR "'Train' for life's journeys" Programme 2015. Ma was awarded The Best in Creativity Award and HKD 500 cash as an encouragement for her outstanding performance.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

2.4 4B Tong Yuet Yi Ivy, 5A Liang Meiai, Mak Kin Hei, Yao Zongsheng, Yung Ka Chung, 5B Lee Lok Sin, So Man Ho and Lam Ming Wai 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 Hiu Ching and Mr. Lo Yiu Fong

2.5 4B Tong Yuet Yi Ivy, 5B Chan Pui Ho, Xu Xianxing and 6A Li Tsz Lok were awarded trophies of “Enhanced Smart Teen Project 2014/2015” organized by the Guidance and Discipline Section, Education Bureau for their positive attitudes and improvement.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

2.6 4B Choi Pan Tsun and Chow Ching were awarded graduation certificates for the completion of the 15-day Military Summer Camp for Hong Kong Youth 2015, jointly organized and co-organized by Concerted Efforts Resource Centre, Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration---People & Forces, Moral Education Concern Group, People's Liberation Army Forces Hong Kong, and Education Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

3. School News

3.1 School SMS

To strengthen parent-school communication, the School will continue to send SMS to mobile phones. We hope all parents will provide their mobile phone numbers for easy communication.

3.2 Tuition Fees for S.1 to S.5 Students

- HK\$3800 annually in 10 installments (HK\$380 monthly) for S.1 students
- HK\$3800 annually in 10 installments (HK\$380 monthly) for S.2 students
- HK\$3400 annually in 10 installments (HK\$340 monthly) for S.3 students
- HK\$2980 annually in 10 installments (HK\$298 monthly) for S.4 students
- HK\$1700 annually in 10 installments (HK\$170 monthly) for S.5 students

The adjustments of tuition fees are subject to students' admission to our school for the year.

- Arrangements for payment of tuition fees for S.1 to S.5 students in September:

i) Students should settle the tuition fee via direct debit from banks by Friday, 25th September 2015.

- The tuition fees from October 2015 to June 2016 should be settled via direct debit from banks. The transaction is scheduled on the first day of each month. The Direct Debit Authorization Form should be completed and returned to the Class Teacher by 4th September.

3.4 Tuition Fee Grant

In order to help students with financial burdens focus on their studies and join different activities, the school has established the Tuition Fee Grant to help students in need. This grant is open to application all year round. Students may obtain the application form at the General Office. For further information, please feel free to contact Miss Mok Yuk Ling, the Student Affairs Administrator.

3.5 Lunch Arrangements

To prevent junior form students from the risk of being influenced by an unhealthy social climate, S.1 – S.3 students will have their lunch at school during lunchtime. Parents please notice the following items:

1) Parents can let students bring their lunch by using a thermos.

2) Parents can bring the lunch to school. Staff will distribute the lunch boxes to the corresponding students.

Time for collecting lunch: 12:15p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

(Please state clearly the student's name and class.)

3) Parents can order lunch boxes from our service provider, Vitaland Services Limited. Lunch boxes are nutritiously balanced, varied in styles and cost HK\$22 each. Parents can fill in the monthly order form and students can return the completed form with the fee to the tuck shop. Should parents have any questions, please contact the shop manager of the tuck shop at 28955161.

3.5 Winter School Uniform Ordering

For ease of ordering the winter school uniform, the Students Affairs Team has arranged the school uniform providers to come to our school and to take orders in mid October. The HK\$100 deposit should be settled when making orders. Parents can also sew the uniforms themselves but the style should be the same as our school's requirements. Furthermore, school badges (@ HK\$7), school ties (@ HK\$15), red belts for female students (@HK15) and black belts for male students (@HK\$38) will also be sold in the tuck shop for students' convenience.

3.6 Use of Students' Lockers

Students' lockers are provided for cultivating students' self-care ability and facilitating janitors' routines after school. Students are highly advised to keep their locker keys with 1 or 2 spare keys kept by the parents. The Students Affairs Team will not provide extra keys to students who lose their keys. The right of borrowing students' lockers will be forfeited if their keys are reported lost or the locker is reported damaged.

3.7 Contact Details of the School

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Office hours : 7:30am – 5:30pm (Monday – Friday)

3.8 The 1st Term Uniform Test for S.1 to S.6 students has been scheduled from 29th October 2015 to 3rd November 2015. Please refer to the following test timetable, supervise your children in revising for the test and be sure they attend each session punctually.

	29/10/2015(Thursday)	30/10/2015(Friday)	2/11/2015(Monday)	3/11/2015(Tuesday)
F.1	8:30- 9:45Chinese(GCSE)(I) 8:30-9:30 Chinese (DSE)(I) 10:15-11:30Chinese(GCSE)(I) I) 10:15- 11:30Chinese (DSE)(II)	8:30 -9:30 English (I) 10:00-10:45 English (II) 11:15-12:00 Liberal Studies	8:30-9:30 Mathematics 10:00-10:30 Mathematics(Foundation) 10:00-10:35Chi. History 11:05-11:50 Geography	8:30-9:15 Integrated Science 9:45-10:20 History
F.2	8:30- 9:45Chinese(GCSE)(I) 8:30-9:30 Chinese (DSE)(I) 10:15-11:45Chinese(GCSE)(I) I) 10:15- 11:30Chinese (DSE)(II)	8:30 -9:30 English (I) 10:00-10:45 English (II)	8:30-9:30 Mathematics 10:00-10:30 Mathematics(Foundation) 10:00-10:35Chi. History	8:30-9:15 Integrated Science 9:45-10:30 Civic Education and Liberal Studies
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F.4	8:30-9:45 English (I) 10:15-11:30 English (II)	8:30-9:45 Chinese(GCSE)(I) 8:30-9:45 Chinese (DSE)(I) 10:15-11:45 Chinese (GCSE)(II) 10:15-11:45 Chinese (DSE)(II)	8:30 -9:45 Liberal Studies <u>10:15-11:15</u> History 、 Visual Arts 、 Information and Communication Technology <u>10:15-11:30</u> Chemistry	8:30-9:30 Mathematics 10:00-11:00 Economics <u>10:00-11:15</u> Biology 、 Physics 、 Geography
F.5	8:30-9:45 English (I) 10:15-11:30 English (II) 12:00-13:15 Mathematics(Extended)	8:30-9:45 Chinese (DSE)(I) 10:15-11:45 Chinese (DSE)(II)	8:30 -9:45 Liberal Studies 10:15-11:15 Economics <u>10:15-11:45</u> History 、 Chemistry	8:30-10:00 Mathematics 10:30-11:30 Visual Arts 10:30-11:45 Geography 10:30-12:00 Biology 、 Physics

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4. School Events

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| 4.1 1 st September | Opening Ceremony |
| 4.2 2 nd September | Drugs and Health Talk |
| 4.3 4 th – 11 th September | School days under Summer Timetable |
| 4.4 11 th September | 1 st ECA Registration Day 2015 |
| 4.5 30 th September | Election of Student Association |
| 4.6 5 th – 8 th October | Chinese Writing Competition |
| 4.7 13 th – 15 th October | Student Health Service |
| 4.8 28 th October | 1 st Teacher Development Day |
| 4.9 29 th October – 3 rd November | Week of The 1 st Term Uniform Test |

5. School Holidays

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| 5.1 3 rd September | The 70 th Anniversary Day of the Victory of The Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression |
| 5.2 28 th September | The Day following The Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival |
| 5.3 1 st October | National Day Holiday |
| 5.4 9 th October | The Birthday of Confucius |
| 5.5 21 st October | Chung Yeung Festival |

Regards,

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon
Principal
Confucius Hall Secondary School

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Date: _____ September, 2015

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter 1. I *agree / disagree** to provide my contact information.

Mobile phone number : _____

Name of contact person : _____

Name of student: _____

Class: _____ ()

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

**Please delete the inappropriate item.*