



Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter 1

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1. Principal's Sharing

4th October 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

First of all, I would like to share with you some good news about the academic performance of our S.6 students in the HKDSE. The overall passing rate was nearly 74% and for History and Visual Art, it was 100%. Almost 20% of students were admitted to local or overseas tertiary institutions and universities including The University of Hong Kong, The City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Chu Hai College of Higher Education, and Jinan University. These figures went beyond the average standard in Hong Kong. Credits should go to teachers who have contributed over the years so that students could achieve such outstanding academic performances. Of course, our students put much effort into the public examinations. May I take this chance to thank you all for your hard work.

On the 5th June, I participated in an exchange programme to Beijing, organized by the Hong Kong Direct Subsidy Scheme School Council. During the trip, I met some officials in the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China and discussed the possibility of organizing an exchange programme for our students with the minority groups in China. So far, we will be visiting those in Yunnan, China, in the 1st term. In late June before the summer holiday, we organised a trip for cultural exchange in Mongolia. Apart from understanding the cultures there, we also visited a dairy where students had a better understanding of how a small-sized enterprise is able to transform into a multi-national corporation. The trip was unforgettable especially the moment all teachers and students were taking in the desert, and they played tricks on the Principal at the birthday party.

While we had overseas exploration, we also had a local tour organized by the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) on the 10th July, which I believe was a great chance for teachers and parents to exchange thoughts and ideas. We shared the attitude of students' learning, the school's development and parents' expectations of the school, embraced by the stunning environment of Hong Kong Science and Technology Park. I felt especially proud of myself because parents are confident of the school's policies; they mentioned

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that students actually love the school very much. This is in agreement with the set of questionnaires done by the end of the school term in June. It focused on the teachers-students relationships. The result revealed that over 94% of students love the school and our teachers. It was really a confidence booster to the school. After the sharing at the seaside, we enjoyed roasted pigeons for lunch at a Chinese restaurant in Shatin. It had been a long time since I tasted pigeon; the meal became even nicer with the participation of parents and students.

On the 11th August, I published a poetry collection for the retirement of former teacher, Mr. Kwan. Unexpectedly, almost 100 alumni came back to celebrate the publication. I hope alumni's sense of belonging to the school will continue eternally.

1st September was the first day of this academic year, I was standing at the entrance watching students coming back with energy and smiles. Having received the subsidy from the Education Bureau (EDB), we have carried a large scale renovation in the previous 6 months. Not only did the walls get new painting, but then also repaired the flakes, the school and the playground. Today, we see a pleasant change of the school campus.

It was a big moment for our school on 25th September, "The International Chinese Worship to the Birthday of Confucius Memorable Ceremony" was held in the school hall. Guests included Ms. Florence Hui, the Under Secretary for Home Affairs, Professor Sin Chow Yiu and Professor Si Chung Mou from the academic field, Mr. Richard Hung and Mr. Derek Hung Chiu Wah, Confucius's offspring and the senior representative from the Hong Kong Buddhist Association, the Hong Kong Taoist Association and the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. A welcoming speech was delivered by Dr. Chan Wai Kai, the President of Confucius Hall, followed by the sharing of our motto from Ms. Hui and Professor Sin. The ceremony was in a solemn atmosphere, students showed respect to the guests and most importantly, Confucius. Students' performance was recognised and we received a lot of appreciation from our guests.

The school has been paying a lot of effort negotiating the implementation of exchange programmes. The latest news is that we are going to launch an exchange programme with a Danish school. Our students will be going to Denmark in 2017. Interviews will be arranged in October. At the same time, there will be 4 students visiting us from Germany in October and they will be joining the 2-week exchange programme. Not only is the school launching exchange programmes with schools in Europe, but also the US. We are negotiating with a secondary school in the US for an exchange programme. There will be 2 to 4 students going to the US for learning and cultural exchange. You will be notified of the details once everything is confirmed. Based on our experience, students who engaged in those exchange programmes had great improvements in terms of attitude and academic performance when they were back. Parents are advised to encourage their children to participate. Once they are shortlisted, the school will provide any possible support financially. Let's work together to help broaden students' horizon and learn more experiences for their brighter future!

2. Analects of Confucius

- 2.1 Is it not a pleasure, having learned something, to try it out at due intervals? Is it not a joy to have like-minded friends come from afar?
- 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 It is these things that cause me concern: failure to cultivate virtue, failure to go more deeply into what I have learned, inability, when I am told what is right, to go over to where it is, and inability to reform myself when I have defects.
- 2.4 While your parents are alive, you should not travel too far afield. If you do travel, your whereabouts should always be known.
- 2.5 If one learns from others but does not think, one will be bewildered. If, on the other hand, one thinks but does not learn from others, one will be imperilled.
- 2.6 When you meet someone better than yourself, turn your thoughts to becoming his equal. When you meet someone not as good as you are, look within and examine your own self.

3. Good News

- 3.1 Congratulations to Mr. Chow Wing Yiu and Ms. Mok Yuk Ling for being awarded certificates at the “20th Teachers Commendation Scheme” organised by the Committee on Respect Our Teachers Campaign.
- 3.2 6B Ma Ming Hui Zahra and 6A Kiang Ka Yan were awarded the champion prize and outstanding prize respectively in the senior session of the 4th E-Books Chinese Story Writing “Love · Historic Building” 2016 organized by the Athena Space.

Event coordinator: Ms. Yeung Tsz Wai

- 3.3 6B Ma Ming Hui Zahra was awarded a certificate of the “Secondary School Mathematics & Science Competition (Chemistry) 2016” organized by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University for her achieving distinction in the competition.
- 3.4 6B Chan Yu and Lee Wing Sze were presented scholarship of HKD 500 each and selected to be the 8th ambassador of art in campus of the “AAiSS Arts Ambassadors -in- School Scheme” organized by the Hong Kong Arts Developments Council for their outstanding performance.

4. School News

4.1 School SMS

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

4.2 Tuition Fees for S.1 to S.6 Students

- HK\$4000 annually in 10 instalments (HK\$400 monthly) for S.1 students
- HK\$4000 annually in 10 instalments (HK\$400 monthly) for S.2 students
- HK\$4000 annually in 10 instalments (HK\$400 monthly) for S.3 students
- HK\$3600 annually in 10 instalments (HK\$360 monthly) for S.4 students
- HK\$3180 annually in 10 instalments (HK\$318 monthly) for S.5 students
- HK\$1800 annually in 10 instalments (HK\$180 monthly) for S.6 students
- The adjustments of tuition fees are subject to students' admission to our school for the year.
- The tuition fees from October 2016 to June 2017 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 at your earliest convenience.

4.3 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 Ms. Mok Yuk Ling, the Department Head of Student Affairs Management.

4.4 Lunch Arrangements

To prevent junior form students from taking 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: 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 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.

4.5 Winter School Uniform Ordering

For the ease of ordering the winter school uniform, the Department of Students Affairs Management has arranged the school uniform providers to come to our school and to take orders on 29th September 2016. The HK\$100 deposit should be settled when making orders. Parents can also prepare the uniforms on your own but the style should be the same as our school's requirements. Furthermore, school badges (@ HK\$7), school ties (@ HK\$25), red belts for female students (@HK15) and black belts for male students (@HK\$38) will also be available at the tuck shop for students' convenience.

4.6 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 properly with 1 or 2 set of spare keys kept by the parents. The Department of Students Affairs Management will not provide any 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.

4.7 The Arrangement of the Student Health Service by the Department of Health, HKSAR

There will be coaches sending students separately to the Chai Wan SHSC by the Department of Health for students' body check-up on 5th – 7th October 2016. The exact time, date and names of students will be confirmed and posted on the notice board of each classroom later. Students are required to wear P.E. uniform on the check-up day with their Hong Kong Identity Card and Immunisation Card (if any) for medical staff's easy reference. For safety, staff from the Department of Health and the School will also be sent to go together with students. Apart from the check-up session, students are required to bring along their personal belongings for lessons, such as textbooks and stationery.

4.8 The Prevention of the Outbreak of Infectious Diseases

Due to the increasing numbers of the outbreak of infectious diseases like Influenza, Scarlet Fever, Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD), Chickenpox, Enterovirus and so on, parents are recommended to closely communicate and co-operate with the school to remind students to observe their personal hygiene and keep the school campus clean in avoidance of the outbreak of the aforementioned infectious diseases.

4.9 The America Learning Exchange Programme

The school is planning to organise the "America Learning Exchange Programme" with Mt Everett Regional School in the US, which S.1 to S.5 students are welcome to join. There will only be 5 vacancies. Qualified students will be taking selected courses in Mt Everett Regional School and settling at the school's dormitory free of charge for 2 weeks. The following expenses will be EXCLUDED: return tickets (including airport taxes and fuel surcharges), traveling documents (including visa), insurance, meals and other personal expenses.

To alleviate the financial burden of students who are in need to participate in these exchange programmes, shortlisted participants who are under the subsidy of CSSA scheme will receive our full grant.

Details of the exchange programme will be announced later, interested parties may submit their application on or before 6th October 2016 (Thursday).

4.10 The Denmark Exchange Programme

The school is planning to organise the “Denmark Exchange Programme” from 30th January to 9th February 2017, S.1 to S.5 students are welcome. There will be only 5 vacancies. Qualified students will be staying in Denmark for 2 weeks experiencing life and cultures in Denmark. Students who are successfully going to Denmark will be accommodated free of charge in the participating school and host family, parents only need to prepare for the return tickets (including airport taxes and fuel surcharges), traveling documents (including visa), insurance and other personal expenses.

To alleviate the financial burden of students who are in need to participate in these exchange programmes, shortlisted participants who are under the subsidy of CSSA scheme will receive our full grant.

Details of the exchange programme will be announced later, interested parties may submit their application on or before 6th October 2016 (Thursday).

4.11 Hong Kong Host Family for Exchange Students Programme

To facilitate the understanding of life and cultures in Hong Kong of Danish students, the school is planning to accommodate the exchange students from 15th – 23rd January 2017. We are inviting parents to be the host families. Please read the following details:

- Each host family will accommodate 1 Denmark exchange student who is Year 10-12 free of charge for 9 days 8 nights.
- At least 1 family member should be able to speak fluent English, and the rest of the members should be kind and having a healthy living habit.
- Exchange students who are in the same gender as your children will be arranged to stay in the family.

The exchange programme is meaningful to all participating parties as on the one hand, we can be the host to accommodate the exchange students; on the other hand, students can even learn different cultures and establish their friendship and social circle. The success of the programme all depends on parents’ support, if you are interested, you are more than welcome to contact the principal, Dr. Yeung Wing Hon at 2576 6417 or the Department Head of Students Affairs Department, Ms. Mok Yuk Ling at 2576 3415 on or before 6th October 2016 (Thursday) for further details.

4.12 Contact Details of the School

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4.13 Seminar Presented by Dr. Wing Lau

Dr. Wing Lau, the Senior Mechanical Design Engineer, the Head of Mechanical Design and College Fellow of Green Templeton College, University of Oxford will be delivering an academic seminar in the school hall at 2:50 p.m. on 6th October 2016 (Thursday), the theme is “Space X”. Dr. Lau is obsessed with scientific research in different aspects, including Nuclear Physics and Mathematics; he was also recognised with different academic and professional qualification, such as the Doctorate of Aerospace Engineering. Dr. Lau therefore closely communicates and co-operates with physicians and engineers for relevant scientific issues. In recent years, he has participated in the research of the God Particle at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland and the design of the Generation IV reactors.

It is our greatest honour to have Dr. Wing Lau to share with us. Please note that all students must be present and the talk will end at approximately 4:20 p.m.

4.14 The 1st Term Uniform Test for S.1 to S.6 students has been scheduled from 27th October to 1st November 2016. Please refer to the following test timetable, supervise your children in revising for the test and be sure they attend each session punctually.

	27/10/2016 (Thursday)	28/10/2016 (Friday)	31/10/2016 (Monday)	1/11/2016 (Tuesday)
F.1	8:30-9:30 Chinese (GCSE) (I) 8:30-9:30 Chinese (DSE) (I) 10:00-10:45 Chinese (GCSE) (II) 10:00- 11:15 Chinese (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 10:00-10:45 Geography 11:15-11:45 Foundation Mathematics 11:15-12:00 Chi. History	8:30-9:15 Integrated Science 9:45-10:15 History
F.2	8:30- 9:30 Chinese (GCSE) (I) 8:30-9:30 Chinese (DSE) (I) 10:00-10:45 Chinese (GCSE) (II) 10:00- 11:15 Chinese (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 10:00-10:45 Geography 11:15-11:45 Foundation Mathematics 11:15-12:00 Chi. History	8:30-9:15 Integrated Science 9:45-10:15 History
F.3	8:30- 9:30 Chinese (GCSE) (I) 8:30-9:30 Chinese (DSE) (I) 10:00-10:45 Chinese (GCSE) (II) 10:00- 11:15 Chinese (DSE) (II) 11:45-12:15 Physics	8:30 -9:30 English (I) 10:00-10:45 English (II) 11:15-12:00 Liberal Studies 12:30-13:00 Biology	8:30-9:30 Mathematics 10:00-10:45 Geography 11:15-11:45 Foundation Mathematics 11:15-12:00 Chi. History	8:30-9:00 Chemistry 9:30-10:00 History 10:30-11:00 Economics

	27/10/2016 (Thursday)	28/10/2016 (Friday)	31/10/2016 (Monday)	1/11/2016 (Tuesday)
F.4	8:30-10:00 English (I) 10:30-11:45 English (II)	8:30-10:00 Chinese(GCSE) (I) 8:30-10:00 Chinese (DSE) (I) 10:30-12:00 Chinese (GCSE)(II) 10:30-12:00 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	8:30-10:00 English (I) 10:30-11:45 English (II) 12:15-13:30 Mathematics (Extended)	8:30-10:00 Chinese (GCSE) (I) 8:30-10:00 Chinese (DSE) (I) 10:30-12:00 Chinese (GCSE) (II) 10:30-12:00 Chinese (DSE) (II)	8:30 -9:45 Liberal Studies <u>10:15-11:15</u> History, Visual Arts, Information and Communication Technology <u>10:15-11:45</u> Chemistry	8:30-9:30 Mathematics 10:00-11:00 Economics 10:00-11:15 Geography <u>10:00-11:30</u> Biology, Physics
F.6	8:30-10:00 English (I) 10:30-11:45 English (II) 12:15-13:30 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 10:15-11:45 History 10:15-12:00 Chemistry	8:30-10:00 Mathematics 10:30-11:30 Visual Arts 10:30-11:45 Geography 10:30-12:15 Physics, Biology

5. School Events

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| 5.1 1 st September | Opening Ceremony |
| 5.2 2 nd September | Drugs and Health Talk |
| 5.3 2 nd September | Student Photos Taking |
| 5.4 5 th – 14 th September | School days under Summer Timetable |
| 5.5 19 th September | 1 st ECA Registration Day 2016 |
| 5.6 25 th September | The Worship to the Confucius |
| 5.7 5 th – 7 th October | Student Health Service |
| 5.8 19 th October | Class Photos Taking |
| 5.9 27 th October – 1 st November | Week of The 1 st Term Uniform Test |

6. School Holidays

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| 6.1 15 th September | The 1 st Staff Development Day |
| 6.2 16 th September | The Day following The Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival |
| 6.3 27 th September | The Birthday of Confucius |
| 6.4 1 st October | National Day Holiday |
| 6.5 10 th October | Chung Yeung Festival |

Regards,

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon
Principal
Confucius Hall Secondary School

-----Reply Slip-----

Date: _____ October, 2016

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

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

Provide your mobile phone number for receiving SMS from the school.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree Mobile Phone Number: _____ Name of the Contact Person: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Be the Hong Kong host family for exchange students.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree

Name of student: _____

Class: _____ ()

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

*Please delete the inappropriate item.