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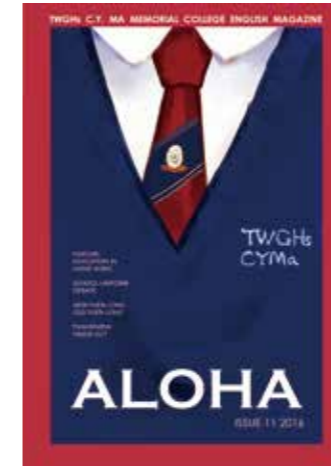
# Snapshots

## Fruit and Vegetables



Do you know the names of these plants?  
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## SCHOOL EVENTS

# Language Across the Curriculum (LAC) Days



Mornings: English at the school gate and in the morning assemblies

LAC Days are held every Wednesday, with English used for different subjects throughout the school. Morning assemblies are in English on LAC Days and fun lunch-time activities are held which all students can take part in.

Learning English is not only in English lessons but across the whole school. Improving language skills for different subjects leads to better learning and LAC days involve all students having more use of English in their school life at C.Y. Ma.

On these two pages we can see students having fun as they use English around the school.

## LUNCH-TIME ACTIVITIES



Liberal Studies: comparing old and new Hong Kong

National Day: exploring China



School History Quiz: learning about the history of our school



Science: making DNA models



Creative Arts: designing stenciled cards

Student Pledges: at the start of a new year



Mid-Autumn Festival: trying to solve riddles



## Celebrating Festivals in English



Fun and Games: enjoyable moments together



Book Week: some favourite books



Sports Survey: the most popular PE activities

Halloween: an annual highlight!



Staff and Students at lunch-time

# C.Y. MA HALLOWEEN SHOW

ENTER THE SCHOOL HALL AT YOUR OWN RISK  
NOT SUITABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE EASILY  
UPSET OR ARE SUFFERING FROM HEART CONDITIONS

It just keeps getting bigger and better ever year! At Halloween, all classes compete with each other to put on the best and scariest show. The performances include costumes and design, sound effects, dialogue and imaginative stories. To win a prize be the best and remember – costumes will impress but practice makes perfect! See you at the next Halloween Show!



4B – Senior Form winners with a well-rehearsed show



5A – Fighting off the devil



1C – Fantastic effort all round

3C – Scary in a strange way

4C – Meeting Little Red Riding Hood

3A – The ghost pirates



4C- The joker



3B – A dramatic dialogue



1C – Creative costumes



4A – The show's MCs



All of the performers together



4A – Most creative Senior Form class



The audience enjoys the show

# Restaurant Review

## Stormies Restaurant, Yoho Mall, Yuen Long

Stormies Restaurant is more Lan Kwai Fong than Yuen Long. What's happened? Our English Society went along to the restaurant on a Friday lunch-time to find out and conduct a restaurant review.



A good choice on the menu



A relaxing environment

### Location

The back of the brand new Yoho Mall. Easy to get to from school at lunch-time.

### Food Western



Smoked salmon crostinis



Pork belly burgers



Selection of starters

### Environment

Great! No people! In fact, our group of seven seemed to make up half of the lunch-time customers at the restaurant. As we walked into Yoho Mall, it felt a bit ghostly and very modern. Like Causeway Bay, but without the people. To be fair, Yoho Mall has only been open for less than a year – maybe they are expecting more customers in the coming years. The Mall is pricey for shopping but has a good choice. It's aimed at adults, not kids – full of 'big peoples' toys'. Both Yoho Mall and Stormies get much busier at the weekends.

The restaurant itself is spacious, with a relaxing indoors and outdoors with enormous windows. It was easy to feel very comfortable at the table.



Sausage and chips



Fish and chips

# NEW YUEN LONG

### What's Hot

The shared starters were really tasty and made us feel excited when they were placed down. The smoked salmon melted in the mouth and the pork belly burgers were meaty without being too fatty. The chips were especially crispy and came with a variety of lovely dips. The food was beautifully presented and the table didn't feel overcrowded even though we ordered a lot.

The service was very friendly and polite and our waitress was great at re-filling our glasses with water.



Good chips!



Happy Eater

### What's Not

We only realised we had a lot of fried food when the starters arrived and we should have ordered a salad. The main courses of spaghetti with seafood and fish and chips were fine but we felt they could do better and they were quite heavy after the fried starters.

### Who to Bring

Your teachers. It's not cheap. However, they do have good promotions and there's no need to order as much from the menu as we did. You can just have a drink and a snack.

## Ho To Tai Noodle Shop, Yuen Long

It would be difficult to find a restaurant much more different from Stormies Restaurant than Ho To Tai Noodle Shop. It's been around for 70 years and everyone who has lived and grown up in Yuen Long knows this shop. Let's see what our English Society thought on another Friday lunch-time.



Outside the noodle shop



Michelin-recommended food

### Food

You come here for the noodles



Shrimp egg noodles



English / Chinese menu

### Location

67 Fau Tsoi Street, near Tung Yick Market, central Yuen Long

# OLD YUEN LONG

## Environment

Upon entering the restaurant, it's a bit like stepping back in time. It's definitely old Hong Kong style. Everything was clean and tidy even though it looks like the interior, the decorations and even the chairs and tables haven't been changed over the years. The tiles on the walls and floor add to the sense of tradition.

Ho To Tai is small but spread out over 2 floors. It's very well maintained and was calm and welcoming even on a busy Friday lunch-time.



Beef brisket



Noodles with spicy pork



wonton

## What's Hot

The shrimp egg noodles are quite unique and this was our favourite dish. The texture of the noodles was al dente and different to noodles in other noodle shops. You can tell that the shop freshly produces the noodles themselves and the noodles have egg in them.

The feel of the restaurant being small-scale was reflected in the comforting home-cooked food. The wonton were completely delicious and the beef brisket was the tastiest we have ever tried. We were impressed with the fast and friendly service and the waitress recommended the suitable amount of food for our group.



The noodles are the highlight

## What's Not

We were a group, but the food isn't really for sharing, so next time we would just order the dishes (which are quite small) that we wanted to eat ourselves. We had to wait a while for a taxi to get back to school in time for lessons.



Vegetables with oyster sauce

## Who to Bring

Anyone who likes traditional noodles and good food. The price was less than half of the bill at Stormies, and is affordable. The second floor would be good for a group of students.



A traditional environment

# NEW YUEN LONG / OLD YUEN LONG

## English Society Reflections

Comment



Which restaurant did you like more, Stormies or Ho To Tai?

We liked both and it's hard to compare as they were so different. Both had some quite special food. But the noodle shop was much better value for money. Stormies was expensive and would be too expensive even for a birthday party. Ho To Tai is better to go to with friends. But overall, it depends on your preference and budget.

How about the customers?

The customers were very different. Ho To Tai is more down to earth and it's a traditional noodle shop. The people in Stormies looked richer, while the noodle shop people were more old-fashioned. Ho To Tai is nostalgic, but Yuen Long is changing.

How is Yuen Long changing?

It's becoming gentrified – a sign of this is more rich families moving into the neighbourhood. Now we have the new mall and more people are moving in as new homes are being built. The change in Yuen Long is in its infancy. There's a new mall in Tuen Mun that is much more crowded. Yoho Mall is less crowded, but in the long run Yuen Long will have more and more people.

What do you think of the change?

Yoho Mall is just another shopping mall in Hong Kong. Old shops may close and the development is controversial, especially for the elderly and others who value traditions. Even the wife-cake shop in Yuen Long has become smaller. Yuen Long is a long way from Hong Kong Island, but becoming more like it.

Do you like Yuen Long?

Yes, it's my home. It has traditional food. It's cheap and has some really good small shops that are better than somewhere like Mong Kok. Yuen Long isn't just a concrete jungle, it has lots of diverse and interesting places to explore.

## Ho To Tai Noodle Shop



English Society Old Yuen Long New Long by:  
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# A Day at the Seaside

by 4A students

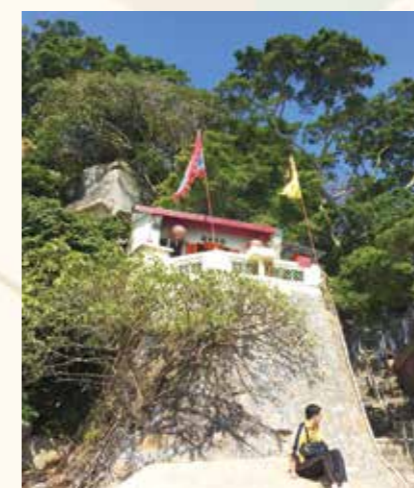


At the beach, we practiced our class song and dance and took a video with the sounds of waves as background music. Perhaps the waves asked us to sing. This was a truly memorable moment, with our class suddenly feeling warm together like a big family, in the full sunshine.

## Report on School Excursion to Stanley Hong Kong Island South

On December 18, all Form 4 students from our school and a few teachers went to Stanley. It was a sunny day, with a bright sky. Actually before we (4A) went, we thought the weather would be cold and Stanley would be a boring and expensive place.

But when we go there, we felt surprised. There was a gust of warm sea breeze as we got off the bus and at the front, a big beach caught our eye. We went to the beach right away and that was the best part of the day. Facing the blue blue sea we all felt relaxed. We took a lot of photos. In the photos, the sea and sky are beautiful shades of blue, the clouds are white, the sand is golden and the people are smiling.



Our lunch was pizza! We thought the pizza was cheap because it only cost 25 dollars and was bigger than our faces. After that, we found some different things to do. The history of the building of Murray House is interesting and it's a good place for photos, but when we looked inside it was only selling things for ladies and kids. We don't know why Murray House doesn't have a museum.

Some of our classmates went to Stanley military cemetery. The route is not that long and there is a beautiful view along the road. Back in Stanley, on the main street there are open-air bars and cafés where you can enjoy drinking a glass of cool juice on a hot day.

It really was fun to go to Stanley. Hong Kong is not only a concrete jungle, but also a place with some beautiful scenery. Our trip was the greatest excursion day in these 4 years!

By: Kiki, Elaine, Jack, Gary

## GETTING THERE

We went by a school coach.

For public transport, buses 6, 6A, 6X, 66 and 250 leave from Exchange Square Bus Station in Central, Hong Kong.

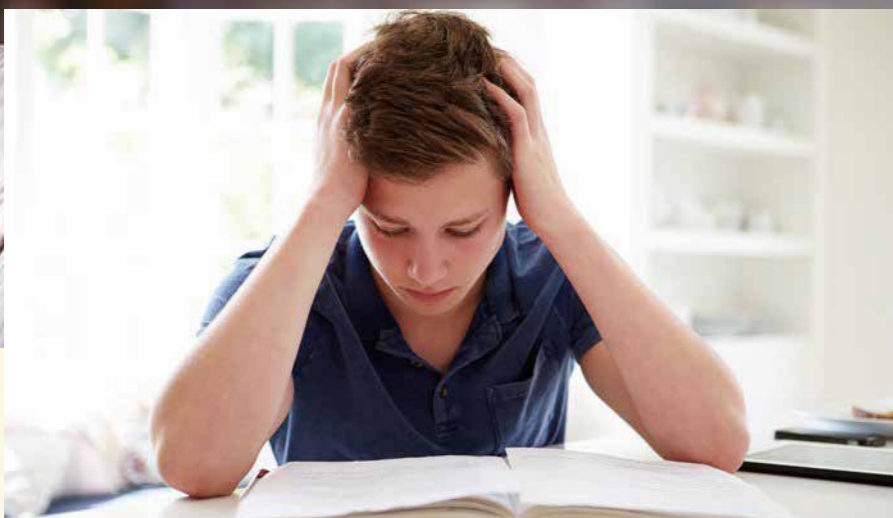


# Education in Hong Kong

The education system in Hong Kong is a hot topic and often hits the headlines. Harshly criticised as exam-orientated, it has been widely debated as flawed. The latest case was the cancellation of the Primary 3 TSA exam in 2016. Many parents felt that young students were overworked and that the system was causing stress. It is not only primary school students that have study pressure, all students in Hong Kong are affected by the focus on intensive learning.

Hong Kong students' talent is hindered by the huge amount of work they are required to do. Children are not only at school for up to 9 or 10 hours a day, but they also have to do daily homework after school. One of the reasons teachers give so much homework in secondary school is DSE preparation. However, a problem with this is that students are not enabled to absorb all of the necessary knowledge.

Having an adverse influence on student health is believed to be an undesirable effect of education in Hong Kong. Physically, students spend lots of time on study which will inevitably lead to less time to sleep. They may easily get sick. Mentally, students may feel stressed because of the heavy workload. With a lack of leisure time and the amount of work, students become burnt out with their health at risk, including suffering from depression, body pains and anxiety.



So what are the solutions to these problems?

How can students cope with these demands? One way is to develop a diversified curriculum so that students have choice. At senior level there are various subjects for students to choose from such as Economics, BAFS, Tourism, Science and History. This does not only increase the diversity of education but also allows students to discover and develop their own interests.

There are steps towards improving all-round development of students in the Hong Kong curriculum which can help decrease pressure. Students should not only be expected to memorise for exams, but be able to apply knowledge. For instance, Liberal Studies emphasises students' critical thinking and analytical skills. Also, apart from traditional classroom learning of subjects, students should have more options to acquire valuable insights through activities such as school trips, drama performances and voluntary services.

In an over-stressed environment, one of the most important things for students to learn is the vital skill of time-management. By following a timetable, students can help to control their time. For example, students can schedule to finish their homework at school, and then they can have more time to do their own thing. Students should communicate with teachers and parents if they are unable to finish their homework to avoid not being able to handle their work and life.

Everything in life should have a balance, otherwise the consequences may be terrible. The teachers can give less homework and focus on the quality of teaching so that students can learn more efficiently. Furthermore, parents shouldn't give too much pressure so that students are able to develop and perform better.

By: Carmen Li, Lorraine Yeung, Gordy Lung, Jason Mo, 5A

# SCHOOL EVENTS

Let's work together to lead a healthier and more active life! Exercise and sport, as we all know, improves our physical health but it also makes us feel good and confident about ourselves. Sports Day helps make this happen!

## SPORTS DAY 2016



Hurdles

### SPORTS DAY 2016 PHOTO ALBUM



Running and Relay



The sun came out for all the fun and excitement of our school Sports Day held in February, 2016. Many of our students say PE is their favourite subject, and so Sports Day is always one of the most enjoyable whole-school activities each year.



Long Jump



Shot Put



The Flag-Raising Team



Time-out



No Photos!



The Scouts with The Flag-Raising Team



Off the field



Until next year...



The Principal, Vice-Principal and school guests



The Winners!

## Quiz

1. I'm going on holiday to Japan next week. I'm very \_\_\_\_\_ about it!  
a) exciting  
b) excited  
c) excitable  
d) excite

2. I live close to school. It's just 10 minutes away on \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) foot  
b) walk  
c) walking  
d) feet

3. Good luck \_\_\_\_\_ the year ahead.  
a) for  
b) in  
c) about  
d) to

4. Going around the world for free is a once in a \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity.  
a) daytime  
b) life  
c) lifetime  
d) time

How good is your English? Try this quiz to find out your level and maybe learn something new along the way!

*Test Yourself*

QUIZ

# World of English Quiz

9. I like going out with my friends, but I always \_\_\_\_\_ by midnight.  
a) come to home  
b) come to the home  
c) come home  
d) come by home

8. I can't stand \_\_\_\_\_ so much grammar!  
a) study  
b) to study  
c) studying  
d) studied

7. Jill's really upset about it all. Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ a quiet word with her.  
a) have  
b) get  
c) give  
d) do

6. This lesson is terrible. I think I might \_\_\_\_\_ of boredom.  
a) explode  
b) expire  
c) die  
d) burst

5. I don't have much money, but I get \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) on  
b) through  
c) in  
d) by

10. The earlier we leave the \_\_\_\_\_ we'll get there.  
a) later  
b) late  
c) soon  
d) sooner

20. He is so busy that he works \_\_\_\_\_ every day.  
a) lateness  
b) late  
c) lately  
d) early

19. I'm a gym addict these days. I work \_\_\_\_\_ every night.  
a) up  
b) away  
c) out  
d) off

18. I got a camera for my birthday and \_\_\_\_\_ photos is my new hobby.  
a) doing  
b) take  
c) making  
d) taking

17. If I could go anywhere for a holiday, I \_\_\_\_\_ go to the UK.  
a) will  
b) can  
c) would  
d) could

16. They discussed \_\_\_\_\_ many subjects.  
a) over  
b) about  
c) around  
d) -

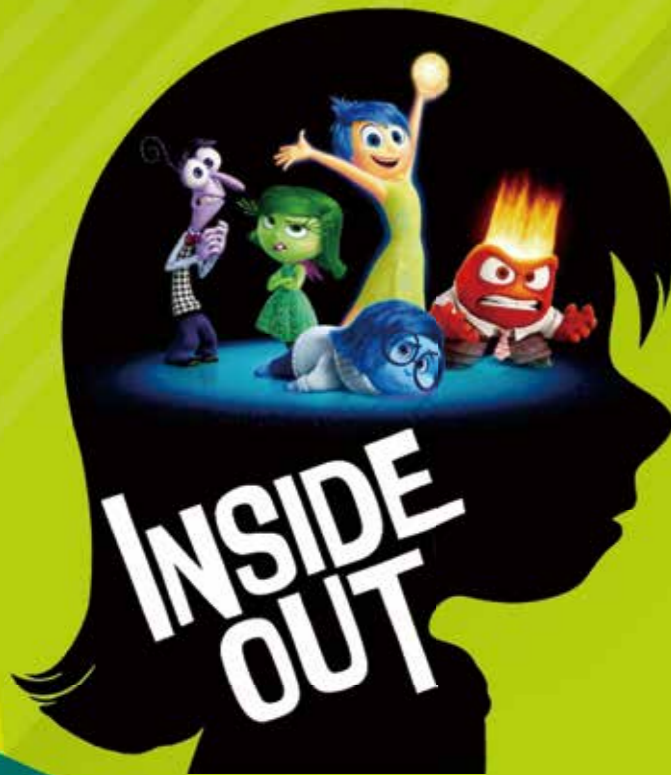
11. I love \_\_\_\_\_ shopping at the new shopping centre.  
a) friends  
b) go  
c) going  
d) to

12. 'Do you like her?' 'I can't \_\_\_\_\_ my mind!'  
a) decide  
b) make up  
c) decide on  
d) fix

13. It's so easy, I can do it with my \_\_\_\_\_ closed.  
a) eyes  
b) ears  
c) books  
d) mouth

14. Football is my favourite sport, I \_\_\_\_\_ like it!  
a) very  
b) much  
c) feel  
d) really

15. These days in Hong Kong, it's so cold, you should \_\_\_\_\_ up warm.  
a) make  
b) get  
c) wrap  
d) set



# Inside Out

Inside Out is a popular animation film from 2015. The main character is a young girl called Riley and the film is about the emotions in her head as she is growing up. Riley has to handle negative and positive things in her life and it's a meaningful way to think about the emotions we face in our lives.

Riley's mood is controlled by 5 characters who are emotions – Joy, Sadness, Fear, Disgust and Anger. The film starts with Riley moving with her family to San Francisco. Riley experiences all the emotions as she needs to handle change. The character Joy wants Riley to have a happy life, but she doesn't know everyone has mixed feelings and so Riley feels confused.

A lot of the film is about Joy and Sadness, who leave the control centre of Riley's brain. Joy learns the meaning of sadness as she tries to get back to the control centre. When Joy gets back inside Riley's head, Riley recovers all of her emotions but also remembers everything from her past. One of the most touching parts of the film is when Riley runs away from home with her memories but then finally, all of her emotions work together.

Inside Out is a positive movie and touching because it is about growing up and feelings. It is easy to relate to the emotions Riley has. It is not only a story, it makes us think of some questions to ask ourselves, such as learning that we will be sad in our life, but it is just a time we need to experience.

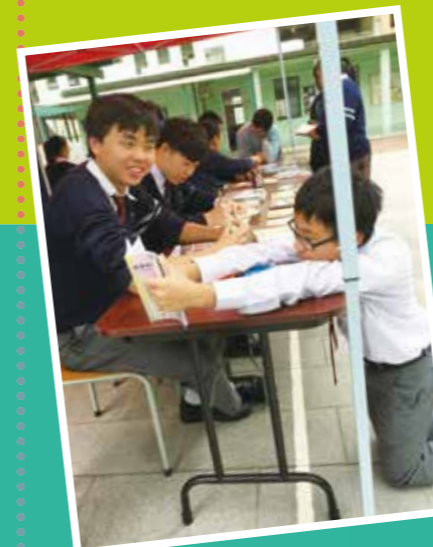
Unfortunately, the main problem with the film is that there is too much animation and it's too imaginary. The emotions are straight-forward but too simple and the animation design of the characters is disappointing. Not everyone can really enjoy this film, especially if they don't like animation.

Overall, this film is quite funny and has a message because some teenagers will have the same situation and feeling as Riley. However, it's not interesting for older teenagers or adults. We suggest that this film is worth watching for children.

By: Michael, Crystal, Handsome, Leoney, 3C

## C.Y. Ma Book Week

C.Y. Ma teachers and students love books and the annual school Book Fair is a popular place to select some new reading material. Held in the first week of March 2016, the Book Fair had a wide range of interesting English and Chinese language books to choose from.



At lunch-time fun Book Week activities were held in the school garden to help spread the joy of reading – whether in English or Chinese, and for various school subjects.



Students from Form 3 went on an afternoon shopping trip to the PageOne Bookshop in Festival walk, Kowloon Tong. It was great, as the school gave them some money to spend! With just a little bit of teacher guidance, students were able to buy books that they wanted for the school library. The library collection continues to expand and it was rewarding for students to get involved on this trip.



# School Uniforms

## Types of Uniform

Every school or group of schools in Hong Kong has a different uniform. The uniform style in Hong Kong is similar to Britain because Hong Kong was controlled by Britain up to 1997. Since then, Hong Kong has kept the same uniform style.

In China the uniforms are dark colours, such as dark blue, dark grey or dark brown. The surprising attraction of the school uniform in China is the PE uniform which students wear all the time. It is only for very important occasions that students dress up in formal clothes. For primary students, they often wear a red scarf as a tie.

In Japan, the school uniforms look like sailor uniform style. The colour is blue and white, which looks cute and sweet. The skirts are short and often checked. The Korean uniform is similar to Japan, but the skirts are longer. As well as blue and white, the uniforms have some black.



A group of Form 5 girls wear the summer uniform with style



## Student Views

### School Uniform Advantages

Some students dislike their school uniforms and want to change them or wear their own clothes to school. However, the school uniform has many advantages for students.

Firstly, children do not need to spend extra money on clothes. Many students like to wear fashionable clothes, such as the Korean style right now, but these can be expensive. School uniforms are fairly cheap and as some students come from poor backgrounds, they would be disadvantaged if there were no school uniforms.

School uniforms have the advantage of giving children from the same school an identity which they don't have from their own clothes. A sense of belonging to a school can improve the image of the students and the school. When taking part in a school event, it is more tidy, especially for taking photos.

The sense of identity helps to avoid discrimination. Students may feel rejected if they wear cheap informal dress at school. With school uniforms, there is less chance of bullying and students will not laugh at each other. Though students don't always like their uniforms, the advantages of identity and belonging to a school are strong.



Some educators believe school uniforms help with discipline at school



One problem with uniforms is when trousers become too short

### School Uniform Disadvantages

One disadvantage of school uniforms is they are not very practical. For example, the material is too thin to keep students warm in winter. Tung Wah's uniform can keep students warm in spring and autumn, but not on the coldest days of the year. Many girls prefer to wear the skirts and not many choose to wear the trousers. School uniforms are not appropriate for the cold winter weather.

In addition, the summer uniform is white which is difficult to keep clean. Girls do not like to wear the trousers in summer either even though they will get bites from mosquitoes and other kinds of insects.

The design of some school uniforms is quite ugly and students may feel self-conscious about their shape. Also, the style of the uniforms is old-fashioned, for example the patterns. School uniforms can be updated to look modern so that students feel comfortable, the same as wearing their own clothes.

# Ideal School Uniform

Our ideal uniform should be gentle and elegant both for females and males. A set of male uniform in winter would include a grey coat, a white turtleneck sweater with black jeans and a dark red scarf. In summer, the male uniform would be a short-sleeved shirt and dark red shorts.

The female uniform would include the same design elements as the male uniform and also be elegant. The winter uniform would have a dark red coat, grey dress, white sweater, a black scarf and black leggings to keep warm. The summer female uniform would include a white short-sleeved shirt and dark red dress.

All students should wear black leather shoes and white socks. The overall look of the ideal school uniform is cool and comfortable.



Scouts

Other uniforms at school



Flag Guards



This Form 1 boy seems happy in brand new uniform



Form 2 boy looking smart in uniform while eating an ice cream

Many people argue uniforms provide a sense of identity and togetherness



# ENGLISH SOCIETY

## PROMOTING ENGLISH AROUND THE SCHOOL



At a meeting



On the stage



In the ELSAC



Stenciled card making



English Society members with new English Society Chair 2016-17, Macy Tsang (front left)

## Interview with the English Society Chair



**Have you enjoyed being the English Society Chairperson?**

Yes, because there are many activities around school. The English Society has helped with the activities, being MCs and morning assemblies. The English Society is enthusiastic and it's important to improve students' level of English. The English Society is quite small though and we need to promote ourselves and get more active members.

**How can the English Society help with students' English level?**

First, students can speak more English with us and each other. Next, students like to come to English activities at school that we help with, like the Halloween Show. This was the most enjoyable and attractive English activity of the year as each class needed to make a show.

**What is the best way to improve students' English level?**

I will say do more English exercises, listen to English songs, read more English and speak more. Also, drama is fun and you can do this with your classmates. For me, I like drama but I also like to study on my own, because I know my own level.

SCHOOL EVENTS

# English Week 2016

25th – 29th April

English Week is all about fun and feeling happy and free, showing that we can learn English and enjoy ourselves at the same time. Learning English can be hard but with fun we can play and practise with English, and by having fun we can learn English more easily.

Here you can see photos of C.Y. Ma students and teachers having fun while they enjoy the interesting and challenging activities held at school in English Week 2016.



Games for various school subjects



Students try saying tongue twisters



The Quiz Competition challenged teams to complete tasks in the shortest time possible. It's really a fun way to do a quiz, as it's not just about getting the correct answers to questions.



The last day of English Week was an English Café – this time we had delicious chocolate brownies topped with ice-cream and fruit.



Taking part in a Treasure Hunt around the school



Inter-House Interactive Quiz Competition



## SCHOOL EVENTS



All of the contest participants together

## English Speaking and Writing Contests

On Saturday 12th March, 2016, Primary school students from the New Territories West and North were invited to take part in two competitions held at C.Y. Ma. The Speaking Contest topic was 'If I Had 3 Wishes'. The speeches by the students were uplifting, with some excellent ideas, language and delivery. Awards were presented for the best speakers and speeches, but with every single one of the students deserving our full congratulations for their performances.

The students who entered the writing contests (English and Chinese) were able to take their time to produce their very best handwriting which was also judged, with awards presented. Many thanks to the Primary school students and their teachers for helping to make the contests a great success!



23 Primary school students bravely took to the stage of the school hall to deliver their speeches.



Speaking Contest Judges: (from left), Christine Xavier, Stephen Cooley (EDB), Dora Wong, Nury Vittachi (Hong Kong Polytechnic University), Mr. Gray from C.Y. Ma, with Mr. Chan.

### If I Had 3 Wishes Speech by Chen Chai Kai, Fanling Public School

If I had three wishes. I wish I would have a magical door like Doraemon. As long as I open the door, I could get anywhere in a second. I could see the Pyramids in Egypt and the Niagara Falls in America. I could go skiing in Japan and diving in Australia whenever I want to just in a second! What a fantastic experience it would be!

I love watching football matches. I wish I could have the magical power like Harry Potter. I would just wave my magic wand to turn all the Chinese football players into great football players. I would see the Chinese team fighting hard with the Brazil team in the football field, wow wonderful! I would scream for every single shot for sure! However I'm sure my mum would be shouting at me too! She would shout: 'Have you finished your homework!!'

Oh! Homework! I don't like homework! I wish I would be the head of the Hong Kong Education Bureau! If I were the head of the Hong Kong Education Bureau, I would instantly make an announcement for having less homework for kids! Children have to spend more time on exploring the wonderful nature and amazing world to find out the secrets of science! I think spending time to explore this wonderful, beautiful world is much more important than just doing homework!! Do you agree with me?

The Writing Contest was penmanship, with 28 English entries and 15 Chinese entries.



Games



Art Activities

## C.Y. Ma Open Day

C.Y. Ma hosted hundreds of students and teachers from all over Hong Kong at our school 'Games and Info Day' held on Saturday 5th December 2016.

Teams from different schools competed with each other in sports and the whole school bustled with activity on a memorable and exciting day for all.

Let's hope we get such a good crowd for our next Games and Info Days!



Cooking



Music



Fashion



Dance



Tree Climbing



English Language Self-Access Centre



Sports for All



## Activities

# Pen Pals

When was the last time someone wrote you a letter? Not an official letter from school, or a letter asking for something (money!), but a personal letter? Well, one way to receive a personal letter is to find a pen pal, just like some of our Form 1-3 students at school. For a few years now, students at C.Y. Ma have been exchanging letters with students from our sister school, Shenzhen Long Gang Middle School, and as you can see in the photos from this year, our students really love the letters.



Form 1 students receive replies to their letters

Students find out about their pen pals



Of course, we can easily use WeChat or something like that to chat - the world is a small place - but maybe that's what makes writing letters so special. Someone has sat down and spent time writing to you. There's a great pleasure in the personal touch of a handwritten letter that you can't get with modern technology. So forget your smartphone - write a letter!



A group photo to send to new friends



# Primary Students visit C.Y. Ma

Every year, our school runs outreach programmes for local Primary school students. Here are two highlights from the last year.

## School Visit from Tung Tak School

In December, we had the pleasure of welcoming a large group of Primary students from Tung Tak School to take part in a fun-filled half-day activity programme at C.Y. Ma.



Our visitors all together



Science Experiments



English Games



Team Challenge



Happy Boy



Finding out about C.Y. Ma



Miss Yip, Principal of Tung Tak with our Principal, Miss Chan



## C.Y. Ma Classroom

Primary students applying for our school had the opportunity to attend a programme held on Saturday mornings to learn about life at Secondary school. The students were able to make new friends and become more confident in handling the big change from Primary to Secondary school.



English lesson



PE Activities



Cooking lesson



Maths lesson



# TWGHs Joint Schools Oxbridge English Camp 2015

The 2015 Joint Schools English Camp was held for two weeks in June/July at the Hong Kong Adventist College in Sai Kung.

Nine of our students attended. Let's see what they thought!

I had English lessons every morning after breakfast. The teachers came from Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Even though my English is not good, they were very nice and always smiled. At first, I was worried that I couldn't communicate, but my class group helped me.



In the afternoons, we had one-to-one tutorials and also activities like drama, games, sports, dance and music, arts and crafts. This was a good way to make new friends and we quickly united even though we came from different schools. In the evenings we had different activities such as movie night, murder mystery, music competition, quiz night, fancy dress, talent show and a disco.



The lessons were fun and we learnt about the teachers' homeland and culture. By listening to the teachers, I came across words and expressions I was not familiar with. I enjoyed debating with my classmates who had a good mastery of English and I was proud that I could express my views fluently and clearly.



The school was in a fantastic location in Sai Kung, surrounded by grassy hills with fresh air, which can help us concentrate during lessons.



The food at the camp was vegetarian and healthy.

For me, the strength of the camp is I can improve my English, because we need to speak English everywhere with everyone. I learnt more about what I need to learn because some of the other students had really high level English just like Jasper. I love English now, so I want to improve my English. I want to know more.

After fourteen days, the memory feels like a dream. I was reluctant to say goodbye to my teachers and classmates.



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# Gardening Page

The Gardening Club has been running at C.Y. Ma for a number of years now. Here you can see the 2105-16 club happily harvesting their vegetables, which had been planted in October. Not a bad crop! The Chairperson this year was Tsui Kit (4C) with teacher-advisors Mr. Leung and Mr. Chong.

## Gardening Club



Thank you to the two groups for your hard work (especially remembering to water the plants)!

## Moral and Civic Education Committee



The Moral and Civic Education Committee spent time at school learning from Mr. Wong from the Hong Kong Food for Good Organisation - a group that promotes food waste reduction and food recycling. The plants shown here are grown in farming boxes which contain naturally-produced compost from food waste. By using food we don't want, we can reduce waste. The plants are mostly salad leaves, which are straightforward to grow and also prepare for eating as they just need to be cleaned and then shared around with students and teachers.

Answers for Snapshots:  
(a) - okra (ladies' fingers)  
(b) - mango  
(c) - papaya  
(d) - aloe vera  
(e) - chilli

Answers for World of English Quiz Page 16-17:  
1. b 2. a 3. a/b 4. c 5. d 6. c  
7. a 8. c 9. c 10. d 11. c 12. b  
13. a 14. d 15. c 16. d 17. c 18. d  
19. c 20. b

# Language across the Curriculum

See if you can find all the words in the puzzle!

V	G	X	I	W	S	Z	I	L	Q	S	L	J	J	Z	L	S	L
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A	C	A	I	G	L	U	D	B	N	P	P	Y	I	P	Q	I	E
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A	E	C	V	T	A	E	N	P	W	V	H	L	B	C	U	Y	X
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C	E	O	H	Y	F	B	T	U	I	N	S	K	I	J	T	O	C
I	L	L	S	P	X	U	B	T	V	L	A	N	G	U	A	G	E
E	W	V	B	K	P	B	N	C	O	N	T	E	N	T	M	C	S
N	O	Y	L	M	I	E	X	H	B	R	S	D	U	A	O	I	W
C	N	U	O	E	D	L	R	R	N	E	F	D	T	Q	T	S	G
E	K	C	O	U	A	X	L	I	D	H	D	H	R	R	V	U	X
U	I	C	T	Y	F	R	T	S	Z	C	S	X	O	O	U	M	U
V	S	S	R	O	P	M	N	G	K	A	N	P	R	Z	W	Q	Y
H	S	I	L	G	N	E	K	I	G	E	S	N	I	C	U	L	Z
C	E	J	J	Z	N	K	E	V	N	T	N	C	J	S	T	H	R
O	C	R	D	H	S	R	B	D	T	G	D	C	C	X	R	R	Y

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MATHS	SUBJECT	MUSIC	SCHOOL
COMPUTER	IDEA	READING	STUDENT
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