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## Preface and Acknowledgement

*Pride In Our Words* is a collection of masterpieces from our FLSS members. It is indeed an ideal platform for our students to kindle their confidence in writing. Apart from sharing the joy of peer learning, it is a treasure full of texts in different genres which can be really useful and authentic learning resources for language learning. All of these masterpieces are solid proofs of their effort in language learning as well as their flair for the English language. In addition to their high level of English proficiency, they have also demonstrated a high level of creativity and originality in their works. Their efforts are definitely worth our appreciation and recognition. The journey of language learning may not be easy, but with unflagging efforts and determination, you can all be great writers!

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Finally, we would like to present the latest issue of our *Pride In Our Words* to all of you. We hope that you will enjoy the savour of reading and learning English. Our dearest FLSS students, do cherish this golden learning opportunity and learn from your counterparts! We look forward to reading your works in our next publication!

Read on!

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# **Writing Competition**

**Topic: You find a pair of glasses through which you can see someone's future.**

## ***The Best Invention of all – “Michael’s glasses”***

***Lam Key On, Jorden (1B)***

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It was a quiet morning in late summer. The sun hung like a wheel of cheddar in the sky and shone brightly. The clouds played catch with each another and the air was clear.

My father Michael was a famous scientist. He created many different inventions like Virtual Reality (VR), wireless earphones, contact lenses etc. At the age of forty-eight, my father passed away due to lung cancer.

It’s nearly a month after his death. One day I felt bored after school, so I went to tidy up my father’s room. When I was cleaning, I opened one of the drawers and found a pair of weird glasses with spiral design on it. After a while, curiosity got the best of me and I tried on the weird glasses. At first nothing happened, but when I looked at a person, the spiral on the glasses started spinning. After a few seconds, the spiral stopped spinning and I could see him/her clearly again, but guess what? I saw that person in the future! How strange was it? But it’s really cool!

I tried it on my brother as soon as I found out its magic. He was a very good speaker and after ten years, he would become a very famous lawyer.

Then I used it on my mum and I found out she would have cancer after ten years. I would do my best to take care of my mum then.

I told mum to use the glasses on me, and she told me I would be a beggar if I didn’t work hard. After that, I started to work my best. Thanks to the glasses, I didn’t need to be a beggar.

I couldn’t think of a name better than “Michael’s glasses” for it.

## ***A letter to My Brother***

***Lam Ho Him Darius (1E)***

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Dear William,

You're born to be my best brother. The first time I met you, I was so happy and excited. But as time went by, I found something different about you from other babies at your age. We went to the doctor. You had partial cerebral palsy. I was shocked to hear that, but it didn't take time for me to promise myself to help you overcome this condition.

Now you are 8 years old. You can do so many things! You can read books, have conversations with me and you can even do something to make me laugh. We love watching football too. Today I found a pair of wonderful glasses which can see your future! I wore it in the living room while you were playing puzzles. Your future is bright! I'll tell you what I saw.

I saw you playing in the World Cup representing Japan and even winning the World Cup! You will be on the cover of every newspaper in the world. Even the world bestselling author, David Williams, is writing a book about you!

You have gone through a hard training to walk and speak, so keep up the good work! I will always be there with you!

Love,  
Daiki

## ***My Future***

***Chan Sui Kei (1B)***

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One day, I found a pair of old glasses in the garbage room when I was throwing rubbish. I originally wanted to ignore it, but the pair of glasses shimmered and I couldn't help but reached out for it.

I tried to wear it when I got home. I also wanted to know how it looked like after wearing it. I went to bedroom and looked at the mirror. I suddenly saw my future. I was very surprised.

In my future, I saw that I would become a small employee working in a food stall. My daily job was to cook. I couldn't believe what I saw. So from that day on, I decided to study hard and use my weekends to revise for the quizzes to get a good result.

After days and days of hard work, I tried to look at the mirror again. I saw a different future of me. I saw that I was working as an accountant. I was very touched and felt that I had to study hard.

Now, I believe that everyone's life is different. Everyone should work hard to make a better future. I hope that in the future, I can study hard, concentrate in class, and respect the teachers. I will become a good person who contributes to society.

## **S.2 Champion**

# ***You find a pair of glasses through which you can see someone's future***

***Chan Yan Tung (2A)***

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One day, I went to the clinic and the doctor said that my myopia was serious. So, I went shopping with my friend for new glasses. The shopkeeper zealously introduced me to a pair of glasses. The glasses appeared ordinary but when I wore them, I saw the future of the shopkeeper!

I saw the shopkeeper's tragic future through the glasses. I found out that he would die soon because of cancer, and he only had one year before the end of his life. After I watched it all, I told my friend that I had something else to do at the mall, and asked her to go home on her own first. Then, I went back to the optical shop to find the shopkeeper. When I returned to the optical shop, the shopkeeper told me that he was the owner of the glasses and actually he knew what his future would be. He hoped that I would help him with his last wish.

He said that he was an orphan because he was separated from his family when he was a child. He hoped to see his family once before he died, and then he gave me a photo of their family when they were young. When I got home, I immediately posted a message about the shopkeeper's story online. Then, I made many posters to look for the shopkeeper's family, and gave them to people on the street.

After two days, suddenly someone contacted me and said that she was the neighbor of the shopkeeper's parents, and she said they had been looking for their son for years. Yet there had been no news so they moved to another city. So after I got the call, I went to the city she was living in and looked for the family of the shopkeeper.

I found two old people in the neighborhood and let them see the shopkeeper's photo. We finally confirmed that they were the shopkeeper's family, and I took them to the shopkeeper the next day.

Finally, they reunited, and the parents of the shopkeeper also accompanied him for the rest of his life. After this "adventure", I have learnt to cherish the time I spend with my family and friends, and that magical pair of glasses was returned to the shopkeeper.

## ***Future Glasses***

***Wong Wan Yat (2F)***

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One day, I found a pair of glasses at home. I picked it up and wore the glasses. I was in total darkness for several seconds. And then I saw some people wearing suits yelling at me. I did not know what to do. One man who looked like a leader cried loudly, “Go back home, you are fired!” I was afraid. I was then brought out by some men. They brought me to a huge old house.

“Go back to your home!” they shouted.

“But...but...” I said in a helpless voice and I knew what was going on.

“Go back to your NO3904 apartment! Our bosses never want to see you! Ever!”

I went in the lift of the building and pressed “39” because I thought “No3904” might be on 39th floor. I went in the door of “3904”.

It was an extremely tiny and messy room. There was a photo of a class, and a list of exams and many “failed” on them. It was the DSE. I became hungry and started to find food. I found some cup noodles in a box. But there was no water. After several minutes, the lights were off. And I heard a phone ring. There was a message about me not paying the electricity bill.

Then someone knocked on the door, I opened it.

A man said “If you don’t give me 10000 dollar tomorrow, you must get out of this apartment.”

And he closed the door with an angry bang. I threw the glasses and cried. The glasses made a noise when it fell on the floor.

“The glasses!” I picked it up and there’s a sentence on it. “Future glasses, which can show someone’s life. But it may not be very pleasant to use.”

Would that really be my future? I just knew I should study hard then.

## ***My Dream Comes True***

***Lei Kit Pui, Ashley (2B)***

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One day, I dated a friend, May. On the way, I saw a pair of diamond glasses. It was flickering so I picked it up and put it into my bag.

When I met May in the café, I took out the glasses and tried to wear it. At that moment, time suddenly flew to five years later. I found May grew up a lot and she dressed up maturely. She became an idol manager. I was shocked! May was talking to me. We were talking about the schedule of next week. Wait! Why did she discuss with me? I looked at the mirror, and I discovered that I was fashionable and stylish. Oh! I became an Idol! May was working with me, and she had built up a team which assisted me.

After I became an Idol, I could see many famous stars. Sometimes I could have a show with them. I was very excited! I could wear many beautiful clothes and became pretty.

As I was about to have a performance in the hall, May was together with me. There were many reporters outside. The show was going to start. When I stepped on the stage, I saw a flash. Suddenly, I fell down! I could see May shouting to me and I closed my eyes...

When I opened my eyes again, everything went back to normal. May was sitting next to me. She was laughing crazily and asked me what dream I had...

### **S.3 Champion**

## ***Meeting my future for the first time***

***Chan Wai Nam (3B)***

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I have fantasized a lot about my future. It may be nothing special, like getting a regular job, having a family of my own and the three of us leading a carefree life. Or perhaps I would accidentally get a fortune, and from then on I lived a luxurious life. But until that day I found the ‘Magic glasses’, I really knew about my future.

One day when I was coming home from school, I walked and suddenly found what seemed to be flashing in the grass. At first I thought it was some strange animals moving, but when I looked closer, I saw a pair of strange looking glasses that was very different from the others. Then I took it home.

After I took it home, I carefully observed its features. In addition to its strange appearance, it would occasionally shine. It stimulated my curiosity. I put the glass on. Suddenly I felt dizzy and fell down on the bed.

When I woke up, I was sitting on a desk in the teachers’ office with a huge pile of teaching materials in front of me. I ran to the washroom to wash my face and calm down because I couldn’t take it all at once. When I looked up, I suddenly found that I had turned into a thirty something middle-aged man. I went out of the washroom. Before I could recover, someone patted on my shoulder and said, ‘What’s wrong with you? You don’t look very good! Can I help you, Mr. Chan?’

I suddenly found out that she was my English teacher, Miss Law.

I replied, ‘I am ok. Don’t worry.’

She said, ‘Ok. Don’t forget you’ll have classes later, Mr. Chan.’ I smiled, nodded and went to the classroom.

When I walked into the classroom, I saw that the students in the classroom were actually my classmates. I thought it was ridiculous. After they saluted me, I began to have lessons with them. They were surprisingly quiet and attentive. This made me feel very happy. I tried to have interaction and communication with them in class and they were very cooperative. So we had a very happy class.

Suddenly, the glass fell on the floor with a thud. Everything changed back to the original. I was a secondary school student. What had just happened to me seemed like a dream, but it was so real. Now I know I will be a teacher in my future. Becoming a teacher has always been my dream. I can teach my students well and tell them how to be a useful person. I think my future is not dull but wonderful.

### ***S.3 First Runner Up***

## ***Only you can change your future***

***Li Sze Kai, Elaine (3C)***

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Can you believe it? I can see your future. It's ridiculous, but it's real. I can see the future of others through a pair of magic glasses.

I have seen the future of many people, and have tried to change their future for them, but without success. For example, I saw that my classmate was injured because of playing sports in PE class, I reminded him not to play basketball, but he was still hit by a ball thrown by someone else.

But is the future really immutable? So what's the use of these futuristic glasses? Seeing my cousin again made me change my mind.

I remember the last time I saw her. It was a month before her final exam. I saw the future where she failed her exams because she didn't study hard. I reminded her not to indulge in games, otherwise it would affect learning. I didn't know whether she was obedient or not, but according to past experiences, she would fail the final exam.

But my cousin told me that she got a good result in the final exam. I felt very strange that the future could be changed. My cousin told me that she thought she shouldn't be addicted to the game after listening to my words. So she gave her mobile phone to her mother and took it back after her final exam. After that, she began to study hard.

She changed her future because of her actions. I understand although this pair of glasses can see the future of others, I can't change the future of others through my own behavior. Their future is in their own hands, and only they can change it. All I can do is give a reminder.

What's more, I found a new use for the glasses – watching the TV series' finale ahead of time.

## ***Future***

***Ho Chun Yip (3E)***

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After school, I walked on the way home as usual. Just thinking about what I had to do when I got back home, I suddenly found a sparkling thingy in the grass. I walked over and looked at it. It turned out that a box was shining. I opened the box curiously. I found out that it was just a pair of glasses, so I ignored it.

At night, I had a terrible dream. That pair of glasses followed me like a ghost. With a low voice, it said, “Put me on, I can let you see other people’s future, but you can’t change their fate.” The next morning, the pair of glasses appeared at my bedside, so I tried to put it on.

At school, I was still in class as usual. Nothing happened. At recess, I was thinking about how to use this pair of glasses. I saw my classmate slipping down to a pool in the hallway because he was too anxious to go the tuck shop to buy food. But when I took off that pair of glasses, I found him still next to me. Suddenly, he rushed out of the classroom exactly like what I had just seen, so I immediately stopped him. But he still rushed out and slipped.

The glasses once said to me, “you couldn’t change people’s fate”. That’s right, so I ended up putting those glasses at home.

## ***If I could see through Julia's future***

***Chan Cheuk Wing Trany (4B)***

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‘We are going to have a Chinese History uniform test next Monday. Please do revision for the test,’ Mr. Poon said before leaving the classroom.

I was worried about the uniform test as there were only three days left for revision. ‘How am I able to memorize all the incidents happened from 1840 to 1949 in only three days?’ Julia said. ‘Have you prepared for the Chinese history test?’ I asked Julia. ‘Not yet. I’m going to take the test without any revision.’ Julia replied calmly. Normally, she felt nervous about her test and she would do lots of preparations before the tests. However, she was not going to do any revision for the Chinese history test this time. I was confused about that.

I went back home after school. I was watching an episode of my favourite cartoon, Doraemon. After I watched an hour, I went back into my room and I discovered that my room had a bright beam of light. ‘Where am I?’ it sounded like a robot cat. ‘Oh my God! That is Doraemon!’

It was a great opportunity to get his gadgets. Doraemon’s gadgets have long been a huge attraction to me since I was small.

‘I have bought the newest gadgets from the future. You want some?’ Doraemon asked.

‘Yes!’ I squealed. Then he took a pair of glasses to me from his 4D-pocket.

‘It looks ordinary, nothing special,’ I said.

‘Absolutely wrong! When you put the glasses on, you become able to see someone’s future.’ Doraemon explained.

I immediately said that I needed the glasses. Doraemon gave me the glasses. A minute later, he disappeared.

At that time, I wanted to use the glasses and see how Julia’s future was since I wanted to know why she could do nothing before the test. It seems a bit strange. I put the glasses on and I started to see her future. A few minutes later, I felt very surprised. I saw something which was ridiculous. I saw Julia spending most the time playing rather than doing revision. She was going to cheat in the test!

On that day, I saw Julia put a sheet under her chair and peeped at it during the test. The answer floated in her brain. While Mr. Poon was checking his phone at the teacher desk, she peeped at the sheet and Mr. Poon didn’t discover it. Yet after the test, Mr. Poon called Julia and talked with her. Meanwhile, I overheard that

Mr. Poon discovered Julia had put the sheet under the chair. Mr. Poon punished her by disqualifying her results. Julia felt depressed since her result had been disqualified. Then I went back to reality.

In the blink of an eye, it's Monday already. Julia was sitting next to me. Before the test started, I saw Julia put a piece of paper under her chair. I'm sure that was for cheating. I reminded her to check that there were no pieces of paper or notecards under her chair. Otherwise, she would face a big problem. Julia was puzzled why I would say that but she still ignored me. During the test, Mr. Poon was checking his phone. It was the same as what I'd seen through the glasses. Julia peeped at the sheet while Mr. Poon was walking around the classroom. I didn't want Mr. Poon to discover that Julia was cheating as she's my friend. I wanted to help her.

Therefore, I pretended I was having a stomachache. I took her sheet immediately and go to the toilet. I threw it and stayed in the toilet for a couple more minutes. When I walked into the classroom, I realized there's only 10 minutes left for answering questions. I rushed back my seat and continued to answer. 'Time's up! Pens down!' Mr. Poon said.

At the end, I didn't finish my test at all. After that test, Julia asked, 'Why did you throw my sheet away?'

I replied to her seriously. 'You are my friend, and I don't want you to get into trouble because of higher marks.'

I told Julia what I had seen at my room before and she felt surprised about that. Julia felt devastated the she left almost all answers blank, 'Getting a higher grade is not the most important thing; the more important thing is you should work hard and study well. There are no any alternatives to help you get a higher grade.' I said.

After I went back home, I wrote a letter to thank you Doraemon. He gave a very useful gadget to me. Although I'm not seeing someone's future about their life, it is useful for me to see the short-term future of someone. Because of the glasses, I can help my friend to escape the detention. Because of the glasses, I can understand what my friend is thinking. Because of the glasses, I can change her life.

## ***Can a prophet change the future?***

***Kwok Sin Tung, Violet (4A)***

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My name is Violet. I was a normal student before, but my life has been totally changed since I got the magical glasses. When I first found this pair of glasses, it was no different from others. It was a pair of glasses with a black frame.

“It looks good. It is still very new. Who threw it here?” I was thinking. “Well... I should pick it up; maybe I can use it someday.”

Then, something weird happened while I was touching the glasses. I heard someone told me, “Wear it! Wear it! You’ll be the prophet of the world.”

I watched around but couldn’t find anybody. I was frozen at the spot with curiosity. Then, I picked it up and wore it automatically.

Nothing special happened. But just when I was trying to take off the glasses, it was sticking too tightly on my face. It was so strange!

“I need help.” I left the park and wanted to find someone.

I walked in a road and there were lots of people. I glanced at the crowd of people.

I heard the strange sound again, “You are the prophet of the world now.”

I could clearly see lots of images of the crowds of people about their future. I found a little girl who had long dark hair. I looked at her and also her future.

“What did I see?” I screeched. I saw the girl would die after the car accident. She was so young that I couldn’t accept her premature death. I was sure I could help her. I went to her and told her parents that they must avoid their kid getting close to any cars.

“Are you kidding me?” her father said.

“Believe me! I can promise that I am not playing a trick on you.” I contended.

He laughed at me and said, “We’ll see.” Then he took his wife and child away.

“Keep away from any cars!” I shouted but it didn’t work. After I shouted, a car crashed into the little girl suddenly...

Everything was too late. The whole world was surrounded by silence. I just realized I could only see their future but I couldn’t help them to change it. I felt so powerless and disappointed.

There’s no such thing as waking up from a nightmare because the world is a nightmare.

## ***It will be alright***

***Kwok David (4A)***

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“I would like to buy a pair of glasses, please,” I said in an optical store as my glasses were broken recently. I chose a pair of trendy glasses and the price was actually affordable. I was glad that I was lucky enough to have the opportunity of buying the fashionable glasses.

In a morning of a school day, I walked to my classroom confidently wearing my new glasses. Although not many of my classmates paid attention to it, I did feel more comfortable for wearing a fashionable accessory in front of my peers. One of my classmates whose name was Chris came to me and said that he appreciated my new looks. However, rather than thanking for his compliment, I told him to get out of my sight as he was the laziest and stupidest person in class. Even though my school results were not impressive at all either, his school results were the worst of the worst.

At that moment, miracle happened. All of a sudden, I saw Chris’s future! I saw that he worked very hard before the DSE and got a very great exam result at school. I saw that he scored more than 30 marks in the DSE and he gained access to the bachelor program that I was craving for desperately. I saw that he found a good job with great salary. I saw that he got promoted to be the chief executive officer of an international company. I saw that he had a family and they lived happily forever. I saw that everyone was mourning after his death...

That was the turning point of my life after seeing all of these. Since the worst of the worst could also make it and had a wonderful life in the future, I thought that I could accomplish that too. After that, I became way more ambitious and had a strong will to be successful like Chris in the future. I started working hard for my school result. I started searching for more information about universities. I started planning my future life. I was totally reborn and had a brand new perspective of life. And I would succeed real soon.

One day, I saw Chris crying as he failed a quiz and I started talking to him. He said that he had failed the quiz because of his laziness again. Then I said, “Don’t worry, work harder. It will be alright.”

## ***Do You Believe in Magic?***

***Ho Kam Hung Kenny (5B)***

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“Do you believe in magic?” This is the sign of the mysteries store at the corner of the street, printed on every single window with an adorable sticker. It really caught my eyes at first sight. “That will be interesting if I just go in and take a look”, I said to my friend, Olaf, when I had already pushed the door of that strange wooden store.

“Isn’t it kind of creepy? There is neither light nor sound. We can even hear a bug buzzing around us. I don’t think there is any shopkeeper here. Maybe we should just get out of here,” Olaf suggested softly.

At that moment, the lamps lit up one by one, leading us to a path to seemingly somewhere, as if they were telling us, “This way”. I dragged Olaf and asked him to follow the lights to see where they led us. When we walked for a while, an old man suddenly showed up. He wore a heavy beard with a pair of small round glasses, like every friendly old man in tales.

“What can I serve you, kids?” asked the old man.

“I wonder if this is a magic store, as I saw the sign on your windows.” I asked.

“Indeed, my boy. Here we got everything you can imagine, Unicorn, potions, and some magical stuff. Come and take a look,” said the old man.

In each cabinet, there was some merchandise and a cute fairy doll. They would describe what the items could do. It really amazed Olaf and me. Olaf got instantly attracted by a tiny pet unicorn which was shaking his rainbow-coloured tail. As for me, I was attracted by a pair of glasses, because when I peeked into the glasses, it would play some music. “Oh, isn’t it amazing? It’s the greatest surprise. You’ll see.” This was such a unique pair of glasses, and there was no way to refuse it. The surprise he claimed really ignited my curiosity about that. “Old man, what surprise can I see through this pair of glasses? A fancy world? A world with more colours or a world where everything becomes adorable?” I asked the old man.

“A dull life,” he answered. What does a “dull life” mean? I wondered. Didn’t he just mention that it would bring us some surprises? Soon, I discovered that the old man was telling me the truth.

When I put on the glasses, the first image that appeared before me was Olaf. With a blink of my eyes, I saw that he was working really hard by his office desk on which there were a lot of files piled up and a lot of memos pasted all around to remind him of his tasks in hand. I could see how diligent he was. After another blink, everything was different. He sat next to a massive pool next to a mansion where everything inside was

grand and gorgeous, like the furniture, the chandelier in the living room, etc. I was amazed by how magnificent his living environment was. I believed that everything he got derived from his effort and diligence.

After having glimpses of Olaf's future, I was really surprised, and I couldn't help telling him about everything I saw. Yet, later on, I realized that this was the worst mistake that I had ever made. I shouldn't have let him know about his future.

"Thanks for letting me know. I know I can be a rich person and have a high quality of life when I've grown up." This was the critical moment when he changed to be another Olaf. He was no longer that diligent Olaf I knew. Unfortunately, I forgot to tell him how much hard work he had put into it before he could get that wonderful life. That was really his hard-earned money. However, he was so much into his amazing future and he did not listen to what I intended to tell him about the process of getting to this promising life. I decided to peek into his future again, but then, all I can see was just a scruffy Olaf lying on his sofa, saying, "I can be a rich and powerful person one day. Why do I need to suffer now and work so hard anyway?" At this moment, I noticed that it was my fault. I shouldn't have told Olaf about his future. I had to rectify my mistake.

"Old man! Shopkeeper!" I screamed.

No one answered. It was as quiet as the moment we came in. I noticed that there was a locked wooden case where I could find a question paper. On the question paper, there was a question, "What's the thing you crave to know about at the beginning, but you would rather forget about it after knowing it?" In that wooden case, there was a bottle of magic potion called "Drink Me". It might be a way the old man left for me to help Olaf. I immediately made a split-second decision and the potion ran down my throat.

After a blink, everything resumed to normal. "Thank you, old man. I know what you meant by 'dull life' then.

At that moment, the magic store began to fade away, leaving the "Do you believe in magic" sign at the corner of the street. "Come on, let's set off. There is not much time left before the buffet begins!" Olaf yelled.

## ***A Pair of Glasses Seeing Through Others' Future***

***Cheung Ping Chi Jeff (5A)***

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Imagine a world where you could have precognition of the future. How cool it would be to be like Tom Cruise in the 2002 sci-fi film *Minority Report*. Lives could be saved; crimes could be stopped; divorces could be prevented; and yet here I am, fantasizing how great this ability would be, and how great knowing something fully well would be while it's impossible to have such supernatural power in real life. My life is dull, very dull. Every day, I follow the same old routine. I wake up, go to school, hang out with friends, and then return home. I wish for some changes in my life; and I want something exciting and unique to happen and rescue me from the abyss of boredom. That's when my wish actually came true.

It's another normal day. I went to school; attended classes; and then walked back home. Feeling exhausted because of staying up late the previous night, I was half unconscious and was walking with my head down. When I was about a mile away from home, I stumbled across a shady-looking man who was shouldering a black clock. I intended to ignore him, for fear that he might attack me, but I simply couldn't avoid him. I was curious, and I was hungry for excitement. I wanted to know what he was doing. I slowly walked towards him, eyeballing him like I was some kind of detectives. That's when he suddenly looked at me and said, "Ask and you will receive." I was freaked out by his sudden actions, so I quickly turned around and fled from the scene.

For some reasons, his words kept on looming on my mind. Looking down again, I kept on thinking about the hidden meaning of his words. Then I saw a pair of glasses on the sidewalk I was on. There was nothing special about it. It looked like a pair of normal glasses and was in perfect condition. Thinking it would be a waste to just leave the pair of glasses there, I took it back home. Even after taking a shower, those words still remained fresh in my brain. What did he mean by "ask and you will receive?" What would happen to me if his words were true? Staring at the glasses while philosophizing, I picked it up and examined it. Through the side-view of the glasses, I saw a glimpse of an image of someone dying. Intrigued, I swiftly put it on to prove that I wasn't going insane.

Through the glasses, I saw a guy being stabbed by a mysterious figure in a building near Central Park. At first, I thought I was just hallucinating, but after looking deeply again, I came to a conclusion that it was in fact the reality. Taking a closer look, I saw a clock showing 4:30pm. The murder was only an hour away from happening and it was a long distance from here to Central park. I couldn't tell the police because they'd just think I was making things up. So, I had to stop the murder alone. After getting changed, I hurried to the nearest bus station and arrived at the crime scene earlier than expected. I hid in a spot dark enough, and was prepared to ambush the murderer with the baseball bat I brought. Waiting, I was curious as to what the murderer's motives were. So I eavesdropped outside the victim's house, and heard the voice of a man talking on the phone. He was talking about a drug deal and how he left a guy behind while escaping. He sounded frightened as he was scared that the person would come back for revenge.

I then looked into the glasses to find out that the murderer had the same tattoo on his wrist as the victim. That's when I realized that the victim was a gang member and the murderer was the person being betrayed.

I had conflicting thoughts in my mind. Should I save the person, just to let him go and continue with his evil-doing? Or should I just leave him to die and pretend that none of this had ever happened? Sweats kept dripping down my face. I was stressed out. I'd never been so stressed ever in my life. For a teenager of my age to encounter such a massive dilemma was overwhelming. I regretted ever wishing for something like this to happen. I didn't want anyone to die; but at the same time, I knew drug dealing was a crime. "Ask and you will receive" started looming on my mind again. I wanted it to stop. I "asked" for everything to turn the clock back and revert it back to normal.

Then, I blanked out for a few seconds, and woke up to find myself at home. The glasses were nowhere to be found, and it was 7:00am. I asked my mom what day it was and she replied that it was 24 April, a day after the incident. I checked the news and morning newspaper, and to my surprise, there was no article about the murder. I had received what I asked for, and I was happy.

## ***A Pair of Glasses Seeing Through Others' Future***

***Wu Tsut Chun Billy (5A)***

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I got back home and took that pair of glasses out. When I was ready to put it on and looked into the mirror, an urge in my head stopped me. Looking back these few days of craziness, I started contemplating the true meaning of this pair of glasses. Falling into the endless whirl of pondering, I eventually destroyed that pair of glasses.

It was a rainy day. After a long day of lessons, I was walking back home at around 3:30pm. It was a bad school day. I got scolded again for not handing in my homework on time, and got detention; yet, it was just another normal day of skipping detention class, and as usual, I pulled off the trick and slipped off to the basketball court. Peter and Dan were already waiting for me at the court. We kept playing even though it was raining. I was “killing” Peter in a one-on-one match, buckets after buckets. Well, game points, I meant.

Peter said, “Check ball”.

I grabbed the ball and jabbed it.

“Swish,” I shouted and the ball went in.

“Damn it,” exclaimed Peter.

Dan at the side of the court said, “Damn that a hell of a shot.”

The rain started to get crazy and the floor was too slippery for us to go on. So, we went back to our classroom. We were all wet and stinky, and we were so worn out that we lay on the ground.

Peter said, “This is youth, man.”

I asked, “Have you guys thought about what you are going to do in the future?”

Dan replied, “No, man. I have never thought of that. I’m just enjoying the present and living the best of it.”

Peter agreed.

I got back home and lay in my bed. I kept thinking about what they said. Someone knocked on my door, and it was mom.

She asked, “Why are you always slacking off? You have to do revision and get your grades up, or else you won’t be able to get a decent job with a nice salary and a life that everyone envies.”

I replied, “OK, mom. I’m sorry.”

Although I might seem rebellious from my appearance, my inner self was actually a boy who was afraid of his mom. When I thought of it, she’s got a point. What if I kept on playing basketball and overlooked the importance of getting into a university? I wouldn’t have a choice but to work like most Hong Kong people who didn’t enjoy what they’re doing. I didn’t want to be a construction worker. I wanted to have a decent job that could allow me to live a nice and cozy life.

The other day, I decided to tell Peter and Dan that I was not going to play basketball anymore for the sake of my future.

The bell rang. It’s recess time.

“Hey Dan, Peter, I can’t play basketball anymore.” I said with a shaking voice.

“What do you mean, man?” they asked.

“I need to get into university, so I gotta study hard,” I explained. “So you’re just gonna abandon your love for basketball like that?” Dan shouted.

“Come on, Dan. Let’s go,” Peter whispered.

I then started my tough journey to university. Every day after school, I went to tutorial classes instead of the basketball court. I was cramming exam paper skills into my head. It was excruciating, but I believed that it was worth it.

One day after tutorial class, I was walking down the alley and I encountered this insane homeless man.

“I shouldn’t have looked into the future, and now I’m filled with regrets,” the homeless man kept harping.

Suddenly, he stood up and grabbed my hand.

“Young man, you look like you are going to have some big trouble,” he said.

He then gave me this pair of fancy glasses which was coated with shiny gold. I was just about to beat this psychopath up but that pair of glasses caught my eyes.

Damn, they must be worth a lot, I thought.

So, I took that pair of glasses and the homeless man was giggling freakily. I didn't question anything about it and went to school the other day.

The bell rang.

"It's recess time, man. Why are you still reading your book? Just take a break!" I said to John.

John was a very hard-working and committed student. He was known for his diligence. Every time I saw him, he was holding a book in his hands. Well, there's a reason for that. He wanted to be a doctor in the future, and he loved it so much that he was now grinding for it every second.

"Just leave me alone," he replied.

I ignored him and put that pair of glasses on because I wanted to show it off. Yet, when I looked at John through the glasses, some weird images popped up in my mind. I saw John fail to get enough scores in the DSE to be a doctor. Not only did he fail to get enough for medical programmes, but he was not even eligible to secure a seat in a university. I was wondering if I should show him his future, but then I thought he was working so hard. If I showed him his future, he might give up now, knowing that he was going to fail anyway. Yet, if I didn't, I kinda feel bad for him as all his effort will turn to dust. The struggle in me followed me home. When I got back home, I started to think that a student as hardworking as John was still couldn't make it, what about me? Should I take a peek of it? What could I even do if I knew my future? I walked into the bathroom with the pair of glasses in my hands. Standing in front of the mirror, I was scared, and I was hesitant whether to put on the glasses or not.

Yet, the homeless man's words killed the loop. I started to dig deep into his words. I realized that the regret of his was not that he couldn't change the future, as the future was not for us to determine. It was that he looked into the future and that ruined his life in the moment because he was so worried about the future that he couldn't enjoy the present and live the best of it. I walked out of the bathroom and smashed that pair of glasses to pieces.

# **Young Poet Competition**

## **Acrostic Poem**

### **Topic: My Favourite Singer**

### **S.1 Champion**

## **Selena Gomez**

**Fung Cheuk Him (1E)**

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Selena Gomez is a  
**S**inger in Hollywood  
**E**verybody likes her so much  
**L**ives in the USA  
**E**nticing girl on the stage  
**N**ever gets nervous on the stage  
**A**shley Benso is Selena's friend.  
**G**ood at singing  
"Only You" is the famous song she sings.  
**M**arshmello has sung with Selena once.  
**E**veryone wants to see her on stage in HK  
**Z**ealous to sing out what she wants to sing.

### **S.1 First Runner Up**

## **Alan Walker**

**Wong Chun Hei (1E)**

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Alan Walker is a singer.  
**L**ots of fans  
Alan Walker is a singer.  
**N**ancy is his sister.  
**W**alking is his interest  
**A**nt is his favourite insect.  
**L**ooking at the sea.  
**K**iss the sky.  
**E**at a burger  
**R**ecieve packets!

### **S.1 Second Runner Up**

## **Charlie Puth**

**Ho Chun Wah (1A)**

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**C**reative in songs

**H**appy when the fans listen to his songs.

**A**ctive and very outgoing.

**R**eally good voices made him became popular.

**L**arge amount of relaxing songs that can get you out of stress

**I**ntelligent about creating songs.

**E**nthusiastic with people!

**P**eter loves his songs too!

**U**ndefeatable when someone hates his songs and scolds him,

**T**he singer is one-hundred percent successful.

**H**owever some of my friends hate his songs! What a pity!

### **S.2 Champion**

## **Taylor Swift**

**Zheng Yee Lam (2F)**

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**T**aylor Swift

**A** popular singer nowadays. She is the

**Y**oungest singer who won the Grammy Awards.

**L**ook what you make me do

**O**ne of Taylor's masterpieces which is my favourite

**R**eputation is the latest album of Taylor and broke many records.

**S**he is the first singer,

**W**ho won the "Grammy album of the year" two times

**I**n 2017, Taylor was named in Time magazine Person of the Year

**F**earless which is Taylor's first no.1 album

**T**aylor Swift, which is my favourite singer!

**S.2 First Runner Up**

**Adam Levine**

**Chloe Ho Tin (2A)**

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**A** popular singer in America

**D**on't worry about his songs are not good, you'll hear his songs

**A** lot of times, his band's name is

**M**aroon 5, maybe you haven't listened yet

**L**et me tell you what songs the band has

**E**verywhere you can listen to them. I love them

**V**ery much, and Sugar is my favourite.

**I** know Maroon 5 sings this song in other people's weddings, when they do

**N**ot know, they will come to sing.

**E**nd of the song, everyone is excited.

**S.2 Second Runner Up**

**Rick Astley**

**Hau Yat Kin (2B)**

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**R**ick Astley is handsome.

**I**n every single way.

**C**rossing across the countries,

**K**nowing that he will succeed.

**A** miracle has happened to him.

**S**o he worked hard to achieve his goal

**T**hen one day, he could finally do it

**L**ike many talented singers. In a long time, he can sing well.

**E**very word and sentence is very clear

**Y**ou have to work hard to succeed too.

### **S.3 Champion**

## ***Daniel Seavey***

***Chan Yuen (3B)***

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**D**aniel Seavey is my favourite singer.

**A** talented boy from America

**N**ow he is a member of ‘Why Don’t We’

**I** like his voice and artistic talents. He is

**E**xtraordinarily good at drawing and can play nine different instruments

**L**ike guitar, piano, cello and many more.

**S**eem all the things about him is perfect

**H**e has glistening blue eyes

**A**nd shine like a diamond

**V**oice is intoxicating when he sings. He makes me

**E**xtrremely mesmerized

**Y**ear that all about my favourite singer, Daniel Seavey

### **S.3 First Runner Up**

## ***Jay Chou***

***Chow Cheuk Ki (3E)***

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**J**ay Chou is

**A** very popular singer in Asia

**Y**ou should try to listen to his songs

**C**hou has been a spokesperson for popular brands such as Pepsi

**H**e has sold more than 30 million albums and received numerous awards for his musical works

**O**n the run is the eighth studio album by Jay Chou and this song is popular too

**U** can easily find a lot of information about him on the Internet.

**S.3 Second Runner Up**

***Bruno Mars***

***Liu Wing Kei (3D)***

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**B**lack glasses and his smart face

**R**eady for his love songs

**U**se his dancing skills to prove his strengths

**N**obody can resist his charm

**O**nly his songs are my favourites

**M**any awards were now by him

**A**lways show his best sides to his fans

**R**emember, he is a short person. However, he

**S**hows off himself and makes many people like him.

# **Masterpieces**

## **Secondary 1**

# ***Bad Red Riding Hood***

***Hu Ho Wan (1A)***

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There is a kind wolf which lives in a forest. The wolf and an old woman are good friends. The old woman is Red Riding Hood's grandma, and Red Riding Hood does not like her grandma. She always wants to kill her grandma.

One day Red Riding Hood wants to kill her grandma with tea. The wolf knows that his friend is in danger. He goes to help his old friend. He arrives before Red Riding Hood and tells his friend everything that he knows. He tells the old woman to run away and he will tell Red Riding Hood that he has eaten her grandma. When Red Riding Hood arrives, the wolf tells her, "I just ate your grandma."

Red Riding Hood said, "Who are you? Where is my grandma?"

"Your grandma has died", said the wolf.

Red Riding Hood does not believe the wolf. She wants to cut open the stomach of the wolf. At this time her grandma comes out and says, "I know you do not like me, and want to kill me." Red Riding Hood does not believe what she sees. Her grandma and a wolf are good friends!

Her grandma says, "I do not know why you detest me. But I like you very much. The wolf likes you very much too."

Red Riding Hood is moved. And she never hates her grandma anymore.

# ***The Bad Little Red Riding Hood***

***Leung Yan Ting (1A)***

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Once upon a time, a wolf saw a human's grandmother. So the wolf climbed on a tree, and wanted to give some fruits to the old lady. The wolf was indeed very kind. He wanted to try to love people because his family was dead. He had a lot of friends because the wolf was very helpful.

The next day, the wolf woke up early. He started to bring the fruit to the grandmother. Suddenly he saw the little girl called 'Little Red Riding Hood'. He hid behind a tree and saw little Red Riding Hood adding poison in the bread at the front door. Therefore, the wolf ate little Red Riding Hood.

The grandmother saw the wolf eating little Red Riding Hood. The grandmother picked up a knife and wanted to kill the wolf.

Suddenly a kid was shouting, "Stop, little Red Riding Hood is evil; you can watch the CCTV!"

Grandmother walked back home and watched the CCTV quickly.

After watching the CCTV, the grandmother went out the door and said thank you to the wolf. The wolf said thank you to the kid and asked the kid, 'Why do you know little Red Riding Hood is evil?'

The kid answered, 'Because I was hiding behind the tree and saw it all!'

The wolf was very happy. After that, lots of people were not afraid of the wolf.

# ***A Memorable Birthday***

***Fung Hei Man (1B)***

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Sunny

12th Mar, 2019

Today is the day I would study with April, May and June, but it's my birthday too! On the way to the library, I wondered how they wished my birthday. I looked forward to meeting them!

However, things were beyond my expectation. They greeted me as usual, and then went in the library. They started studying instantly. I could not focus on my books. I kept looking at them secretly. 30 minutes later, nothing happened! I was very disappointed.

I still remembered June said that she would throw an unforgettable birthday party for me two weeks ago, but she didn't show up today. May didn't say happy birthday to me. April even didn't talk to me. It seemed that it was a normal day.

During the study break, I tried to remind May, "What is so special today, uh?" But May just smiled and said, "Ar... it's the finale of my favourite cartoon!"

I was particularly disappointed after listening to her answer. "I have to leave now! I have finished all my homework!" I yelled to May and started rushing

"No, you can't... No... I mean...let's go home together!" May tried to stop me. At that moment, I felt a bit weird but I could not control myself. I rushed back home alone.

When I got home, I was greeted by a loud cheer, "Happy Birthday!" I was shocked. I didn't know what happened. After seeing a birthday cake on the table and the beautiful decoration, I understood everything.

It was a perfect plan. After I left home in the morning, June came to my home and prepared a party for me. She made a birthday cake with my parents. At the same time, May and April were responsible for keeping me company in the library. When I was running back home, April contacted my parents.

Wow! Everything was a surprise for me. This was the most memorable birthday party. I'm really touched. I thank for all they did for me. They made a successful plan.

# ***A Speech***

***Cheung Man Yue (1C)***

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Good morning, Principal, teachers and my fellow schoolmates,

School is a place that we spend a lot of time in. Have you ever thought about how to save the environment at school and make our school a better place to study? Today I'm going to share with you three different ways to make our school greener.

First of all, when you leave the classroom, you should turn off all electrical equipment like fans, lights, overhead projector and computer. A tiny step will help save more electricity.

Next, after you have washed your hands in the toilet, you should turn off the tap tightly. A dripping tap does waste a lot of water. When you are more careful, more precious resources will be saved.

Finally, it is necessary for you to put different types of rubbish in different recycling bins. You can also reuse a lot of things like plastic bottles. With a little imagination, you can turn a plastic bottle into something useful like a beautiful vase.

That's all I want to say. Thanks for your listening.

# ***My Favourite Country***

***Mak Wing Sze Zoe (1D)***

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Everyone has their favourite country. Some people like France, some like Italy, and others like Switzerland, but my favourite country is not far from Hong Kong.

My favourite country is Japan because Japan has a lot of delicious food, such as sushi, sukiyaki and ramen. There are also many fun places in Japan such as the very famous Tokyo Disneyland, Tokyo Tower and Asakusa Leimen Temple. In addition, Japan has more anime and cartoons that I really like such as Kureyon Shin-Chan, Doraemon, Nautical King and my favourite anime “Attacking Giant” which is very interesting.

Besides these, you can visit Hokkaido to see lavender, drink milk, soak in hot springs, or climb to the top of Mountain Fuji to experience the majesty of the mountain. You can also take Japanese Shinkansen train and go to Kyoto to see Japanese wearing kimonos.

In addition to the beautiful scenery and delicious food, Japan also has the spirit of the Ninja bushido that is worth learning. This is a reason why I like Japan most. The biggest reason is that I actually want to go to animation exhibitions with my brother in Japan.

Everyone has their own favourite country for different reasons, but these are not important. The most important thing is that you can realize your dreams and step your foot on your dream country! As the saying goes, ‘Reading thousands of books is no better than walking thousand miles of roads.’

# ***A Letter of Advice to a Schoolmate***

***Chan Yui Chun Daniel (1E)***

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Dear schoolmate,

I'm sorry to hear your problems. I fully understand your smelly feet problem. Don't be sad. It's not so serious. You can follow these suggestions I found on the internet.

First, you can use some mild soap and a scrub brush to wash up your feet at least once a day. The best time to do this is during your morning or evening shower. It is important to dry your feet completely after washing. Pay special attention between your toes, where wetness can easily cause bacteria to grow.

Clip your toenails often so they are short, and make sure to clean them regularly. Then remove the hard, dead skin from your feet. Hard skin gets soggy and soft when it's wet, creating a place where bacteria like to live.

Also, change your socks at least once a day. If you are in a hot environment, where your feet may become sweaty, you should change your socks more often. Of course, you need a pair of shoes that you are alternately wearing every other day. This allows each pair to thoroughly dry out from sweat or moisture for a full day before being worn again. You can also try to dry them up. Otherwise, wet shoes allow bacteria to grow on your feet more quickly.

I hope all these suggestions can help you to solve the problems. If you have any further queries, please feel free to write to me again. I will always support you.

With love,

Your peer counsellor

Chris

# ***An Itinerary to Hong Kong***

***Lam Ho Him Daiki (1E)***

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Dear Jacky,

Hi! I am very happy to be your tour guide. I've just finished planning your tour.

On the first day, we will go to Wong Tai Sin Temple in the morning. It's the most famous temple in Hong Kong. We will pray for a happy new year there. After that, we will go to Tsim Sha Tsui for yum cha. Then, we are going for shopping in Tsim Sha Tsui. There are many shopping malls. Shop till you drop! I'm sure we will be tired, so let's take a ride on the star ferry and see the beautiful view of Victoria Harbour. After that, we will take a tram to Victoria Peak. We can see a beautiful view there. We will also have dinner there. Before 8:00 o'clock, we will take the star ferry back to Tsim Sha Tsui to see the Symphony of Lights (a show).

On the second day, we will go to Ladies Street to feel the vibe of Hong Kong. In the afternoon, we will go to Ocean Park to play and see the creatures. We will have lots of fun there. At the end of the day, I will bring you to my favorite restaurant – The Cheese Cake Factory – to eat my favorite dessert.

Write back soon! I look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes,  
Daiki

# ***The Dance Performance***

***Yiu Tsz Wai Abby (1E)***

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A 10-year-old girl had to attend a Christmas talent show. She practised day and night for her dance performance. As she worked on her dance moves at home, outside, at the grocery store, and in a shopping mall, her father was right by her side. Her father, who was a single parent, was always busy with work.

One afternoon, the girl and her father were on their way home. She gave her father a leaflet, “It is my dance performance next week. Will you come?” Her father looked at the leaflet, and said, “Maybe.” Suddenly, his phone rang and he picked it up. After a long phone call, he told his daughter that he might have to work on that day. The girl was very disappointed.

The day of the big performance came. When she saw all the audience looking at her, she was so scared and stressed that she could not think of anything. She only wanted to get off the stage immediately.

As she looked up, she saw her father. She felt surprised and relieved because her father was there with her. He stood up and started dancing. Then, the girl remembered her moves and continued the performance. The performance was engaging, and the audience enjoyed it a lot.

Before this performance, she always thought that her father ignored her and didn’t care about her. She did not expect her father to come and watch the performance, not to mention remembering her dance moves.

Now she knew that her father treated her very well. He supported her even though he was busy. Her father loved her very much, just like how much she loved her father.

# ***A Letter to Your Idol***

***Yau Wui Ming (1F)***

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Dear Taylor,

Hi! I'm Millie Yue from Hong Kong. I like you so much! You are so pretty and you have an excellent figure and a beautiful voice. But the most important thing is that you have a kind heart. I've known you since your song Last Christmas, but my favourite song is Wildest Dream. I've liked you for 5 years!

I have some questions to ask you. When will your next album be released? Why did you take up this occupation as an actress? I hope you can answer my questions.

I know you have recently released a new album called Reputation. I like it very much! I can memorise almost all the lyrics of the songs in the album. All of your previous albums, like 1989, Red, Speak Now, Fearless, etc. are fantastic. I like all of them very much, and I've bought almost all of your albums! I also know that you have recently held concerts all over the world, and recently you went to Tokyo for concerts there. I really hope I can go to see your concerts, but I have to go to school and I don't have much time. So I hope that I can go to see your concerts when I grow up! Hope your work goes well too! I love you!

Yours sincerely,

Millie Yau

# ***What will I be in the future?***

***Yeung Hong Yiu (1F)***

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“What will I be in the future?” a teacher asked me that during the lesson. It is such an interesting question for me to write about.

So, to start off, I would still be living with my family since they would be old and might not be able to take care of themselves. Also, if anything ever happens, I can help them immediately.

My dream job is to be a voice actor. I think it is fun. Apart from that, it also brings joy to whoever listening or watching the shows that I voice over. Being a voice actor means that I have to learn how to adapt to the characters’ personality I am going to voice over in a short time.

At last, my life would be relaxing and satisfying because I would be able to fulfill every dream I have ever dreamt of. Then, how about my love life? Well, only destiny has the answer!

# **Masterpieces**

## **Secondary 2**

# ***Mysterious Monster***

***Chau Pui Man Maggie (2A)***

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Once upon a time, the weather was very bright. There was a couple, Mary and Ivan on the beach. The day was Mary's Birthday, so Ivan wanted to give her a surprise. Before the day, Ivan hid a gift in the sea by himself.

On Mary's birthday, Ivan drove the car and took her to the beach. When they arrived at the beach, Ivan and Mary wore their swimsuit and were ready for swimming.

When they went swimming into the sea, they happily found the gift together. Suddenly, to their surprise, a monster came out from the sea. They were frightened and ran away immediately. They lost the gift because they were too horrified.

"Help!!!", Mary and Ivan screamed loudly.

"Stop running! I'm very nice." said the monster. "I have found your gift, Mary!" said the monster.

"Thank you so much! You are so nice!" Ivan and Mary replied.

The monster gave the gift to Mary and the sky turned dark suddenly. The monster swiftly took out a knife and killed her. Finally, the monster disappeared and Ivan cried on the beach sadly.

# ***A Play Script***

***Chau Wan Chit Alex (2A)***

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Alex: (Picking up a letter from the table)  
Dickson, Summer! Look!  
(Dickson and Summer coming to Alex)

Dickson: This letter is from Miss Chu.

Summer: What does it say?

Dickson: (Reading the letter aloud)  
Miss Chu wants us to join her birthday party and tell the classmates about it.

All: Birthday party?

Alex: The whole class are invited to the party, but what should we wear to her birthday party?

Dickson: I suggest that we should wear a waistcoat and a pair of leather shoes. That will look gentle and tidy.

Summer: Yeah, I agree. We should not wear too causally. We should not wear jeans, trainers or flip-flops.

Alex: These are very good suggestions. Also, I think we should not wear a tank top.

Dickson: I think we should write a note to the other classmates and remind them about these too.

Summer: Good idea! Who is going to do it?

Alex: I'll do it.  
(Alex writing a note about the dress code and sticking it on the wall)

Narrator: The next day, all the 2A classmates read the notes and wanted to join the party. All of the classmates felt delighted and excited as they could have a birthday party with their lovely teacher, Miss Chu.

# ***A Speech***

***Chau Wan Chit Alex (2A)***

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Good morning everybody, I am Alex from class 2A and I am going to describe what I plan to do when I am 20 years old.

Let me talk about being a YouTuber. Who is your favourite YouTuber? Pewdiepie? Smiling Boris? My favourite YouTuber is Pewdiepie. He is one of the most famous YouTubers, but he is getting chased by T-series. Next, let me tell you what YouTubers do. YouTubers mainly record video games and vlogs, which are the most common videos which YouTubers often upload. Some YouTubers may use drawings to share their interesting ideas or thoughts, for example, Theodd1sout, Jaiden Animation, Wolfychu, etc.

I plan to be a YouTuber when I am 20 years old because I like playing video games and I am excited that I can record the moments of playing my favourite games. I can then upload these clips to the Internet and share them with the whole world. People can watch my videos and find the humour from them. I can earn money by the number of hit rates. 1000 views equal \$1USD. Although the amount is low, recording video clips and sharing them on the Internet are my interests and I enjoy doing them.

When I am a YouTuber, I will record video games and vlogs. Recording Vlogs allows me to share my daily life with everyone. I will also need to edit those videos to attract more audience.

So, what do you plan to do when you are 20 years old? This is the end of my sharing, thank you very much.

## ***A Short Story***

***Ngai Tsz Ching Bryan (2A)***

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At an ordinary night, on the street, it was dark and there was a man walking on it. He was called John. He felt hungry so he was going to the food store which was opened 24 hours.

While he was walking on the street, he heard some footsteps. Then he thought, 'Who is walking that loudly? Whatever, I'm hungry and I need to buy myself some food as quickly as possible!'

John heard someone laughing and making sounds like 'He he he he'. He started to feel confused but he kept walking. Suddenly, the light near him shut down. 'Hello? Is anyone here?' he shouted.

He couldn't see anything or anyone near him so he had no idea where he was going. Then, the light turned on again. This time, John saw something. He thought it was just another person who was hungry on the street. When that 'person' turned around, John screamed 'Oh my goodness! What is this thing? Don't come to me! Stay away!'

He saw a purple furry monster. It shrieked horribly, so it scared John. John kept screaming until the monster said 'Stop!' Then John asked what it was doing there. 'I am sure that you shouldn't appear in this place,' John said.

'Yes you are right, but I'm hungry, so...' The monster replied. 'Wait, so you mean you need to eat me? Hell no!' John asked nervously.

The monster replied 'I just want some food..... whatever it is.'

Finally, John gave him a loaf of bread. The monster said 'Thank you!' It then disappeared immediately. John never saw him again.

# ***A Wonderful Day in the Theme Park***

***Hau Kat Kiu Kono (2B)***

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Dear Diary,

Today, it was the best day of my life because I just went to the theme park with my cousin, Mary. It was a very fun day that I have ever had.

First, when we arrived at the theme park, we could already see hundreds of people. We had to queue up a long time for tickets. Luckily, there were enough tickets left. When we got into the park, my cousin wanted me so badly to go for the roller coaster with her. So I had no choice but took a ride on it. I was so frightened by the height of it!

Then, we watched an animal show. We saw bears, tigers and seals jumping into hoops and performing aerobatics. I was amazed by them. Their trainers must be training them very hard.

After the show, we went to a restaurant to eat. My cousin read the menu and she found that the food was very expensive. She usually eats food on the streets selling at lower prices.

At night, we watched the parade that had all the cartoon characters. They were waving at us. I felt very relieved after I found my favorite characters in it. That was the most exciting moment of all times. Finally, when we got home, we felt very tired. But it was worth it because I had never been to a theme park with my cousin before.

# ***An English Journal***

***Fung Mei Ki (2C)***

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Last weekend, I witnessed some terrible things on the street and in public transport.

Last Saturday morning, walking past a park, I heard three students talking very loudly. They were sitting on the bench. An old woman came up and wanted to sit beside them, but they kept swearing at each other in a playful way and ignored the old woman. I thought the students were selfish.

Yesterday, I went to Causeway Bay with my friends by MTR. In the compartment, I saw a woman looking for a seat. A young man left his backpack on the empty seat, so there were no more seats available. Even though the woman looked very tired, the young man didn't even spare a glance at her and kept playing mobile games.

When we left the train, we saw two children running around on the platform. Their mother was talking on the phone. A middle-aged man seemed very angry. If I were the man, I would be angrier because they were terribly noisy! We also saw some students smoking, drinking, talking loudly and whistling. They were much noisier than the two children. Suddenly, those mischievous students shouted at the two children and ordered them to stop running. As the students looked like bullies, the children felt scared and ran to their mother immediately.

What I witnessed last weekend makes me very angry. I have never imagined there are so many inconsiderate people in our city.

## ***Genki Sushi, a restaurant I have eaten at***

***Au Tsz Yan (2F)***

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Posted by Joyce Au/Posted at 3:00p.m. on March, 2019

Genki sushi is a very special restaurant that I had a wonderful experience in yesterday. Genki sushi has many branches, so I chose to go to Sheung Shui's branch which is very near my home. First, I used the Ipad to order the food. I usually order salmon, salad, sushi, steam egg, udon, etc which I like. In fact, many people go there to have a meal since genki sushi will use the train to carry the dishes, which is very creative!

In my opinion, the food there is very delicious and has a high quality. For example, some sushi restaurants simply put the sushi in the revolving belt for many hours, which makes the food quality become bad and the consumers will be sick easily after eating the food laid unattended to. However, after we order the food, Genki sushi starts making sushi that guarantees its taste and quality. In fact, this restaurant also offers some delicious desserts that I love, for instance, cheese cake or a melaleuca cake.

Now, you may want to ask me if I would recommend this restaurant. I'm very sure I will say yes. I think the food this restaurant offers is of very high quality and the price is so cheap. Also, the restaurant is very comfortable and will make people feel relaxed. The last reason that I recommend you to go is I think the staff are polite and friendly. They will give your timely assistance when needed and they always smile to the consumers, which will make you feel comfortable.

# ***The Mystery Forest***

***Heung Ka Yu Dionne (2F)***

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“Never go to that forest. You will get lost and caught by something. Promise me you will never ever walk near there, okay?” That was what my mum said when I was 7.

Until now, I have never been to that forest. There’s a legend of that forest. “The person who walks into the forest will be caught and asked to exchange something to escape from there.”

“Why are you standing there? Come on! Aren’t you afraid?” asked Mike. I stopped thinking and answered, “Nothing. Let’s go.” Jenny begged “Walk faster ! After we prove that there isn’t any monster, I am going to get out of this terrible place.”

The forest was full of silence. Only the sound of our footsteps was heard. Suddenly, I stopped. “What happened, Niki?” Jenny mumbled. “Did you hear something?” I asked. “NO! We’ve walked for half an hour. There’s nothing there. Let’s get out!” she shouted. “Okay, let’s get out of here.” Mike replied.

A cold wind blew and a black shadow stood in front of us. The black shadow spoke. It said, “How dare you walk into my place!” We tried to run but we were stuck on the ground. It threatened, “I can give you guys a chance to escape. Give me something that you treasure and I will release you.”

“Anything! Please forgive us and let us go!” Jenny begged. “Anything? Ha ! Ha ! What a brave girl! Okay, you three can go now. Let’s look what you lose after you walk out here.” The black shadow disappeared after he finished. After it was gone, three of us ran out of the forest as fast as we could.

The moment we stepped out the forest, Jenny screamed. Mike and I turned around and we were shocked. There was only blood on the floor. We ran away. We ran to a park and sat down. “It...It takes away Jenny.” I murmured. “It has passed. Stop thinking about it. Jenny said it could take anything. It’s not our fault,” Mike shouted. “Now let’s go home and don’t tell anyone about this.” I nodded. “Yes. Jenny said it could take anything. It is her fault. Not mine.” I thought.

The next day, I saw Jenny’s photo on TV. The news said she had been missing for 24 hours and urged anyone who found her to call the police.

“Jenny is missing? Had you seen her before she was missing?” My mum asked.

“No, I haven’t seen her since yesterday after school.” I answered.

## ***A Poem on Homework***

***Li Hiu Pui (2F)***

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Homework! Oh, homework!  
I love you! You sweet heart!  
I wish you can always  
Stay with me.  
If I have a gun  
I would shoot the sun  
Because you're my sunshine  
You're giving me light.

I'd rather never  
Eat any food forever,  
or destroy my smartphone  
and games and sleep  
on the hard ground. Whatever  
I just want to do homework.

Homework! Oh, homework!  
You're important in my life  
I can't leave you  
Every time  
If you disappear  
I will collapse  
Homework! Oh, homework!  
I love you! You sweet heart!

# **Masterpieces**

## **Secondary 3**

## ***A Complaint Letter to Mr. Sheik***

***Li Man Lee (3A)***

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Dear Mr. Sheik,

I am writing to complain about the extremely bad service of your restaurant. I went there with my friend Wing for dinner last Monday. We were served by a rude waiter named Chris at your restaurant.

First, we wanted to eat and I raised my hand to order. Chris pretended not seeing us and he just walked past us. We waited for a while and found that he ignored all requests from customers. His attitude was problematic and this was surely not how a waiter should behave.

Then, we both ordered a medium rare steak and some wine. A few minutes later, Chris came and poured the wine for us. But he did not pay attention when pouring the wine, so he spilt the wine on my new T-shirt. What made us furious was that he was gossiping with another waiter while serving us. He did not give us any tissues and apologize to me. It was very disrespectful and I felt really disappointed.

After a while, Chris took the wrong order to us. We had an argument because he insisted that was not his fault, even though the manger agreed to change the meal for us. I was irritated by the waiter's behavior. What happened next even added fuel to the fire. When we were enjoying the meal, Chris collected all the dishes even we had not finished. It was ridiculous of him to do such action to us. Finally, we checked the bill and left there with anger. Suddenly, Chris furiously asked us to tip him. With his unacceptable service and unprofessional attitude, we did not tip him for sure.

We hope that you can look into the case and actions need to be taken. If no improvement is seen, I cannot help but to write to the press. Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully  
Sam Hui

# ***A Letter of Application***

***Wong Cheuk Yin (3A)***

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Dear Ms Smith,

I am writing in response to your recently advertised position for a summer job. I am very interested in this opportunity with your Activity Centre and believe that my qualifications, education and some experience would make me a strong candidate for the position.

The role is very appealing to me, and I believe that my early childhood education experience which comes from volunteering can make me a highly competitive candidate for this position. My key strengths that would support my success in this position include:

- organising games and activities in my class
- having a certificate of English in Pearson LCCI
- having worked as an intern teacher in Tai Ping kindergarten from March, 2017 to April, 2017

Full details of my background and work experience and how they are related to your position will be provided upon request. Please arrange an interview for me at your convenience.

I firmly believe that I can be a valuable asset to your team. I welcome the opportunity to speak with you about this position and how my experience could help your Centre achieve its goals.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,  
Alex Chan

## ***A Complaint Letter***

***Wong Yuen Kiu (3A)***

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to complain about my last dining experience with my friend at your restaurant. I found that the staff of your restaurant had a terrible attitude. Here were what happened yesterday.

First, I would like to complain about the staff ignoring the needs of us and he just walked away even he saw we needed to make an order. Furthermore, he kept talking to his colleague when he was filing my drink which led the drink to be completely full, and flew out all over my pants.

Then, when our dishes were delivered, my friend's dish was not what she ordered. So, she told the staff to change back to the right dish. However, he argued with us as he denied the mistake. Therefore, my friend was forced to take the wrong dish. In addition, the staff took away our dishes even we had not finished yet. That was an unacceptable service attitude and we were shocked by his service. However, the main cause of my anger was what followed next.

When we were leaving, the staff rushed out with a bad temper since we did not give him any tips. But how could we tip him with his bad service attitude? Finally, we left the restaurant with a depressive mood.

The above was what happened last Saturday. Consequently, I suggest you train all your staff again. I believe that the restaurant will have a negative reputation in the future unless you solve the problems.

Yours faithfully,

Sam Hui

## ***Experience our vibrant teen culture!***

***Chan Yuen, Queenie (3B)***

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The Peak, Ngong Ping 360 and Ocean Park are very famous attractions in Hong Kong. Those are the places most tourists or visitors would visit, but are you craving for something more than sightseeing and taking standard photos of Hong Kong? Don't worry! Hong Kong has a lot more views and places waiting for you to explore. In this article, some pop culture and latest trends of Hong Kong teens will be introduced to you.

First, most of the teens here like taking photos and selfies, just like what their counterparts do around the globe. Teens here love taking photos of interesting places, so that they can save sweet memories and post these photos on Instagram or Facebook to share about their lives. So you may want to know where you can meet those fun-loving teens or even be one of them. Well, they would go to beautiful scenic spots like Choi Hung Estate. People go there because the buildings of Choi Hung Estate have colourful walls. When you look at them together, they form an awesome picture of rainbow. If you want something cute, why not explore the Kowloon Park? Although it is only a park, there are many facilities and some cartoon models. Teens in Hong Kong also like going there and have a relaxing time.

If taking selfies is not your cup of tea, how about immersing yourself in our shoppers' paradise? Shoppers will never get tired of Hong Kong as there are different destinations for different budgets. You can find a lot of famous brand products here such as Dior, Chanel and Fendi. If you are a boy, you will also find Converse, PUMA and NIKE here. Don't worry if you have a limited budget. Sham Shui Po is just around the corner. You can buy things there with good bargains. You will find teens shopping happily for trendy products in shopping arcades like Dragon Center.

Spending fun time with friends is a universal culture for teens. In Hong Kong, teens also enjoy having fun with friends in different parts of the city. For example, they may spend all day in Cheung Chau because it is a relaxing place. There are so many snacks such as big fish balls, mango or durian mochi. Teenagers will also take photos with their friends as there is a beautiful beach and a relaxing town style environment. The main point is it is free from the hustle and bustle of the city life.

Those are the things that Hong Kong teenagers usually do and they have become part of our teen culture. Come and experience our youth culture! You will definitely have an unforgettable time here!

## ***Why do we need PE lessons?***

***Luo La, Laura (3B)***

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Many students who do not like PE lessons find having PE lessons a waste of time. In my opinion, learning is not only refined to textbooks and classrooms. Acquiring skills and develop students' interests and talents such as doing sports is also a kind of learning.

To start with, PE lessons do a lot of help to students' health and growth. Proper exercise will strengthen our body. It is the best time to develop your health and body systems when you are a teenager. Exercise can improve your lung, brain, heart and muscle functions. If teenagers do not develop a habit of regular exercising, it is unlikely that they will do enough workout after they leave school and do busy work. Also, a survey showed that about 10% of teenagers aged between 10 and 18 are overweight. PE lessons give a chance for students to move their body, find fun and interest in doing sports and develop a life-long habit of doing exercise. It will eventually control or curb the worrying trend of obesity in the city.

What's more, to keep our mental health, we need exercising. Doing sports not only helps keep your body fit, but also helps with your mental health. Facing the heavy pressure of schoolwork, PE lessons provide students with a time to relax their brains. A study suggested that after exercising, people feel happier and less anxious. Thanks to PE lessons, students become less stressed and more energetic to study. Besides, during PE lessons, students usually have more free time to talk or play sports games with classmates. Students feel more involved in class and they can gain happiness and support in those activities.

Last but not least, PE lesson is an essential subject. Through PE lessons, students can learn more about professional sports knowledge. As PE is one of DSE elective subjects, students who are good at sports may become a PE teacher or even professional athletes. In addition, we can be stronger and learn to accept failure. Sports games make winners and losers. How we deal with failures enables us to understand that we cannot be defeated by defeats but learn from them. We can also learn skills like teamwork and communication with each other. Without PE lessons, students rarely have chances to do sports as a team and gain the above-mentioned skills.

We should have PE lessons in secondary schools since it has so many advantages to our growth, both for our mind and body.

# ***An Application Letter***

***Wong Shun Him (3B)***

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8th May 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Application for the position of data entry clerk

I am writing to apply for the position of data entry clerk as advertised in the FLSS Career Newspaper on 23rd April 2019.

I am Kenny Wong from Fanling Lutheran Secondary School and I have just finished S3. I am interested in the post as I have strong passion for information technology. I am an efficient and trustworthy person who can work independently.

I found myself suitable for the post because I have good academic results and related experiences at school. I was the class IT prefect from S1 to S3. Therefore, I have acquired a lot of computer skills. Class IT prefects help to manage the use of computers in classrooms. When the computer gets into a problem, class IT prefect needs to handle it and fix it. Because of my interest, I joined the school IT prefect as well. It was much different from class IT prefect as I need to work as a team. Being a school IT prefect has gained me many skills such as collaboration and multi-tasking. I also get the experience of managing a big computer system. Also, I have got excellent results in computer studies since form one. All these skills and experiences have equipped me well for tasks related to IT.

I love joining workshops related to computer skills. One of the most memorable experiences was the one when I joined a product design competition. We worked as a team to make the product and I needed to do programming for electronics. For further developing my computer skills, I joined the workshop about coding. From those experiences, I have mastered the use of programming and coding well. I am sure my qualifications, skills and personal qualities will be contributive to your company if I am given such a chance.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be grateful if you could grant me an interview. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Kenny Wong

# ***Tutorial School is a waste of time and money***

***Wong Zi Yin, Yoyo (3C)***

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Nowadays, many people believe that cram school can improve students' academic performance because they think cram school can help students professionally. However, if I were a parent, I would not let my children join any cram schools. It is because going to cram schools is a waste of time and money.

First, to improve students' academic performance, students' motivation is important. If they don't try hard in their study, they will not grow up, even in the best cram school with the best teachers. In my opinion, no one can help a student who doesn't want to study, because they don't want to memorize, they don't want to spend time reviewing, they just want to play. So, cram schools just give them another playground. And then, if they want to learn, they will find the way by themselves. Now the Internet is very advanced. Students can boost their learning pace by using the Internet. Nothing is impossible. Hence, attending cram schools is a waste of time and money.

Second, tutors at tutorial schools don't know students' weaknesses well. Even some cram schools will give students exercises to assess their abilities, tutors only teach students what they have learnt in school. They seldom make any changes for individual students. The piles of exercises are a tool to convince parents to trust cram schools. Some people believe that cram schools can teach students to do homework and it is a way to correct their weaknesses. However, students never do homework in cram schools because they can copy their friends' work. Instead, they just play games together after finishing their homework. Cram schools become their playground.

Thirdly, most crams schools only give practices mechanically, because they just have to make their parents feel that the students are learning. So the parents will pay the tuition fee voluntarily. They ignore the importance of having meaningful homework. Hence, going to cram schools is a waste of time and money.

All in all, cram schools never know students' weaknesses and they can't really help much. In fact, students should do their own part and be an active learner. Joining cram schools is just an excuse for their laziness.

# ***Friendship***

***Li Lai Ying, Stella (3C)***

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Making friends is important in our life. Although there are many opportunities for us to make friends, the key is to choose good friends. We can build friendships which make our life more fruitful by hanging out as well as sharing our ups and downs with friends.

Joining more activities, no matter what types they belong to, allows us to make new friends. We can join many indoor or outdoor activities both at school and from different organizations. Take my experience as an example. Recently, I have joined Auxiliary Medical Service which gives me an opportunity to make friends outside the school.

Even though we can make friends easily, it doesn't mean that they are good friends. Good friends are caring to each other. They are good listeners who are willing to listen to their friends' happiness and sadness. In contrast, if a person likes gossiping and bullying, it is better to keep a distance with him or her, otherwise we will be affected by them badly.

Finding close friends is not an easy task, so it is essential to nurture the friendship. We can do it by gathering regularly. If our daily schedule is very busy, it is impossible to hang out with one another. On weekdays, or at weekends, we can still communicate with each other by using social media applications like WhatsApp, WeChat, Facebook, Instagram, etc. We can update our daily life with friends and they can share theirs so that we can build up the friendship.

To sum up, we can't live happily without friends. We should be open-minded to make friends by joining activities. Then we should choose friends who possess good qualities. Finally, we treasure the friendship by communicating with each other regularly.

# ***Should mothers stay at home with their kids?***

***Li Sze Kai, Elaine (3C)***

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Good morning everyone. Today I am going to tell you about whether mothers should stay at home with kids. I disagree with this statement for several reasons.

First, nowadays, women and men are equal. Women can choose to work or stay at home with their children. Being a mother doesn't mean they lose their ability to work. They don't have to be housewives, they can still work. If mothers must stay at home with their kids, what about the young mothers? Have their dreams come true? If not, should they give up their dreams? It's unfair to them.

Secondly, kids not only need maternal love, they also need paternal love. A lot of people think that a child needs motherly love as they grow up. But the child's growth also cannot leave father's love. I know this because my mother is a housewife and my father was very busy when I was young. I envied those kids who can celebrate their birthdays with mom and dad but I couldn't. So if mothers should stay at home with their kids for the sake of their kids' happiness, why not choose parents to work together but they will also spend time with their children?

Thirdly, I think if mothers stay at home with their kids all the time, their lives will be boring because children will grow up and have their own lives. They can't stay at home with their mothers all the time. They will go out with their friends and go to school. At that time, mothers can only do housework, watch TV, and sit and wait for their child to return home. It is a boring life. I think mothers shouldn't spend all the time with their kids and they should have their own time.

To sum up, I think mothers should not stay at home with their kids.

Thank you.

## ***A complaint letter to the manager of the tutorial school***

***Liu Wing Kei (3D)***

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to voice my anger about the poor attitude of teachers and the problems of the learning environment of your tutorial school.

Firstly, I have found that a lot of students were noisy in the tutorial class, and they were eating in the classroom. But the tutors ignored that. They didn't stop the students. Therefore, I couldn't pay attention to the lessons.

Secondly, one day after the tutorial school, I didn't know how to answer the questions about my English homework, so I asked the tutor. He refused to teach me and even said, "Oh! You are so stupid!" Why could the tutor blame me? I strongly believe that the tutor was so irresponsible. The tutor should teach me patiently because I am his student.

Thirdly, some tutorial students bullied my classmates and me. They warned us and said, "If you don't buy food for us, we will hit you and punish you!" I think that it is so terrible! I have told the tutor that the students bullied us. But the tutor replied, "The students were just kidding." I can't bear that because the students did what they had said! After that, I'm afraid of going to your tutorial school.

Furthermore, my parents have gone to your tutorial school recently. They have complained that the attitude of the tutor and the learning environment, but the tutor has ignored my parents' complaints. And he said, "I don't mind about your complaint." My parents and I were very angry about his poor attitude! We think that he is the worst tutor in the world!

Last but not least, unless you rectify the problems, I shall be compelled to take legal action. I look forward to your early reply. Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,  
Sam Lee

## ***A Statement To The Police***

***Cheung Hon Lung (3E)***

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On 12th October, I saw two teenagers bullying a Form One student in a garden behind our school. While I was walking to my brother's classroom at 6:15 p.m., I heard someone screaming in pain. A student was forcibly dragged off F.1D classroom by two teenagers, one wearing a black spiked jacket and ripped jeans and the other in a blue jogging suit and Nike trainers.

Out of curiosity, I followed them secretly to a dark corner of a garden. I saw the two teenagers do something frightening. The Form One student was brutally pushed to the ground. "Wimpy little guy, give me all your money or you're in trouble!" they threatened. The student burst out tears and begged, "Please don't beat me. I have no money."

The two bullies got angry and started kicking and slapping the student. He kept begging them to let him go. I thought he would be seriously hurt if I didn't stop them. I ran up to them immediately. Right at that moment, the school bell rang. They stopped beating him when they saw me. "You're so lucky. Get out!" the bullies shouted. Then I helped the student up and we ran back to our school.

Reported by Andy Cheung

# **Masterpieces**

## **Secondary 4**

## ***A Letter of Advice – Touring Around Hong Kong***

***Chan Tsz To (4A)***

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Dear Mary,

How are you recently? It's been a long while since we met. I'm glad that you wrote to me. Most of my friends live abroad don't write to me. I've heard that you and your family are planning to visit Hong Kong. Hope my following advice for you will help you know more about Hong Kong for planning your schedule.

I remember that you like eating Hong Kong local traditional food. When I was little, my family always took me to Lin Heung Tin House. It's a very traditional place for yum cha. Also you can try Lam Fong Yuen because I saw your post on Instagram. I know that you are sick of British breakfast. You can try some Hong Kong-style ones, such as spiced pork cubes noodles or toast with condensed milk. Moreover, you can try red bean ice, pineapple bun with butter, milk tea at Kam Wah Café. Kam Wah Café is a cha-chaan teng where you can taste lots of Hong Kong-style food. If you have time, you can try Australia Dairy Company where unique cuisines such as "double skin milk" and lotus seed ice are served. This restaurant is also famous for its rushing Hong Kong serving style.

Although Hong Kong is a shopping paradise, that doesn't mean there is nothing equally interesting to do while you're here. For example, Hong Kong is famous for its night views. The first place I recommend you to visit is the Victoria Harbour, as the Victoria Harbour is must-go attraction. I am sure you will like it, as I notice that you also like taking a lot of beautiful sceneries of England and share them with your family and friends on Instagram. You can also go to the Big Buddha and Po Lin Monastery. I know you're a Christian and so am I. I understand that you may feel uncomfortable going to the monasteries of other religions, but it is a great chance to learn more about other culture. You can even try the vegetarian dishes at Po Lin Monastery as well.

Moreover, Nathan Road in Kowloon is another fabulous place to take photos because of its neon signs and lots of cars and people. Nathan Road is a very long road. You can start your journey from Sham Shui Po to Tsim Sha Tsui. You will pass through Mong Kok, a popular place among Hong Kong teenagers because of the trendy stores there. If you have time, you can go to Cheung Chau and Tai O to experience the lifestyle of a fishing village. These two places are quiet so you can relax yourself, take photos and try some fresh seafood.

Last but not least, you can visit the Peak. There are a lot of souvenir shops, so it's an ideal place for you to buy some souvenirs for your friends in your hometown. Apart from that, there is also the Madame Tussauds, where you can take photos with different wax figures. You may find your idol Cristiano Ronaldo, your father's idol The Beatles, your mother's idol Andy Lau and the most famous martial artist in Hong Kong, Bruce Lee, who created Jeet Kune Do.

I hope my recommendations are useful to you. Please send my best regards to your parents! I'm looking forward to seeing you in December.

Best wishes,  
Chris

# ***Give Unlicensed Food Hawkers Some Breathing Space***

***Kwok Sin Tung (4A)***

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Unlicensed food hawkers can still be found in many public places in Hong Kong, such as Mongkok and Causeway Bay. Some people support that hawkers should be allowed to sell street food no matter they have license or not; but some strongly oppose to it. In my opinion, we should give the hawkers some breathing space.

Firstly, retaining food hawkers' activities can provide more affordable food choices for poor people. Indeed, there are many poor people in Hong Kong. They live in very small space and can only get a little amount of income every month. They cannot afford eating in a restaurant because it is too expensive for them. Food hawkers give them a choice as they provide inexpensive food. Without paying steep rents, the street food is much cheaper than food in restaurants. Apart from helping the poor save up their expenses on food, the hawkers can also earn their living from selling food. Many of the hawkers are not rich, and some may not have the skills to find a job in the society. If the government does not allow them to sell street food, it will be hard for them to find a way to sustain their living. Thus, giving food hawkers a way out is beneficial for both the hawkers and the poor.

Furthermore, street food can attract more visitors and boost Hong Kong's economy. There are many hawkers selling Hong Kong traditional food in the street, such as creamy egg yolk buns and egg waffles. They are the signature food of Hong Kong. If we allow food hawkers to sell street food, visitors can taste our traditional food. Some of the visitors are bloggers and they would post photos of our vibrant street food scenes on social media. People all around the world can therefore see how unique our food culture is. More and more tourists would be attracted to Hong Kong. They will not only buy street food but also other souvenirs. The government can gain more revenue and hence improve our economy.

Actually, many people want to keep street food alive in Hong Kong because it is essential to keep our collective memory. Once the local recipes are gone with the ban, we can never pass on this unique food culture to the next generation. The government should think twice because halting their trades and consider other possible alternatives instead of putting a stop to it.

## ***A Suspense Story***

***Kan Ching Yi (4B)***

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My father gave me a doll for my birthday. He said that was from an antique shop. Although it was a little dirty, I love it very much. The doll has a name, Isabel. My father said to me, “The owner of the antique shop said that you should put the doll in the living room when you are sleeping. Never sleep with the doll.” The warning frightened me, but I still hugged it tightly.

In the evening, taking my father’s advice into consideration, I put the doll on the sofa and went to sleep. I was confused, but since I felt sleepy, so I went to bed anyway. In the middle of the night, something strange happened. A surge of rotten stench woke me up, and I heard some noise behind the door. I summoned up my courage and opened the door. Amazingly, I didn’t find anything, but Isabel was actually next to my door. I was frightened. I comforted myself and said, “It’s just my brother’s mischief. Don’t worry.”

I hurried to close and lock the door. I screamed when I woke up! This was because Isabel appeared on my desk. I asked my mother to come over and look at it. She said that it was she who put it on my desk so as to punish me for putting the doll on the floor. I explained to her, but she thought I was lying. I felt very helpless.

One day, when I was on my way home from school, I felt so tired that I fell asleep on the bus. I had a nightmare. In the dream, a woman held Isabel in her arms and approached me. I couldn’t shout. When she almost came to me, I woke up just in time.

In the next few nights, I had the same dream. Every time, the woman in my dream would be clearer and clearer. Every time I was so scared that I wanted to scream out loudly, and I woke up immediately. I felt uncertain. I wanted to find out why the woman and Isabel appeared in my dreams. I decided not to shout in the dream the next night.

The following night, the woman was again in my dream. She slowly approached me. How haggard and helpless her expression was. Her face was frosted. She finally spoke, “Gigi, you’ve finally stopped trying to scream. I need you to help me find my murderer and my body.”

After her explanation, I knew the owner of the antique shop was the murderer, and he told us not to sleep with the doll because he knew that the woman would make us dream of her. I resolved to help her. Since the antique shop and the owner’s home were the same place, I had to sneak in at night.

In the evening, I sneaked into his house successfully. I took Isabel with me. After getting in, I put Isabel on the floor. When I opened the fridge, I screamed. The fridge was full of body parts, and I thought they were from the same woman! Oh! My scream just woke the owner up! I hid behind the door swiftly. Yet, he still found me and wanted to catch me. I screamed and escaped. When I ran out of the shop, he didn’t follow me. I didn’t have time to think about it, and I went to the police station and reported the case.

At last, some police officers entered the shop with me. To our surprise, we saw him lying on the ground. Obviously, he looked very scared. I could guess what had happened. The police found the dead body of the woman and a corpse from another girl.

Finally, although I was punished by my mother, I felt relieved. As for the woman, I never dreamt of her again, and the doll just disappeared.

## ***An Advice Letter***

***Wong Kei In (4C)***

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Dear Tracy,

Thanks for trusting me and telling me your pressure and difficulties. It's my pleasure to help you solve them. Here is my advice.

Firstly, I can see that your parents expect you to get good grades in the examinations as they would prefer you to be a doctor like your brother. Tracy, you have to understand that your parents love you and care about you. They hope you can find a good job and have a stable living when you grow up. I suggest you changing your mindset first. In fact, you do not need to worry too much about your results, and don't compare yourself with your brother. Everyone is unique, and ought to be viewed as an individual. Indeed, everyone has different abilities. So you just need to compare with yourself to improve your results. Ask yourself: what do you want to be when you grow up? What dreams and goals do you want to achieve? Just walk your own path. You need not to be the same as your brother and be a doctor. Try your best to find out what you really want to be!

After you understand yourself better, you can try to explain your thoughts to your parents. You mentioned that your dad is bad-tempered. Since you can't change his mind, my advice is that you may try to share your feelings with him to let him understand how you feel and what you think patiently. Yet, the most important thing you need to bear in mind is that they care about you! So try to speak for yourself and communicate with them more! They will get to know more about you if you keep trying.

Tracy, I know you feel lonely and isolated in your new class. Let me tell you a secret: I also got bullied when I was in junior forms. My feeling was the same as yours. I felt extremely frustrated and hopeless. Nevertheless, I did two things to ignore those bad students. The first one was I learnt how to love myself and appreciate myself. I tried to ignore what they said and be myself. As I knew they wanted to hurt different students to show how good and strong they were, I decided to report it to my teachers. Things got changed as the teachers handled the problem squarely. I also got more friends after I became more confident. Tracy, you can also do the same!

Thanks for talking about your worries with me. I hope my advice can help you! Stay positive and write back soon!

Love,  
Chris

## ***A Theft***

***Chan Chi Kit (4D)***

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Last week, when I was going to school, I went to the fast-food shop. I bought a cheap set meal. Suddenly, I saw a beautiful girl who had long hair and small eyes. After she had bought the breakfast, she forgot to take the bag.

I shouted, “Hey! You’ve left your bag!” I had to take it to her. If I took it to her, I would be praised. I could then make use of this chance to get her phone number. Yet, the bag was heavy, and I found it difficult to carry her. When I finally reached the bag and picked it up, a woman patted me on my shoulder and said, “Hey! That’s my bag!” Since the woman looked very angry, I was scared. I replied, “I don’t know who this bag belongs to.” The woman said, “I don’t care. I’ll call the police. The police will solve our problems.” We waited for the police, and when the policeman finally arrived, I was already late for school. The policeman asked us, “What happened?” The woman answered, “He stole my bag.” The policeman said, “Really?” I immediately defended, “I thought this bag belonged to a beautiful girl, and I thought she forgot to take the bag, so I intended to take it to her.” The policeman asked other people and collected some evidence. He then requested to see the CCTV. Unfortunately, the CCTV was broken. So, the case was not solved.

So, the policeman started to look into the case. He discovered that the woman’s bag was actually in the café shop, so the bag I took was not hers. The beautiful girl said, “The bag isn’t mine neither.” Though the dispute between the woman and me was resolved, I was shocked because the bag didn’t belong to anyone. Suddenly, a white pack of powder dropped out of the bag. The policeman suspected that it was some illegal drug powder.

In the end, the policeman said, “The bag contains illegal and dangerous substances, so it will be taken to the police office.” We left the scene then without resolving our problems.

# ***Dumbphone***

***Chow Wing Nam (4D)***

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Smartphones have become more and more powerful nowadays. Meanwhile, it is commonplace that many smartphone users are teenagers. However, the advancement of technology has in fact made students spend a lot of time on smartphones. They are addicted to it and it affects their daily life and exam results. In the 90s, people only used dumbphones, and they could still live a normal life. Why couldn't we learn from them? Maybe dumbphones can help us save up more time and do more meaningful things.

First, students may spend too much time on smartphones, which will affect their studies. Some students are so addicted to it that they have to use their smartphones at recess or even during class time. This will seriously affect their studies. They always play mobile games, browse the social media or chat with their friends. Sometimes, they will even use the smartphones during lessons, which will surely affect their studies and exam performance. I notice that some students can't live without their smartphones. They may even use their smartphones for some dishonest behaviours, like cheating in the exam. In a word, students nowadays over-rely on their smartphones.

Apart from that, smartphones affect students' health. I think this is a problem that almost everyone knows. At school, I can see a lot of students tend to keep their heads down habitually, especially those who like playing on their mobile phones in class. This gives great pressure on their necks, which are always in a state of tension. If this goes on for a long time, it is likely to cause neck strain. On top of that, they are also more susceptible to radiation, headaches, memory loss or insomnia.

Finally, using dumbphones can encourage students to put their smartphones down. They can then squeeze more time on something more meaningful. In the past, people only used their dumbphones to contact their family and friends. Why couldn't we learn from them? We can spend more time chatting with our family and friends. Also, students can spare more time on studying and something more meaningful. Simply put, it can make our life simpler.

After knowing the problems of smartphones, I think students can understand how smartphones affect our daily life. If you are addicted to your smartphone, don't worry. I think you can switch to your dumbphone sometimes. I believe that after a while, you can have a better control of your smartphone.

# ***Dumbphone Era***

***Deng Tsz Wing (4D)***

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Smartphones have become a natural and inseparable part in our life. Dumbphones have already become obsolete. Yet, don't you agree that smartphones should be replaced by dumbphones?

First, dumbphones have basic mobile phone functions. In other words, it doesn't affect people's daily lives. Dumbphones are small but complete. We can use a lot of functions on our dumbphones, like sending messages, texting, taking photos, etc. Admittedly, they are not as convenient as smartphones. When we input some words in our dumbphones, it may take a longer time on inputting characters, unlike the function of automatic hints of smartphones when we want to text.

Besides, dumbphones are not as addictive as smartphones, and we will not easily get indulged. Nowadays, students spent around 4-6 hours on their smartphones after school. We know that when we come home, the time is already very late. Yet, students still couldn't help spending a lot of time on their smartphones on gaming, cyber-relations and searching for information. All the above-mentioned will affect their health. It is because smartphones emit blue radiation. It hurts students' eyes and affects their sleeping quality. They lead to the problem of insomnia. Students do not have enough energy and rest to face the activity of the next day. On the other hand, dumbphones do not constitute to these problems, because they do not have mobile games or social media software. It is not as addictive as smartphones, and it is not fun to students. Therefore, they can have better sleeping quality.

Finally, dumbphones are free from most of the network security problems, since they do not have many apps. Phone viruses cannot invade our mobile phones easily. That will eliminate the problem of personal data leakage. In this regard, smartphones are not shielded against these security problems.

All in all, dumbphones can replace smartphones. The dumbphone era should start! We should tell the world that dumbphones never die! So students, put down your smartphones. Dumbphones are equally fashion-forward too.

## ***A Theft***

***Jebus Ling Fung (4D)***

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This morning, I went to a coffee shop and had my breakfast. When I bought my breakfast, I saw a beautiful girl. She was next to me. She had big eyes and long hair. She bought a cup of coffee and a sandwich. She was so charming that I could not take my eyes off her. I wanted to make friends with her. I believed that it was her first time she went to this coffee shop because I had not seen her before.

Then, she took her food and a cup of coffee to a table. At that time, I saw a handbag and I thought it was hers. So I said, "That's her bag! I must take it to her!" At that time, I thought I was lucky as I could talk with her. I took the handbag to her. However, she said, "It is not my bag." I felt scared because I did not know whose bag I had taken. A fat woman said, "Hey! That's my bag!" She looked angry. She asked me why I stole her bag. She thought I was a thief, and so she called the police. After that, the police came and I told the police and the woman what had happened. The woman did not trust me, so she watched the CCTV in the coffee shop. However, the CCTV didn't have voice-recording. She did not forgive me, and I was caught by the policeman. I stayed in the police station for an hour. I went to work late and my boss thought I stole the woman's bag. At last, I lost my job.

## ***Rewriting Red Riding Hood***

***Wu Nok Yin (4E)***

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One day, little Red Riding Hood visited her grandma with some tea and biscuits. Red Riding Hood was a kind and sweet girl. However, the big bad wolf arrived, and dressed up as grandma.

Red Riding Hood came into the house like before. She saw her grandma in the bedroom. Red Riding Hood squealed with delight and she said, “Hi, grandma. I brought your favourite cake. Here you go.”

“Thank you so much, my sweet girl,” said grandma.

Red Riding Hood sat next to grandma and she covered her nose and frowned; a pungent smell invaded her nostril. So Red Riding Hood said, “Grandma, have you taken a bath yet?”

“Sure!” replied grandma.

“Why are you still smelly?” Red Riding Hood questioned.

Grandma fanned herself with her hand. Red Riding Hood turned on the fans and she took a bottle of cold water to grandma. Red Riding Hood talked to grandma for around 30 minutes. Red Riding Hood saw that her grandma’s hands had much hair. She thought this was impossible!

“*Oh no! Is she a wolf?*” she thought.

Then she asked grandma, “What is my father’s name?”

“Peter,” said grandma.

Suddenly, grandma’s tears formed near her eyes, shimmering. She pulled opened her mask. Under the human mask was a wolf!

Grandma explained, “I am your grandma actually!” Red Riding Hood just opened the mouth and she did not say any words.

After a few seconds, Red Riding Hood screamed, “You are a wolf. Not my grandma!” Grandma explained, “Ten years ago, I was turned into a wolf by a witch. Then the witch became your grandma. The humanoid grandma is impersonated by the witch.”

“Where is the witch now?” asked Red Riding Hood. “At the bed bottom,” said grandma and she pointed to

her bed.

Red Riding Hood and grandma walked towards the bed. Red Riding Hood said to the witch, “Why do you lie to me? I thought you were the greatest grandma in the world.”

The witch said, “Please let me out.”

Grandma squealed, “No! It was hard to tie her up. First, I dug a hole in the forest and I made a fake Red Riding Hood and put it next to the hole. After a few days, the witch fell into the trap, and she fainted. Finally, she was tied to the bottom of the bed.”

The witch said, “Please forgive me. I do it because you look like my daughter. I’ve lost her when she was two years old.”

The witch realized she was wrong. She made a wolf into a woman. And Red Riding Hood said to the witch, “I love you so much! Thanks for your care in these ten years.”

Red Riding Hood released the witch.

“Thank you! Hope you can forgive my sin,” said the witch.

“I know it is sad that you lost your daughter,” said Red Riding Hood. “Can I be your family member? It’s because I am lonely too.”

“Why not?”

In the end, Red Riding Hood, grandma and the witch lived together. Nothing could separate them.

# ***Slimming In Hong Kong***

***Yiu Hon Kuen (4E)***

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Nowadays, slimming has become a part of Hong Kong's culture. Many Hong Kong citizens used a variety of ways to get a perfect shape, for example, exercising, dieting, and joining some weight loss treatments in slimming companies. Can you guess why they have such a strong desire to reduce weight? Here are the reasons how slimming becomes a trend in Hong Kong.

Firstly, some people lose weight to improve their overall health. Overweight people are always associated with diseases like high blood pressure, stroke, heart diseases and diabetes. After reducing weight, they will be healthier and the chance of getting these diseases will be lowered too. For example, Kok Tak Chiu, the famous movie director in Hong Kong, used to be obese and weighed over 200 pounds. His doctor told him that he was overweight and had high risk of getting heart diseases. He was worried after hearing this. He then started to exercise regularly and had a balanced diet to improve his health.

Secondly, some people try hard to slim down because they want to be more attractive. For a long time, Hong Kong people share a prevalent view of "the thinner, the better". They often think being slim is beautiful. The main reason that causes this widespread view is the advertisement of slimming companies. They influence people into thinking that they need to be slim. People also think that being slim can increase their confidence and make them feel better about themselves. Usually, obese people have lower confidence than slim people as they are always teased by others. As a result, being slim can increase their confidence.

Thirdly, people try to slim down as they want to assimilate into the society. Being thin can help them gain acceptance in the workplace because many employers tend to hire attractive people to work for them, as fit employees can create a more professional outlook, and can hence boost the number of customers. This is particularly true for some sectors, like the entertainment industry where being thin is mandatory for almost all artists.

All in all, with all the benefits of staying fit mentioned above, it is essential to know that being ultra-thin is not healthy either. For people who are overweight, it is reasonable for them to lose weight as long as the methods used are safe and healthy. Yet, for those who are already fit, they should not be manipulated by the media into thinking that they still need to lose weight, and therefore pushing themselves to a dangerous territory.

# **Masterpieces**

## **Secondary 5**

# ***Does watching TV make us smarter?***

***Chan Tin Ni Tinny (5A)***

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Good afternoon adjudicator, ladies and gentlemen.

Whether watching TV makes us smarter is always a discussion. As the affirmative team, we support this motion. We firmly believe that watching TV makes us smarter.

First of all, watching TV allows us to keep abreast with social network and some social issues. A prime example is that watching documentaries and news reports can provide us with an opportunity to learn more social issues around the world. More often than that, some news reports tell us international issues, but not just issues around us. Therefore, we can learn more and study more by watching these reports. A case in point is that BBC has their news report at 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day, and we all know that BBC is one of the most prestigious news agencies in the world. It includes UK news, international news, or some breaking news happening around the world, such as China. Therefore, by watching the news, we can obtain different knowledge and learn some social issues beyond textbooks. Also, we can keep abreast with the social network and the world. I bet all of you will have a similar experience like me. Therefore, it is clear that watching TV makes us smarter.

Besides, watching TV helps us to be creative. As there are different kinds of TV shows, we can learn more creative things by watching TV, such as films and TV dramas. It allows us to know some creative ideas we cannot learn from our textbooks. More often than that, watching films on TV can inspire our creativity and makes us smarter. For example, I watch the film Avengers on the TV at my place every single night and the TV drama called The Flash on HBO every Monday. Both of them are about some normal people like us creating the most worthy and powerful weapons in this world in order to save the people. Maybe it's just a film, but just put yourself into the shoes of a child who watch this film every single night. Would you feel enlightened by these creative weapons made by some creative people in the film? Not only does it make us become creative people, but also let us have the motivation to become a diligent person that we see in the film, thanking to the modelling effect. I bet all of you have the same experience that I have mentioned, so it is evident that watching TV makes us smarter.

Moreover, watching TV provides us with an opportunity to know the culture in other countries. Travel programmes can be the best example to prove what I have said. As a case in point, the TV show, called The Old Beijing, shows on CCTV from every 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., introduces the culture about Beijing and the old China before, including the Qing history in China, and depicted the social phenomenon in ancient China. It allows us to understand more and learn more about China. By watching this kind of TV shows, we can keep abreast with the different countries and cultures. Therefore, it is obvious that watching TV makes us smarter.

However, our honorable opponent claims that watching TV cannot make us smarter, because there might be some unhealthy values and over-exaggerating stories on TV, and it will not make us smarter at all, but project

a twisted value. At first glance, what our opponents suggested might be correct because there might be some pornographic and violent shows on TV. However, it is just an isolated case. Most of the TV programmes shown on TV do not contain indecent or obscene contents. I believe that our opponent will agree with my stance that there are healthy and just values on TV. Also, teenagers and children are not allowed to watch these violent or obscene programmes, and all these programmes are categorized as PG, implying that parental guidance is needed. Therefore, our opponent's argument cannot be a justifiable stance.

Taking all of the abovementioned into serious consideration, we firmly believe that watching TV makes us smarter. Also, I hope all of you can support our team and believe that today's motion should stand. Thank you.

***You are representing your school at an inter-school debating competition. The motion is: ‘The policy of reporting students’ class position should be abolished’. (DSE 2018)***

***Lau Lik Man (5A)***

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Have you ever felt disappointed because of your academic performance? Did your parents punish you due to your low class position? Did you study hard just to pursue the rank?

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, honourable adjudicators, worthy opponents. Whether the policy of reporting student’s class position should be abolished always stirs a great deal of discussion. We, as the affirmative team, are supportive of the motion on the following grounds. We have structured our case as follows: I, the first speaker, will be focusing on the devastating consequences of the policy of reporting students’ position. Our second speaker will further elaborate on the necessity of abolishing this policy by citing examples of some news. And our third speaker will talk more about the benefits to parents and students after abolishing this policy.

First of all, the policy of reporting students’ class position exerts great pressure on students. As we know, under the exam-oriented education system in Hong Kong, teachers and parents may attach too much importance to students’ academic performance. Many parents push their children to attend different tutorial schools after an exhausting and busy school day. In order to let their children get a great exam result and satisfy their vanity, there is no better alternative ways than studying hard every moment. In this way, our students almost have no time to relax and enjoy themselves. They must glue themselves to the books all the time; otherwise, they will fall behind others who are diligent, and they may fail to live up to their parents’ high expectations. If parents and teachers see the student’s dissatisfactory class position, they may even help him set some goals which are difficult to achieve. It is particularly alarming to note that students are getting more and more stressed due to jam-packed work schedule as well as pressurizing schoolwork. However, if the policy of reporting students’ class position is abolished, it helps distract parents’ attention from their children’s studies and they may let their children enjoy more free time to relax instead of being an exam robot. As a student, more leisure time means less academic pressure. I am sure that everyone here has a similar experience mentioned above. It’s clear that abolishing this policy can not only help students stay away from the suffocating examination system, but also relieve their study burden.

Besides adding burden to students’ studies, this policy also ruins many students’ self-esteem. If the rank of exams is made public, it means everyone can see their class position and the students who are lagging behind will be more likely to feel inferior. This cannot achieve the goals of examination’s ranking—learn from their past mistakes and set a better study schedule. Instead, this policy lets students who get low marks feel frustrated and ashamed of their results, thus developing a series of mental illnesses such as anxiety, depression as well as phobia. Worse still, some students who got bad exam results will be jeered at or discriminated against by others and those students will be more likely to become bullies in order to take

revenge on others and boost their self-esteem. This doubtlessly ruins the harmonious learning environment at school. Put yourself into the shoes of students who get low class positions. Wouldn't you feel embarrassed? It's evident that reporting students' class position is unwise.

However, our honourable opponents will put forth the argument that reporting student's class position helps students find their current position and set a more appropriate learning schedule. At first glance, their argument seems to be convincing, given that some students will strive to study hard in order to maintain existing ranking or get a higher ranking. However, this policy misleads students to attach too much importance to grades. Classmates should be considered as a team in which partners will help each other and make progress together. Yet, due to the existence of the policy of reporting students' class position, our students are reluctant to share their skills and techniques in different subjects with classmates as they do not want to lag behind others in the final exam. Wouldn't our opponents agree with me that this policy instills wrong values into students' mind, like paying much attention to results and not giving a helping hand? Under this line of thinking, our opponents' argument is hardly justifiable.

Taking all aspects into consideration, we firmly believe that it is necessary to abolish the policy of reporting students' class position. I would like to end my speech by asking our opponents a question: do you want all our students to become exam machines who only pursue personal achievements? Thank you!

## ***Lantau Tomorrow Vision- lies or not?***

***Wu Chit Tsut Billy (5A)***

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Dear Editor,

Recently, the financial report has come out. In this year's financial report, the government proposed using half a trillion dollars to build an artificial island to ease the chronic overcrowding problem in Hong Kong. I am writing to express my strong grievance over this proposal of the government, which in my opinion does no good to Hong Kong people. The following are related to the problems of this plan.

The first problem is the lack of consultation. A reclamation plan as big as this one stirs definitely a great deal of discussion and requires the public to reach a consensus. Without the public's approval, Chief Executive Carrie Lam preemptively started the preparation for the reclamation. This has taken a heavy toll on the value that defines Hong Kong society-democracy. Although there is no such thing as absolute consensus over any issue, the government should not neglect the importance of consultation and start planning early. It is confirmed that the reclamation would occur but there is still a lot of criticism against the plan. The reaction of the majority of Hong Kong citizens has shown that this plan has not yet been supported by the society. In other words, this plan should be canceled if proper consultation has not been made.

The second problem has to do with the excessive distribution of money to the plan. Hong Kong government originally got approximately a trillion dollars in stock, but this plan has taken just the same amount. With all the other social issues like the lack of medical staff in public hospitals, poverty and pollution, it is obviously that the plan is a misallocation of resources. When doctors and nurses are desperate and helpless, citizens from the grass root level are struggling, and our environment is terribly damaged, our government decided to spend almost all the tax payers' money on building an artificial island that might not be beneficial to locals. It is, therefore, evident that this plan is not the remedy for Hong Kong's long-standing land woes. In view of this, this plan is not the most efficient way in solving Hong Kong's chronic overcrowding problem.

The last problem is the damage to the environment. The government has looked to land reclamation as a way of making our city even more economically thriving than it is right now, but at what cost? Land reclamation could do an array of irreversible damages to marine animals, as high concentrations of pollutants and heavy-metal contaminated mud would destroy the habitat and the lives of countless marine animals. We can see how reclamation could disrupt the ecosystem through the damage that the past reclamation have done. To cite an example, after the central reclamation project, the number of Chinese white dolphins has been declining at a rate of 2.5 percent every year according to a research from the University of Hong Kong. The *develop first, converse later* mentality of the government cannot last forever while the environment has been severely wounded and throwing punches back at us. It is apparent that this reclamation would do more harm than good. Therefore, it is not the plan that Hong Kong needed and welcomed.

With a better understanding on the project of this reclamation plan, I hope your reader will stand against this

project.

Yours faithfully,  
Billy Wu

## ***Depression? “Del” pressure.***

***Wong Tsz Yiu Jacky (5C)***

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In recent years, with the increasingly fierce competition, more and more people bear great pressure from study, work and life. Under the pressure, many people begin to become sad, hopeless and finally suffer from depression.

My friend was one of the depression patients. Depression had brought many negative effects on his study and social life. For example, he had been in the blues because he felt hopeless to himself. That made him unable to do anything well. What's more, he also had suicidal thoughts when he was unable to continue his study and carry out his normal activities.

Fortunately, he has returned normal now. If you ask me how he has recovered, I will tell you that the major way to recover is reduce pressure. Of course, he sought help from doctors and took medicine. The doctor also helped him to do the most important thing during recovery, which is release pressure. That's right. My friend is a really responsible person. He wanted to do everything best. If there are any mistakes, he will feel hopeless to himself. That's why he always has a lot of pressure in his life. With the advice of the doctor, he has increased the number of times of playing and hanging out with friends at leisure time. Besides, he has also changed his mind gradually. He has known that gold can't be pure and man can't be perfect. Now, he does not ask himself too much, just putting as much effort as he can. It is a relaxing and enjoyable life, isn't it?

Apart from my friend, depression affects people differently. For some people, their feeling of depression comes and goes. If you have mild depression occasionally, don't worry! There could be a way out! However, you should take your clogged-up schedule away. You need to do more leisure activities to release pressure and keep a pleasant mood. If you do not change anything, you may only get more depressed. That can eventually cause people to become unable to communicate with others and maintain a normal life. Some may even have suicidal thoughts. For these serious depression cases, the best treatment is a combination of medication and psychological help. It is essential to seek help from a professional doctor. Only in this way can people get rid of pain.

I hope that everyone can regulate enough rest time to relax themselves and have a healthy life!

# ***Fighting With Depression***

***Wong Cheuk Yiu Sophie (5E)***

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Depression is a very common emotional disease in the city, especially in Hong Kong. Some people may even call Hong Kong as ‘the capital of stress’. According to statistics, more than 300,000 people in Hong Kong are suffering from this disease. This shows that depression is a prevalent urban case. Patients may have a long-lasting depressive emotion and a lack of self-confidence. They may evade the crowd, and even got a sense of guilt. At present, the age of onset of depression worldwide is early. Maybe one of you is suffering from this disease, but you haven’t noticed it.

My best friend Venus, who was a F.6 student, suffered from depression. Venus is a sporty girl. I always saw her playing basketball during lunchtime or after school. She always wore a bright smile on her face when playing basketball. We could always feel the breath of sun on her. However, as the DSE was coming, her parents arranged a series of tutoring for her in order to help her get the ticket for a university. Seeing all of her friends flock to join the so-called “star tutor” classes, she felt extremely stressed and began to worry about her performance. With daily practice and tutoring, I no longer saw her on the basketball court. During that time, I began to feel her mood swing. She often cried and was emotionally unstable. She was full of negative emotions. I also felt the low pressure around her. In the end, she actually had suicidal thought and tried to commit suicide. Fortunately, her mother discovered her abnormal traits and stopped her in time and prevented tragedies from happening.

Finally, Venus controlled her emotions by consulting a psychiatrist who then prescribed some medicine for her. She sought help from the social worker and learnt how to relieve herself. Family and friends supported her from the side, and I also played basketball with her to release stress. In the end, she defeated the disease and decided to let herself rest for a year and fight DSE with the right mood next year. In view of that, I would like to share some advice for all of you so as to fight depression in a right way.

First of all, we can write a diary to record our daily mood. I firmly believe that it could help us to check our emotional changes, in an attempt to let us know more about ourselves, and remind ourselves when we should relax and release our stress. By the same token, we could record 3 happy things every day and that will help you become more positive. When you are upset, you could take a look at those things. It may be a helpful way to change your emotion.

Moreover, seeking help from the people who you trust might be a means to depressurize. Don’t be embarrassed because they may be waiting for you. Go to find your parents, your friends or even the teachers to help you to fix the problem. They have more experience and they can understand your feeling. “Two heads are better than one”. So, just trust and find them.

Last but not least, maintaining a positive and optimistic attitude is an important factor in combating depression. By maintaining a positive thought, I suggest that you could do more exercise to absorb the energy of the sun, because your brain will release a substance called “Endorphin”, which can make you happy and relieve stress during exercise. Also, have plenty of sleep and often praise yourself so as to keep a positive mind.

All in all, the above suggestions can improve our mentality and keep us in a stable mood. If you have a tendency to commit suicide, you can also seek help from The Samaritan Befriends Hong Kong. Remember that you are not alone. Winston Churchill said “An optimist will see every opportunity in every difficulty, and a pessimist will see every difficulty in every opportunity.” Just keep a positive thinking and hope my advice can help all of you fight against depression.

# **Masterpieces**

## **Secondary 6**

# ***A Letter of Advice about Friendship***

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*You write an advice column for TeenZeen and you received the following letter:*

*I love spending time with my best friend Michelle. However, my mum and dad don't get on with her parents, so they never let me go to her flat. It's starting to have a negative effect on our friendship. Do you have any advice for me?*

*Write a letter of advice.*

Dear JP,

Hey JP, Chris Wong from TeenZeen here. I feel so sorry when I received your letter acknowledging what is happening between the 2 families and also your friend Michelle. Maybe I can do my best to give you my best wishes and most important of all, the advice.

## **First advice: This is not your business!!**

The problem between you and Michelle lies ironically not in any one of you but the families. In your letter, I heard that the 2 families do not get along. And this could actually turn into a massive disaster if you don't handle it with care. The misunderstanding between the parents is untouchable since you don't know why they hate each other so much right? So I reckon you should state your ground of maintaining the friendship between you and Michelle against your parents. This is not the 1800's. Children have their rights to find their own friends. So JP, you will need to tell Michelle the same thing I have told you in this letter. Interference in children's relationship is possibly the worst thing that can happen. Respect for the parents is crucial, as long as they do so to you too, got it?

## **Second advice: Nicely hide your relationship until you are independent.**

This way will be the way I handle this problem, but then you will need to lie. So I am sorry to tell you I will need to teach you about lying to your parents. First step, tell Michelle you two are still best friends. Secondly, after ensuring the relationship between you and Michelle is secure, you will have to lie to your parents that you two have severed ties already and tell them it's because of them. The latter action is important. It works as a white lie to let the parents truly believe in you telling them the fact that you have already severed ties. Meanwhile, you should also keep in touch with Michelle in order to maintain the friendship between the two of you. After all, communication is the only way to make friends and to maintain friendship. Hang out with her somewhere if you cannot get into her flat. After years of hiding, you will find out that you are independent enough to know whoever you want to know. Then the plan is complete. You and Michelle can see the bright sun once again. And the friendship between JP and Michelle is well justified and righteous. But hey, tempting right?

## **Last advice: ask for help from somebody who takes a neutral stance.**

This last tip I think is a very unique one. There is a slang in Chinese which means that people inside a scenario see less than the ones who are outside of it. You may not know why your parents and Michelle's

parents are in constant conflict, but the thing is, it is their own business, and there's absolutely no point in being concerned about this or getting yourself involved in it. The help of a neutral guy can definitely help you and Michelle out by stating the fact as mentioned. You should find a 'neutral guy' and invite him or her to your flat, and so should Michelle. This may have the best outcome since it clearly sends the message 'We are good, no thanks'. I recommend trying this last one before all the others.

Hey JP, It is not easy to live in situation like this. I know that since I had been through it in my childhood and many asked for this very often! So you are not the only one who is worried and you are not going to be the one who will lose a friend. I really hope that you find those methods useful and successfully get through this slump. If there is anything I can help you with, let me know. I will squeeze my time and even be your 'neutral guy'! Good luck JP. Thanks for texting me.

Yours

Chris Wong

## ***Should the retirement age be 70?***

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An annual report from the Labour department in 2018 revealed that the increase in labor population stagnated and in the meantime, top officials, even predicted that it may have to face a drastic dip in the future. From these reasons, it is argued that the authority should extend the official retirement age to 70 in an attempt to maintain the workforce balance. In my opinion, it is never a sensible idea to regulate the current retirement age, not to mention take it up to even 70 since it shows only little effectiveness, increases the number of industrial injury and at the same time reduces promotional offers among the younger generation.

The first and foremost disadvantage of raising the retirement age is that it is cost-ineffective. For many seventy-year-olds, it is very conceivable that they will develop different health problems such as severe shortsightedness, arthritis and more. By that is it even practical to allow them in the workplace? If that is the case, not only will their health problems hinder their performance, it will also require their coworkers to take time to look after them, which appears to me that it is rather a negative impact to a company than a positive one. What is more, when people get older and older, according to a scientific research from the University of Hong Kong, our brain may not even function as properly as that before their 70. This indicates that even the older generations keep to work; they are not going to contribute a lot to corporations, let alone the society. Hence, it seems to me that whether raising the retirement age up to 70 is beneficial to Hong Kong remains doubtful.

In addition to its limit effectiveness, there may also be likelihood that this will increase the amount of industrial injuries in Hong Kong. It is commonsensible that the vast majority of people at the older age in Hong Kong are not well educated, meaning that in such highly competitive city, they cannot help but only to opt for blue-collar jobs. Are they competent enough to address those highly demanding manual work like construction worker? Unfortunately, this may only increase their physical burden. In extreme cases, they may even damage their weak bones and physique which can be fatal.

Hence the current statutory retirement age should not be raised as this will only take a heavy toll on most old people's life, resulting in increase in industrial injuries.

It is said that keeping safe old people in workforce is equivalent to keeping more very experienced worker in it which is conducive to the overall development of society. However, in my opinion, keeping too-old-to-work people in society will merely reduce the promotional opportunities among young working adults, which conversely is harmful to society. Let us think more broadly, is there actually a huge difference between one that has worked for 30 years and one that has worked for 50 years? It seems that both have already been experienced. Then, why would we have to keep people in a workplace until they have reached seventy? Therefore, it is groundless to take the retirement age up to 70. To make things worse, leveling up the retirement age from 65 to 70 will leave people with managerial position five more years to work. This indirectly implies that a fresh graduate will not get promoted unless they are 28 to 30 above, consequently,

decreasing their upward social mobility. Thus, it is injudicious to give retirement age a boost as the way give unfair treatment to those young workers in Hong Kong.

All in all, increasing retirement age to 70 is in many ways infeasible as it is not effective, induces more industrial accidents and keeps youngsters from promotion. If the government wants to balance the workforce, they should devise more practical solutions, but should never extend the retirement age.

## ***Should be the retirement age be 70?***

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To start with, there is no official retirement age in Hong Kong till now. However, the government requires recently recruited civil servants to retire at 65. In fact, this retirement age also coincides with the average retirement age of men and women in Hong Kong in recent years.

It is commonly believed that employees are no longer qualified to do their job efficiently beyond the age of 65 due to ill-health and declining physical ability. I do not agree with this standpoint and I believe most people are capable to work until the age of 70 or even beyond, as they can be valuable assets to their companies and they can help solve the phenomenon of the shrinking working population.

First and foremost, I believe older workforce is a valuable asset to any company. It is the fact that with old aged owns skills and experience which is why most employers prefer people with ten-year experience in their business. Intelligence and perfections come with experience and such people produce quality work with minimal supervision. They in effect can pass on their experience through managerial positions. This is sure favorable to any company as productivity is hence guaranteed. Indeed, it is not hard to find 70 years old leader and above who had company or organizations successfully. For instance, Warren Buffett, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, aged 88, is still the most influential character in the investment world globally. These remarkable figures demonstrate that at the age of 70 or beyond, people can continue to utilize their skills and work experience to be of great value to any company or organization in the society.

In addition, retirement at the age of 70 can help solve the shrinking labour force issue, which is an absorbed global trend due to ageing society phenomenon. The latest projection by the government shows Hong Kong's ageing society is continuing to grow. Consequently, it is noticeable that delaying retirement age to 70 can help reduce the social and economic fall-out that we brought upon by a foreseeable shrinking labour force in the coming future. The power of this aged labour force can make an advantageous impact on a society and help maintain a healthy economic growth of a city.

On the other hand, some people may think that at the age of 70, employees are no longer qualified to fulfill the job description because of natural degradation of the human body. However, due to advancement in medical development and modern technology, a recent research show that the decline in physical ability of individual is slowing down and it is projected that in Hong Kong, life expectancy of man will increase to 87 and woman to 93 by the year 2066. This proves that people are living longer and therefore are capable to work longer accordingly. As a result, retiring at 70 is indeed a very sensible motion.

With the benefits mentioned, I think that the retirement age should be 70 as it can retain valuable workforce asset for a company, solve the problem of shrinking labour force and help HK's economy overall.

# ***A Debate Speech On Social Media Safety Classes for Students***

***Chan Ka Lok Eric (6B)***

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Adjudicators, principal, teachers and students,

Good afternoon. Today, the motion is 'Every primary and secondary school in Hong Kong should provide their students with a class about social media safety'. I am speaking on behalf of the affirmative team to argue for the motion.

Nowadays, as we are in the Information Age, students always access the internet to collect different information. Teenagers may lack awareness of social media safety issue and keep on doing some dangerous actions. Schools should take precautions of this and set up relevant classes to prevent students falling into the online traps. Let me explain my stance briefly below.

First, since teenagers can easily access the Internet and different social media. They may make friends online easily. The original idea is great as teenagers can make friends who share the same interests on social media. Yet, in recent years, there is an increasing rate of frauds online. Some people pretend to have the same interests with teenagers online and they will try to date them in reality. The problem arises as teenagers may not know how to differentiate people having bad intentions. If teenagers meet these people in reality, these people may ask teenagers for financial help. If teenagers do really help them for once, they may continuously ask them for their help. This makes students and teenagers get into a fraud and suffer financial loss. To prevent this, the school should set up classes to teach their students about social media safety. Since teenagers lack awareness, these classes may help them to understand the importance of not making friends randomly on social media. It may also help teenagers understand that not all people on social media are trustworthy and they have to recognize who are having bad intentions instead. Teenagers in primary school or secondary school may not understand how dangerous it is. So, this is the schools' responsibilities to prevent their students falling prey to this issue, and this is why I am for the motion that school should set up classes to teach students social media safety.

Second, nowadays teenagers love sharing different posts on social media so that their friends can know what they are doing and comment in their posts. Nevertheless, this also incurs risks to teenagers. Since everyone online can access the social media, the actual location of teenagers can be reviewed by everyone. This make others instantly know what the teenagers are doing. If people having bad intentions get the information, they may even try to kidnap the teenagers. So, social media classes are useful as they teach students not to do these risky actions to let others know their actual location online. Apart from what I have mentioned above, they may post some personal information, for example their date of birth, password, etc. Hackers may steal their personal information to do some unwanted actions to the victims, for example selling their private information to adware, which is some advertisement company online. Teenagers may find out that their personal information is being used by these adware later on, such as their profile pictures. Yet, students are

too young to understand all of these and they may lack the awareness to protect themselves on social media. Setting up these social media safety classes let students know the importance and how to prevent the leakage of their personal information. Of course, schools have the responsibilities to protect their own students, and this is why I am for the motion.

Third, some people may argue that primary schools or secondary schools need not set up these social media safety classes as these are students' own responsibilities to protect themselves. That said, I cannot agree with this stance. Since teenagers are not mature enough, they may lack awareness to take precautions. Elsewhere, if schools do not have resources to set up these classes, the government should provide subsidies to help them set up these safety classes as this may also affect the crime rate of the whole society. Recalling what I have mentioned in the opening, nowadays we are living in the Information Age. Students' usage of the internet will only increase, such as engaging more and more in e-learning. That's the reason why schools should equip their students with the awareness to know what they should and what they should not do on social media. These classes can consist of different sections, such as having a role play to reorganize the actual scenario. By this, students can understand the actions they should take if they are engaging in the scenario. This is useful to help students prevent themselves from frauds. Also, the demand for social media safety classes will only increase as different age groups are all increasing the usage of social media. Therefore, it is better to set up classes earlier to teach teenagers when they are young in order to prevent them from suffering physical or financial loss later on.

So, this is why I am for the motion that every primary or secondary school should provide their students with classes about social media safety, and the motion today must stand. Thank you.

# ***A Debate Speech on the Use of Smartphones***

***Chum Chun Shing Daniel (6B)***

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Good morning, honorable judges, ladies and gentlemen,

When even the President of a nation who is presumably one of the busiest people in the world, uses his smartphone to use Twitter on a daily, if not hourly, basis; who else in this contemporary world does not use smartphone at all? Indeed, smartphone seeps into our lives in every possible means – we keep in touch with friends by WhatsApp; we scroll social media up and down and share snapshots on Snapchat; and we even use Kahoot on lesson for E-learning. However, when it comes to child-rearing, we can't help wondering: should children under 15 be allowed to use smartphones? Today's motion is "Children under 15 should not be allowed to use a smartphone" and our team firmly believes that children under 15 should not be allowed to use a smartphone because this can avoid children being a phubber, block misleading knowledge and messages from children, and help children be more focused on learning.

First, a prohibition on phone using for children under 15 can prevent kids from developing the 'phubbing' habit. Compared with the ones who are older than 14, kids under 15 are less self-disciplined and so it'll be harder for them to resist temptation to phone use. As we know, the development of phone technology has boomed in this recent decades and become so mature in this day and age that people can basically do all the things at their fingertips, namely texting, keeping in touch with friends, gaming, watching films or animations, learning being informed of latest news all over the world, to name but a few. As this miraculous device seems like an alluring new world to these little Colombo, they would likely be engrossed in the phone and thus establish harmful habits of phubbing. This is always a start of being a nobody, who lacks socializing skills that is of paramount importance in the workplace, and it would be too late to pull them back to reality because their phubbing habits are deeply ingrained. Thus, for the sake of children and their future, a wholesome phone using habit should be well-nurtured since childhood, and so kids under 15 should not be allowed to use a smartphone.

Besides, a ban on phone using for children under 15 can avoid misleading knowledge and messages from children, and this helps them forge a more proper mentality. Kids under 15 are prone to opinions of others and the view of connecting farms on smartphones, which spring up everywhere in social media, are one of the most influential factors to them. In fact, these connected farms are often assembled with some nonsense and fake data, which is used to be an evident of wrong mentality. Given that young kids don't possess a well-established mindset and critical thinking, they would likely believe that those insights are trustworthy and then copy those in their mind as their own insights. When this scenario happens in the political aspect and kids just follow others blindly without thorough thinking, it will bring them a threat or even a criminal charge ultimately. Granted, a ban on phone using for children under 15 can ensure that kids can stay away from those misleading messages when they are not mature enough, and learn more views from parents and teachers. So when they were criticizing an affair, they can be more objective and less compulsive. Therefore, a ban on phone using for children under 15 does benefit children's mental growth enormously.

Our opponents may persuade you by saying that a forbiddance on phone using on children under 15 may stifle the opportunities of E-learning so that it will bring a reduction in overall learning opportunities and a waste of this prime learning time, and this is why children under 15 should be allowed to use a smartphone. Indeed, a prohibition on smartphone does somehow lead to a reduction in children's learning opportunities because they can't enjoy the diversification of E-learning. Yet, our team firmly believes that the purpose of education focuses on quality but not quantity at all times. When smartphones are forbidden in their childhood, the distraction and temptation will be reduced and the efficiency of studying will be much more heightened accordingly. Therefore, kids who don't use smartphone on an hourly basis are able to learn faster and master the skill or instrument when they are still very young. Furthermore, when they possess an active study routine, they will know which task is more valuable and worthy for them to do, and so they could formulate the best timetable and exert the capacity of this prime studying time comprehensively. Hence, the idea that a ban on phone use for children under 15 is a waste of prime studying time is a complete overstatement.

All in all, a prohibition on phone use of kids under 15 does more benefits than harms to children. The motion for today must stand.

