



# Confucius Hall Secondary School

## Newsletter 3

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### 1. Principal's Sharing

14<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear parents and students,

Time flies, the school term is coming to an end, our students are gradually growing up. During this year's graduation ceremony for form six students, I felt impressed that our fate cannot be controlled by ourselves. But it is certain that we can decide whether we are an ethical person or not. Life is full of challenges and setbacks. School is a place to train our will and to be prepared for the challenges of the future. I am so touched every time I see my students studying hard or are determined to get rid of bad habits. After all, people must constantly improve themselves.

On February 6, more than a dozen fellow students from Denmark's Odsherreds Eferskole visited our school. I explained Confucianism to them for an hour. I was very happy. Some students asked questions about Confucianism. The school also organized a friendly basketball match. After the match, students from the two places exchanged telephone numbers. They hoped to keep in touch and deepen their friendship.

During this year's China Culture Week, we invited Au Chi Kin, the Assistant Professor from Shue Yan University, to speak at the school and spotted the lion on the spot. The topic of Professor Au's speech was "The significance of Confucianism in Modern society". He gave a speech in Chinese and hoped that the students of NCS could also understand the significance of Confucianism. Professor Au said that our students were very polite and full of energy.

On Parent's Day on 4th March, I saw many students giving Chinese tea to their parents. I was so happy to see that. My school emphasizes the importance of filial piety and the appropriate attitude towards other people. Parents are the closest people to us. If ones don't even respect their parents, how can we expect them to respect others? On this day, we invited the choir to perform at our school and even performed

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with the choir of our school. Mr. Li Zhiyi made a speech on the spot and promoted temperament education. He pointed out that treating other people with love and caring people as the focus of education, hoping that students would be good in nature.

On 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, I attended the International Filial Piety Seminar 2018 (filial Piety Association, 13th Apr., 2018) and delivered a speech at the conference entitled "The challenge of the traditional family" (Challenges of Contemporary families). Participants are professors from various universities and Confucian scholars from different countries. Those attending the seminar included former members of the Executive Council, Tan Yaozong, and the president of the Kong Jiaoxue Institute, Tang Enjia. In Hong Kong, where Chinese and Western cultures converge, how to accept Western culture while maintaining Chinese traditional morality is indeed a matter of urgency.

On 21st May, our school choir went to the SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School to perform Scarborough Fair at the award ceremony of the CYC. After the meeting, several principals praised our students for their excellent performances and believed that they all worked hard.

At the end of September this year, Indian high school Keswick School invited its students to participate in the World Junior High School Dance Festival. Our school will send four students to participate in this international event. As for the exchange programs with students from Germany and Denmark, it is extremely necessary for our school to help each other and welcome students from foreign countries for two weeks. During that period, it will be nice if parents can provide one room and two weeks' dinner for the exchange students. Parents may arrange their children to live with foreign students of the same sex if there are no sufficient rooms. With these exchanges, students from both places can experience life in different places and learn more about local culture. Families who are generous enough to provide the accommodation will be given priority if their children choose to apply exchange programmes to countries such as Germany, Denmark and USA in the future.

I sincerely hope that parents can take part in the host family scheme. Please contact Miss Mok Yuk Ling if you are willing to provide accommodation to the exchange students. Your generosity will definitely make the exchange program a greater success. From my observation, students who participated in the scheme in the past few years have not only become more independent, but also greatly improved their English speaking and their interpersonal skills.

Most students are excited about the arrival of summer holidays. It is precisely during that period of time that I read a lot of books and work hard on writing thesis because it is less busy. The speech I gave at the seminar is all my personal experience. You have to exert yourself constantly. My dear students, please do not hope for rewards without putting your efforts. Please bear in mind that summer holidays is the precious time for us to improve our study and morality. Seize the time and work hard in summer holidays!

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## 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 the 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. School News

3.1

#### Script Checking of Exam Paper Timetable 2017/2018

25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018 (Monday)					
Time	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
8:15 – 8:35	Roll Call				
8:35 – 9:05	English	English	F3-E L.S. F3-C L.S.	X1	X2
9:05 – 9:35	F1-E L.S. F1-C L.S.	English	Chi. Hist. / Fond. Maths.	X1	X2
9:35 – 9:45	Recess				
9:45 – 10:15	Chinese	F2-E1 Maths F2-E2 Maths F2-C I.S.	English	X2	X1
10:15 – 10:45	Chinese	F2-E1 Maths F2-E2 Maths F2-C I.S.	English	X2	X1
10:45 – 11:00	Recess				
11:00 – 11:30	F1-E Geog. F1-C Geog.	Chi. Hist. / Fond. Maths.	F3-E Phy. F3-C Geog.	English	Chinese
11:30 – 12:00	F1-E I.S. F1-C I.S.	Chinese	F3-E Maths F3-C Maths	English	Chinese
12:00 – 12:30	F1-E I.S. F1-C I.S.	Chinese	F3-E Maths F3-C Maths	English	Chinese
12:30 – 12:40	Recess				
12:40 – 13:10	/	/	/	Maths. (Extended)	/

26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018 (Tuesday)					
Time	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
8:15 – 8:35	Roll Call				
8:35 – 9:05	English	Chinese	F3-E Geog. F3-C Bio.	L.S.	Maths
9:05 – 9:35	English	F2-E1 Geog. F2-E2 Geog. F2-C L.S.	F3-E Chem. F3-C Hist.	L.S.	Maths
9:35 – 9:45	Recess				
9:45 – 10:15	Chi. Hist. / Fond. Maths.	F2-E1 I.S. F2-E2 I.S. F2-C Geog.	F3-E Hist. F3-C Econ.	Maths	L.S.
10:15 – 10:45	Chinese	F2-E1 I.S. F2-E2 I.S. F2-C Hist.	English	Maths	L.S.
10:45 – 11:00	Recess				
11:00 – 11:30	F1-E Hist. F1-C Hist.	English	Chinese	Chinese	English
11:30 – 12:00	F1-E Maths F1-C Maths	F2-E1 L.S. F2-E2 Hist. F2-C Maths	Chinese	Chinese	English
12:00 – 12:30	F1-E Maths F1-C Maths	F2-E1 Hist. F2-E2 L.S. F2-C Maths	Chinese	Chinese	English
12:30 – 12:40	Recess				
12:40 – 13:10	/	/	/	/	Maths. (Extended)

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### 3.2 The America Learning Exchange Programme 2018 (Mt Everett Regional School)

The school is planning to organise the “America Learning Exchange Programme” with Mt Everett Regional School in the US. S.1 to S.5 students are welcome to join. There will only be 9 vacancies. Qualified students will take selected courses in Mt Everett Regional School and settle at the school’s dormitory free of charge for 1 week. Students need to pay the cost of 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 3rd July 2018.

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

In order to allow German and Danish students to better understand Hong Kong's life and culture, the school plans to receive overseas students during October 2018 and January 2019. Parents are now invited to become host families. Details are as follows:

- Each host family is responsible for providing free host to a 12 to 17-year-old American or Nanjing student and will be responsible for providing meals and accommodation for approximately 7 days and 6 nights.
- One of the family members have to be fluent in English or Mandarin. All members of the family have to be healthy, friendly and willing to accept exchange students.
- Our school will try to arrange exchange students with the same sex as your child.

Welcoming exchange students as a host is a great opportunity to allow more young people from different countries to learn from each other and build friendship and also of great significance. The success of the exchange program depends on the support of parents. Parents who are interested in becoming host families can contact Mr. Yeung at 2576 6427 or Ms. Mok Yuk Ling, Head of Student Affairs, at 2576 3415 on July 3.

### 3.4 Recycling and donation of used school uniforms

In order to raise students' awareness of being environmentally-friendly and make 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:	13th July, 2018 to 23rd July, 2018
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:	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018– 30 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
Remarks:	1. Students in need should register at the General Office on or before 13 <sup>th</sup> July. 2. Teacher-in-charge will help registered students choose the fit school uniforms and contact parents on phone by 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 recycled bag. 6. Only shortlisted students will receive a phone call on or 23 <sup>rd</sup> July.

### 3.5 Student Photo taking

The Department of Student Affairs has contacted Powerful Colour Image to take photos for students on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. Details are as follows:

Item	Size	Price	Remarks
Passport photo (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.

### 3.6 Financial Assistance Schemes (2018– 2019)

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 (2018 -2019) (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>	Not later than 7 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018(Friday)
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  Fees for catering, textbook purchase (prior assistance from the Government must have been sought), uniforms and extra-curricular activities can be subsidized.	<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>	20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018(Wednesday)
Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students( FASP)	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>	31th December 2018 (Monday)

#### 4. School activities

4.1	19/6 – 31/7	Post-Examination Activities (Refer to the Appendix)
4.2	19-20/6	S.3 TSA (Written )
4.3	22/6	S.3 TSA (Written ) Reserve
4.4	25-26/6	Post-Examination Script Checking
4.5	9/7	Closing Ceremony and Distribution of Report Cards
4.6	10/7	Registration (Current Students)
	16-17/7	Final Term Re-examination

#### 5. School Holiday

5.1	18/6	Tuen Ng Festival
5.2	1/7	the HKSAR Establishment Day Holiday
5.3	18/7-31/8	Summer Holiday

Regards,

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon  
Principal  
Confucius Hall Secondary School

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ June, 2018

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter 3.

I will/ will not participate in the Hong Kong Host Family for Exchange Students Programme.

\*US    Nanjing (\*Choose either 1 )

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

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ (                    )

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