



# Confucius Hall Secondary School

## Newsletter 3

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## 1. Principal's Sharing

15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

Last December, Mr. Chow Wing Yiu, the Vice Principal, accompanied 4 students to the U.S. for a 2-week exchange programme at Mt. Everett Regional School. It was their great honour to have the school arranged a series of school activities and lessons to make comparisons between the education in the U.S and that in Hong Kong. Students later travelled to New York city for sightseeing. It was an unforgettable experience for them.

I also accompanied 5 students to Odsherreds Efterskole for a 2-week exchange programme in Denmark during the Lunar New Year holidays. We were invited to have some interactions with their teachers and students as well as a few sessions of class observation. I have reflected a lot on how we are working in CHSS after this trip.

The warm hospitality of the Principal of Odsherreds Efterskole, Mr. Tom W. Hagedorn, surprised me a lot. Not only did he explain to me the education system in Denmark, he also accompanied me in visiting some famous attractions. I was flattered to be invited to a meeting with Mr. Thomas Adelskov, the Mayor of Odsherred, on the discussion of tourism and the development of education. While I was having those meaningful activities, students were enjoying life in the campus dormitory; they were also accompanied on sightseeing in Denmark in weekends by their local host families.

As you can see, students in CHSS have a lot of opportunities to travel to different parts of the world and engage in exchange programmes under our teachers' guidance every year. Before we allied with Odsherreds Efterskole, the Principal visited our school and changed ideas with our students. He also entered classrooms and shared with his students in Denmark. Once he talked to his students and suggested that they visit Afghanistan or Iraq for an exchange programme, their parents all said "YES" to his suggestion as they could have a better understanding of the consequences of wars. This was beyond of Mr. Tom W. Hagedorn's

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expectations, as the trip could be extremely dangerous. If we raised such idea in Hong Kong, it would be another story.

Also, we are trying hard to help our students broaden their horizons locally. On 16<sup>th</sup> February, S.4 and S.5 students visited the St. James' SMILE (Headquarters) in Wan Chai to attend *Rail WATCH* that was jointly organised by the Police Community Relations Office of the HK Police Force and the Department of Liberal Studies in CHSS. Students were engaged in a life experience workshop and role-play to know more about the basic requirements of working in the medical, advertising, hotel management, retail, customer service and tourism industries.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Jonah Lai from S.1B and Palines Aldous from S.2B received their appointments to be the school cultural ambassadors by the Consulate General of Ireland in Hong Kong. They took part in a project learning competition about Irish culture; the theme of their project was "My Favourite Irish Sport". Their vivid presentation and sense of humour brought recognition and appreciation from the Consul General, Mr. Peter Ryan.

I would say that we have benefited a lot from participating in different exchange programmes throughout these years, so I took a valuable opportunity to share with students from 4 secondary schools in Shenzhen on 2<sup>nd</sup> March when they visited us. I even conducted a life-planning workshop with them! After the sharing session, their teachers were all shocked by the success of the exchange programmes we have organised.

As we did in the first term, we had our second Parents' Day in the second term; it was scheduled on 5<sup>th</sup> March. It was a success to have the "Heart-felt Tea for Parents" and "Coffee Charity Event" on the Parents' Day. This year, we also invited the Police Community Relations Office to come to our school and deliver a sharing session on life-planning in the afternoon so that non-Chinese students and their parents could know their prospects after graduation better.

As I have mentioned, there were two exchange programmes throughout the year; there was another one in March from 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, it was the "International Symposium on Water Resources Protection for Secondary School Students" ("Water Symposium" hereafter). On 19<sup>th</sup> March, student representatives, teachers and I had a tram tour and lunch gathering afterwards with students joining the Water Symposium; they were from Germany and America. They were impressed by the views of Hong Kong.

From 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March, two teachers and I accompanied 12 students from CHSS to Nanjing to attend the Water Symposium. There were also students from 8 different schools from America, Germany and India. During the trip, I signed an agreement to ally with Nanjing Privately-Run Yuying Foreign Language School for future co-operation. By the end of the conference of the Water Symposium, student representatives were responsible for a performance by singing and playing musical instruments; it was unexpectedly surprising to see their lively performance! After the conference, we were all invited to enjoy the view at the West Lake. It was amazing!

Normally, we only have 2 days for Sports Day. This year, we had another “sport day” on 29<sup>th</sup> March; it was the “New Sport Experience Day”, teachers and students were all involved. We left our classrooms for Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village in Ma On Shan for a 1-day life-wide learning. We were all into the games and activities. Not only did our students attend, but more than 30 students from other secondary schools also joined. It was a great chance for us to establish friendship with schools nearby.

Talking about sports, it is a must to talk about the Rugby Sevens, which was also a great event in CHSS. The Rugby Sevens was held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April. Weeks before the competition, students had started to decorate boards for each participating country, and The Hong Kong Rugby Union also invited students to enjoy the show at the Stadium. While students were invited to feel the heat in the competition venue, Mr. Chow and I attended the welcoming dinner organised by the Hong Kong Rugby Union to exchange ideas with guests from all over the world.

If you have followed the school’s development closely, you know that we are one of the local schools with special features. Therefore, ViuTV, a new local TV broadcast company, chose us to conduct a programme shoot and interview in mid-May. It is expected that the programme will be broadcast in the afternoon on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Don’t miss it!

As you can see, activities in CHSS are all diversified and there will be a lot of different academic exchange programmes planned ahead to broaden students’ horizons. The next one will be the exchange programme with some schools of Mainland China next year. At that moment, the host families to accommodate the exchange students will need to be increased. May I call for your support and participation to be one of the host families?

Last but not least, the summer holiday is coming; please allow your children to enjoy their long holidays on the one hand, and remind them to read more books to enhance their competitiveness on the other hand.

## **2. Analects of Confucius**

2.1 The gentleman seeks neither a full belly nor a comfortable home. He is quick in action but cautious in speech. He goes to men possessed of Way to have himself put right. Such a man can be described as eager to learn.

2.2 There is no point in people taking counsel together who follow different ways.

2.3 The man of wisdom is never in two minds; the man of benevolence never worries; the man of courage is never afraid.

2.4 A Gentleman must be strong and resolute, for his burden is heavy and the road is long.

2.5 A man should not be unaware of the age of his father and mother. It is a matter, on the one hand, for

rejoicing and, on the other, for anxiety.

- 2.6 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.”
- 2.7 One should have feelings of family affection for the members of one’s family, but human-heartedness for people; human-heartedness for people, but love for things.
- 2.8 I do not complain against Heaven, nor do I blame Man.
- 2.9 The gentleman is ashamed when the words he utters outstrip his deeds.
- 2.10 I never enlighten anyone who has not been driven to distraction by trying to understand a difficulty or who has not got into a frenzy trying to put his ideas into words. When I have pointed out one corner of a square to anyone and he does not come back with the other three, I will not point it out to him a second time.
- 2.11 The way of the Master consists in doing one’s best and in using oneself as a measure to gauge the likes and dislikes of others. That is all.

### 3. Good News

- 3.1 The school Liberal Studies Department participated in “*Good Morning Class 2017*” organised by the Education Bureau and was awarded a Bronze Award for the outstanding performance.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

- 3.2 The school has participated in a learning support programme organised by the Centre for Advancement of Chinese Language Education and Research, the Faculty of Education, CUHK. Participants have a 2-hour Chinese lesson after school each week. Their accumulated learning hours have been up to 120 hours. Tutors from the centre appreciated students’ performance and awarded them a certificate for encouragement.

Outstanding Award	3A Dawinder, 5A Louise
Best Improvement Award	2A Alishba, 5A Danielle, 5A Kristine
Full Attendance Award	3A Hazel, 3A Claire, 3B Irish

Event coordinator: Ms. Fung Lai Yin

3.3 3A Singh Arash Deep and 3A Singh Taqdeer were awarded certificates of the “*The 2nd Cantonese Speech Contest for NCS Secondary Students*” organised by the Centre for Advancement of Chinese Language Education and Research, the Faculty of Education, CUHK, for their achieving distinction in the competition.

Event coordinator: Ms. Fung Lai Yin

3.4 The Confucianism and Citizenship Education Department organised a Chinese calligraphy competition on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Participants demonstrated a very outstanding performance, prize winners include:

Groups		Prizes	Winner	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner-up	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-up
Junior Form	Chinese		3B Ma Lin	3B Zhong Kaixuan	3B Wang Jahui
	Non-Chinese		1B Isneha	2B Morena	3A Hazel
Senior Form	Chinese		5A Kowk Mei Lam	4B Sze Shong Nga	5B Fung Sze Nga Shira
	Non-Chinese		5A Jirah	5A Kristine	4A Erika

Event coordinator: Ms. Poon Wing Ki, Mr. Ko Chin Cheong

3.5 The school has joined the “*Joyful Fruit Month*” for consecutive 10 months. It successfully nurtures students with a healthy eating habit. Therefore, the school was awarded a prize from the Health Department for our effort made.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.6 5A Shanah and 4A Erika was awarded “*The Award Of Outstanding Cooperation*” and “*The Award Of Outstanding Performer*” respectively by the Hong Kong School Drama Festival (HKSDF) 2016/17. It was Shanah’s first attempt to be the script-writer of an English drama “*The Play of the Play*”; judges, parents and students enjoyed the show very much.

Event coordinator: Ms. Fung Lai Yin

#### 4. School News

##### 4.1 Script Checking of Exam Paper Timetable 2016/2017

26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 (Monday)					
Time	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
8:15 – 8:35	Roll Call				
8:35 – 9:05	English	I.S.	Chi. Hist. / Fond. Maths	Maths	X1
9:05 – 9:35	English	I.S.	3A Geog. 3BE Phy. 3BC Econ	Maths	X1
9:35 – 9:45	Recess				
9:45 – 10:15	English	Chi. Hist. / Fond. Maths	3A Hist. 3BE L.S. 3BC Chem.	X2	L.S.
10:15 – 10:45	Chi. Hist. / Fond. Maths	E Hist. C Geog.	3A Chem. 3BE Hist. 3BC Geog.	X2	L.S.
10:45 – 11:00	Recess				
11:00 – 11:30	E1 I.S. E2 Geog. C L.S.	Chinese	3A L.S. 3BE Geog. 3BC Bio.	Chinese	English
11:30 – 12:00	E1 I.S. E2 L.S. C I.S.	Chinese	3A Econ. 3BE Bio. 3BC Hist.	Chinese	English
12:00 – 12:30	E1 L.S. E2 Hist. C I.S.	Chinese	3A Phy. 3BE Chem. 3BC L.S.	Chinese	English
12:30 – 12:40	Recess				
12:40 – 13:10	/	/	/	M1 Maths. (Extended)	/

27 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 (Tuesday)					
Time	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
8:15 – 8:35	Roll Call				
8:35 – 9:05	E1 Hist. E2 I.S. C Hist.	E Geog. C Hist.	Maths.	L.S	Maths.
9:05 – 9:35	E1 Geog. E2 I.S. C Geog.	English	Maths.	L.S.	Maths.
9:35 – 9:45	Recess				
9:45 – 10:15	Maths.	English	Chinese	X1	X2
10:15 – 10:45	Maths	English	Chinese	X1	X2
10:45 – 11:00	Recess				
11:00 – 11:30	Chinese	Maths.	3A Bio. 3BE Econ. 3BC Phy.	English	Chinese
11:30 – 12:00	Chinese	Maths.	English	English	Chinese
12:00 – 12:30	Chinese	L.S.	English	English	Chinese
12:30 – 12:40	Recess				
12:40 – 13:10	/	/	/	/	M1 Maths. (Extended)

#### 4.2 America Learning Exchange Programme 2017 (Mt. Everett Regional School)

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 4 vacancies. Qualified students will be taking selected courses in Mt Everett Regional School and settling at the school’s dormitory free of charge for 1 week. 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 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 (Wednesday).

#### 4.3 Hong Kong Host Family for Exchange Students Programme

To facilitate the understanding of life and cultures in Hong Kong of American and Nanjing students, the school is planning to accommodate the exchange students from October to November 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 aged 12-17 free of charge for 8 days 7 nights.
- At least 1 family member should be able to speak fluent English or Mandarin, and the rest of the members should be kind, having a healthy living habit and willing to accept different cultures.
- 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Wednesday) for further details.

#### 4.4 Home-School Co-operation We Care

Parents are highly recommended to care, encourage and appreciate your children in daily lives, and pay extra attention on their social life and changes on academic performance. As the summer holiday is approaching, parents are advised to adopt a positive attitude in communicating with your children if they are found to be home late. For further assistance, you may contact Mr. Chan Shu Chun, the Disciplinary Master, at 25763415 or Ms. Lui Wai Yee, the School Social Worker, at 28951969.

#### 4.5 Suspension of Locker Service

All students should clear their lockers by 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 for the maintenance conducted from 10<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. 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 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.

#### 4.7 Student Photo Shooting

The Department of Student Affairs has contacted Powerful Colour Image to take photos for students on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. Details are as follows:

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

#### 4.8 Recycling and Donation of 2<sup>nd</sup> Handed School Uniforms

In order to raise students' awareness of being environmentally-friendly and a better use of resources, the Department of Students Affairs will organise a recycling and donation of 2<sup>nd</sup> handed winter or summer uniforms. This is a meaningful activity as not only does it help parents deal with the unfit school uniforms, but also enables students to utilise resources well and share their love with the needy. We hope all parents will support us and join this activity.

##### Donation of School Uniforms

Date:	12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017 to 24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017
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 categorised and distributed by the Department of Students Affairs. 2. For better hygiene, please wash the uniforms beforehand. 3. The collected uniforms will be donated to students in need free of charge.

### Distribution of School Uniforms

Date:	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017– 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017
Remarks:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students in need should register at the General Office on or before 10<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>2. Teacher-in-charge will help registered students choose the suitable school uniforms and contact their parents on phone by 25<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>3. The distribution is on a first-come-first-served basis.</li> <li>4. No return or exchange of the school uniforms will be arranged.</li> <li>5. Please bring your own bag.</li> <li>6. Only shortlisted students will receive a phone call on or before 25<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ol>

#### 4.9 Financial Assistance Schemes (2017 – 2018)

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 (2017 -2018) (For low-income families)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill in the application form(s) Application forms for different schemes can be obtained at the General Office or downloaded online.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017 (Friday) (First round)
Confucius Hall Secondary School Grant (For non-CSSA families only)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Application for the year 2016-2017 has invalid. To continue to receive tuition fee reduction, all applicants must resubmit an application in the new school year.</li> <li>4. Results Results will be released in 14 days after the form is submitted.</li> </ol>	Applications are accepted all year round.
“Seeds of Hope Program” Scheme 2017 of Buddhist Compassion Relief Tsu Chi Foundation Hong Kong Limited	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill in the application form Application forms can be obtained at the General Office.</li> <li>2. Submit the completed application form(s) with supporting documents (if applicable) to the General Office.</li> </ol>	9 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 (Friday)

<p>Fees for catering, textbook purchase (prior assistance from the Government must have been sought), uniforms and extra-curricular activities can be subsidized.</p>		
<p><b>Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students( FASP)</b></p>	<p>The scheme aims to provide financial assistance to needy students so that no eligible students will be denied access to post-secondary education because of lack of means. For details, please refer to <a href="http://chss.edu.hk/Download/admission/FASP.pdf">http://chss.edu.hk/Download/admission/FASP.pdf</a></p>	<p>29<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (Friday)</p>

## 5. School Events

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| 5.1 | 20 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> June   | TSA (Written)                                     |
| 5.2 | 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                      | TSA (Written) Reserve                             |
| 5.3 | 26 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> June   | Examination Paper Checking                        |
| 5.4 | 10 <sup>th</sup> July                      | Closing Ceremony and Distribution of Report Cards |
| 5.5 | 11 <sup>th</sup> July                      | Registration for Current Students                 |
| 5.6 | 14 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> July | Final Exam Re-examination                         |

## 6. School Holidays

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| 6.1 | 1 <sup>st</sup> July                            | HKSAR Establishment Day |
| 6.2 | 19 <sup>th</sup> July - 31 <sup>st</sup> August | Summer Holidays         |

Regards,

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon  
Principal  
Confucius Hall Secondary School

# -----Reply Slip-----

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ June, 2017

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter 3.

I am willing/not willing\* to be the host family for the exchange students from America/Nanjing\*.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ (            )

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please Delete As Appropriate*