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## Message from the Principal

This inauguration issue of "Inspiration" is a delight to the whole school and the English Department in particular. Students who contributed to this collection of short speeches should also be pleased to see their work "published" by the school which symbolically acknowledged their efforts. Most of the writings were short one-minute speeches delivered by students from different levels in morning assemblies since September 2008.

The initiative of asking students to speak publicly in morning assemblies to all schoolmates and teachers, even though in one-minute, aimed to create an environment conducive to the authentic use of English Language. I am grateful to all English teachers, particularly Mr W Wai and Ms YY Lee, Panel Chairpersons of the English Department, for their time in encouraging students to attempt and proofread students' scripts.

In the whole process, as I was always standing next to students delivering their speeches, I discovered that most of our boys have strong desire to speak English in whatever chances arise. Now the academic year comes to an end and students' efforts are rewarded in that we find more English prevailing in the air of our school premises.

In the coming years, this scheme will continue and I would like to advise students that whenever you speak, please look at the listeners rather than focusing on the script you are holding. This is the key difference between speaking and reading and the former serves more complete communicative purposes.

Again, congratulations to the English Department and I am looking forward to hearing more interesting speeches.

Dr. Francis Wong

Principal

18<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

TAM, Brian

S7A

23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2009

Good morning, I am Brian Tam from S7A. Today I want to share an issue with you that I have read in the Reader's Digest. It is about a research done in 35 cities around the world, aiming to find out how polite people are. There are altogether three tests, and I think some of you may wonder what they are and what action or manner Western societies would consider as "polite".

The first test was done by researchers walking into public buildings and standing behind people to see whether they would hold the door for the researchers. The other test done by researchers was that they bought small items from 20 shops and saw whether the salespeople would say "thank you" to them. And the last test was that the researchers dropped a folder full of paper in 20 busy locations to see if anyone would help them to pick the paper up.

The result shows New Yorkers were the most big-hearted, whereas Switzerland and Toronto came the second and the third. You may wonder what is Hong Kong's position? The result stated that Hong Kong was the 25<sup>th</sup> out of 35 cities.

We all know that Hong Kong people are well educated, but in the eyes of the West, our manners are not good enough. I'm sure all of us hope the ranking of Hong Kong can go up in the next test. So I appeal to you all to try your best to help those in need starting from today. Thank You.



Good morning Principal, Vice Principals, teachers and fellow students.

A few days ago, a young teacher Leung Hing Yuk killed himself after breaking up with his girlfriend. As his friend mentioned, every time he separates with his loved one, he thought of committing suicide. This time, he was drunk and impulsively put an end to his life.

Romantic relationships might be very important to some of you, but does it mean your whole life? You still have your friends, your family and your future. There are many other factors that we have to consider before even thinking about something as negative as suicide. There are many people whom we love and they may greatly be affected.

As a teacher in school, he instilled positive moral values and knowledge to his students. As a son in his family, he took good care of his 70-year-old mother. However, what he did has posed a prolonged psychological impact on them. In summary, his relatives feel very depressed because of his death.

Have you ever lost your loved ones, such as your family members and friends? What was your feeling at that time? Remember that they would have the same feeling if you were gone. Try to find some help whenever you come across adversities instead of just dwelling gloomily over the problem. Treasure your life and you could have a brighter future.



25<sup>th</sup> November, 2008

Good morning Principal, Vice Principals, teachers and fellow students.

Flipping through the newspaper, articles about troubled youth can always be found. It seems today's generation has a lot of problems. What leads to this situation? In my opinion, lack of adults' care and education of youth are the main reasons.

A good point to start at is good parenting. Mothers are less likely to stay at home nowadays. Parents are busy earning money. They work until late every day. When they come home, they're too tired to take interest in their children. As a result, children cannot receive proper moral education from their parents. This increases the chance of teenagers developing bad behavior.

Besides, studying for exams in HK is very harsh. Teachers spend most of their time on marking students' assignment and have no time to control students' behavior.

Without adults' care, youth feel bored. They will look for things that can give them excitement. For examples, playing PC games, smoking; some even join triad groups. Teenagers are highly vulnerable and many will turn the wrong way.

In conclusion, lack of education and care are the main reasons leading to troubled youth. From the above, one point is very clear: Education and care are the key to improve teenagers' behavior. What we need most is "Concern".



16<sup>th</sup> December, 2008

The word 'STRESS' has been frequently mentioned in the mass media. This kind of psychological illness has become more and more serious. Hence, it is very important for us to learn how to handle our stress properly. Perhaps I should first talk about what is closely related to us. As a student, the main source of pressure usually comes from homework and academic tasks. The typical symptoms of mental illness are insomnia, extreme nervousness and stomach ache. Some students may see these sufferings as a genetic problem and they think that they have few or even no option to solve their problems. In fact, the problem of stress is not so difficult to solve.

We don't need any special materials or facility to achieve this. All we have to do is to learn to master our mind and nervousness. If we can calm ourselves down and analyze the situation objectively, we may find the 'impossible tasks' much easier, and the corresponding stress will diminish.

Besides, if we compare a performance under stress and the same one without stress, we will find that we perform much better when we have no stress. The reason is obvious. Without stress, we can have a clearer mind for analysis and we will be more open in understanding the changes of the condition and so react faster and smarter. Now, we have found one more strong reason for repelling stress.

Last, I hope everyone can bear in mind that: when we face challenges, no matter how difficult they are, what we need is determination and optimism, and neither worry nor stress!!



20<sup>th</sup> September, 2008

Good morning Principal, Vice Principals, teachers and fellow students. Before I start my sharing, I would like to ask you a few questions. Have you ever been late for school? Have you handed in your homework after the deadline? Have you been late on a date with your girlfriend? If so, that means you have a problem with time-management. If you don't believe me, you can do a test – you can ask a punctual friend to tell you the time without looking at the watch. If you've got a problem of being on-time, I bet your friend's estimation is more accurate than yours.

Why are so many people late for important things, such as going to school?

They are late because they suddenly realize that there are so many things that must be done before leaving home. You can make a list of those things. For example, what you commonly do before going to school? You have to have your school uniform ready from the wardrobe, comb your hair, brush your teeth, check emails, have your breakfast and gather your books into your school bag. Within that list, there are activities you could do the night before, such as packing your books, preparing your school uniform. Things you can wait to do until you get home from school is checking e-mails. After this analysis, there are only two things you must do in the morning. They are brushing your teeth and hair. This list of priorities gives you some spare time to attend urgent matters.

OK! What if you've tried all the above, but you are still late. There are two things you can do. First, you can calculate the average time it takes you to get to school and give yourself more time than that. Second, you can set your watch earlier than the actual time. However, you must watch the weather and traffic report before going out.

It is always better to plan ahead. I hope you and I can become more punctual by taking a few moves to develop a good habit. Thank you.

11<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

Good morning Principal, Vice Principals, teachers and fellow schoolmates.

Today I would like to share my view on the financial crisis. According to recent research, the unemployment rate has risen up to 4.1%, and it will increase more in 2009. So what should we do to maintain a well-being?

Firstly, the financial crisis has made many factories shut down. They might shut down due to liquidation, so the government should give some confidence to the bank to lend some loans to the factories to maintain their operations.

Next, we should not give up in making progress. We should always improve our shortcomings and see our potential.

Thirdly, we should be optimistic to meet every difficulty. If we handle difficulties with a negative mind, we will not have an easy life.

That's the end of my sharing! Thank you!

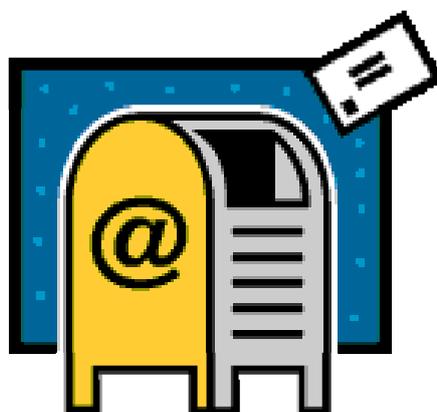


11<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

Good Morning Principal, Vice Principals, teachers and fellow schoolmates. Today I would like to share my view on spam mail.

It was found that about 89% of e-mails sent to HK computers are spam. The situation is worse than that in any other countries. As we know, electronic mail enables us to respond to each other quickly by sending and receiving messages, hence communications has become more efficient. Now, e-mail has been widespread in the business sector as most of the spam mails are sent by business enterprises. A large amount of spam may overload an e-mail server. This may cause inconvenience to people as they have to delete them every day. They can't fully enjoy the advantages of e-mail due to lots of junk e-mails on the Internet. Despite the repeated attempts of the government to solve the problem, it is not an easy task to prevent spam mails from being sent out. It is because most of the spam mails are sent from other countries, it is out of the control of the HK government.

There are several things people can do to protect themselves from receiving spam mails. For instance, people should be alert when using the Internet, they should not reply to any unknown email, or register on any unknown website. Their alertness can help them reduce the chance of receiving spam mails. Last but certainly not the least, they should install antivirus software to resist viruses.



10<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

Good morning. Everyone says cooperation is a global trend. But what is cooperation? The Random House Unabridged Dictionary says that "Cooperation is an activity shared for common benefit. It is a joint action with willingness and agreement". So you can think that cooperation is coactions, collaboration, synergy and teamwork. Mutual help is the best. The problem of the Somali pirates has been out of control recently. They robbed 16 cargo ships since the twentieth of July last year. They extorted a huge ransom from the governments. As the threat was unacceptable, the members of the United Nations decided to cooperate and beat them. Now the goods can be transported to different countries safely.

The financial crisis is a serious international threat. Thus, the ministers of 20 countries formed a "G20 major economy" to face the trouble. They were all willing to take further coactions for the stability of the international financial system. I believe that cooperation of nations will guarantee fortune of the world.

I was working in the Caritas Computer Workshop with three classmates during last summer holiday. We bound the electric wires together with elastic bands and gave them to African families. Each of us took different steps and finished 100 wires per hour. Then we packed them into boxes and sent them to the needy.

Everyone in the world is going to cooperate with each other from individuals to organizations, from organizations to societies, from societies to countries, from countries to the whole world. To achieve and build a better world we need to face all the challenges together cooperatively. Do you agree?



10<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

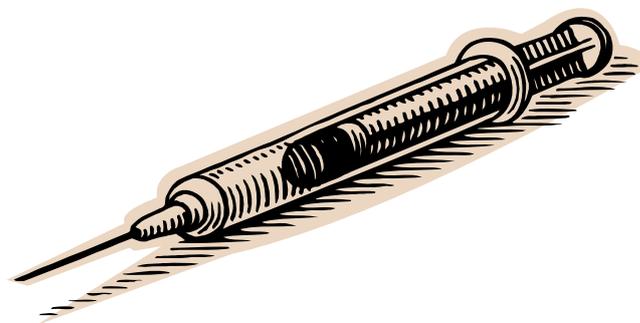
Good morning Principal, Vice Principals, teachers and fellow schoolmates.

Today, I would like to share with you my views on drug abuse and addiction.

In the last two weeks, there were two news items that drew citizen's attention on drug abuse. One is "Five students in Sheung Shui Government Secondary School were arrested over a drug case", the other one is "Two Hong Kong singers were arrested in Japan over possession of marijuana(大麻)".

There are many reasons for a student to become a drug addict. Some of them are so curious that they just want to try it, some of them are influenced or forced by their friends while some of them want to release stress. For whatever reason you become a drug addict, drugs will hurt you both physically and mentally. Physically, they will cause damage to the organs of your body and make you look older. Even worse, drugs can make you suffer from mental disorder. So I would like to appeal to you all not to try or abuse drugs and this is the best way to protect yourselves.

In conclusion, I want to use the slogan from our government "No drugs No regrets, Not now Not ever". This is the end of my sharing. Hope all of you can enjoy a drug-free healthy life. Thank you.



1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009

Good morning Principal, Vice principals, Teachers and all Ng Wah Boys.

The recent economic downturn has badly affected business not only in the United States, but also in Hong Kong. Even the commercial giants, like the Lehman Brothers, and AIG nearly went into bankruptcy, and small businesses, such as restaurants and boutiques have closed down drastically in order to avoid further losses. Many people are laid-off which results in an increase of unemployment rate.

To succeed in this uncertain economic climate, we all should broaden our knowledge. Adults need to learn about every aspect of their own profession and sharpen their skills in order to become more competitive in the present-day job market. They should also save a sum of money to support their living once they are laid off. As students, we should focus on our studies and learn every subject well, especially English, because a good command of English not only makes us more competitive in the job market, but also provides us with a better chance of success. Writing, speaking and listening to English well can pave our way to success because English is an international language. All important treaties and conferences in the world are conducted in English. Therefore, if we do not learn English well, how can we survive in the future job market?

So, fellow schoolmates, please equip yourselves with good English because it does not only help you find a job under this uncertain economic climate, it also helps you to cope with problems resulted from globalization in the future.



31<sup>st</sup> October, 2008

Good morning Principal, Vice principals, Teachers and all Ng Wah Boys. I am Alex Wong from 5E. My sharing today is about Beijing.

First, I would like to ask you a few questions. Have you ever been on an aeroplane? If you have, how did you feel sitting in the plane while the plane was taking off? Scared or excited? Next question, which countries would you like to visit? I have asked many friends these same questions while I am on the way to school. They say that they want to travel to countries like America, England or Australia. However, we should all consider travelling to our capital city, Beijing.

Recently, you may have heard lots of negative messages about China, for example, poisonous toys and the melamine milk scandal. I have no doubt that all countries have dark side and there are many countries which do not reveal the truth. However, do you think that Beijing is really worse than any other places? I hope not. I went to Beijing the day after the Olympics as I was an exchange student with 300 other students from Hong Kong.

I never dreamt that I would have the chance to step on Beijing soil. Besides Beijing, we also visited Tang Shan. The locals treated us like family members and treated us a dinner. What's more, they performed an excellent show and the food was delicious.

Beijing was so amazing. The city has so much history and culture. The people there were always friendly to us. As we went to Tiananmen Square to see the flag raising ceremony, it was unforgettable that so many people had been there at 4:30 in the early morning. The Great Wall was one of the main highlights. Stepping on The Great Wall was pure excitement for me. The view from The Wall was unbelievable and the air was so fresh.

On the whole, the trip was fantastic. I learnt a lot during the exchange. Visiting Beijing gave me a chance to increase my knowledge about the city and also learn how to work as a team. I really do not believe Beijing is as bad as one reads in the newspapers. Although there are many places worthy of visit, Beijing should also be considered as one of them.

Thank you!

22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2009

Good morning Principal, Vice Principal, teachers and fellow-schoolmates. Today, I would like to talk about Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year is coming soon. I think everybody knows this festival very well. I love Chinese New Year so much, because I can get a lot of red pocket money. Also there is a lot of delicious food for Chinese New Year, for example, Chinese New Year cakes, melon seeds and Chinese turnip cakes. Some people will visit the Lam Tsuen wishing trees to make a wish for the new year.

A visit to the Lam Tsuen Wishing Trees is a great way to have a feel of the local Chinese tradition. These two famous banyan trees are favourite with local villagers who come to burn joss sticks and incense papers hoping their wishes will come true. During Chinese New Year, many Hong Kong people go to this spot to make their Chinese New Year wishes by tying wish making paper onto the wooden racks beside the trees. Taking part in this tradition may result in your wish coming true.

Do you know where Lam Tsuen is? Let me tell you, Lam Tsuen is in Tai Po. You can take MTR to Tai Wo and then take a taxi. I suggest you all pay a visit to Lam Tsuen. I really think it is a good activity for Chinese New Year. On the second day of the Chinese New Year, Hong Kong has a firework display at the Victoria Harbour. I hope everybody has a very happy Year of the Ox. Thank you.



Good morning, Dr. Wong, Vice-Principals, teachers and fellow schoolmates.

Reading the recent news, it is sad to know that people of different ages are committing suicide in Hong Kong. Some of them are students and this arouses social concerns.

Generally, people believe that youngsters' problems are trivial. Their lives should be full of colour. They may have a question in their hearts – Does death really mean anything to them?

Students commit suicide because they have too much pressure from education or family. Some children may think that parents demand a very high standard of academic results, and fear that they cannot meet such demand themselves. They may feel frustrated and stressed.

When we are stressed, we should try to talk with family members or best friends. Communication is the bridge for us to share ideas and thoughts. We can relieve our stress after talking to them. In addition, once we feel frustrated during studies, we can watch TV, play football or listen to music. This is a big tip for us, especially for those who are going to sit for the coming public examination. I wish all S5 and S7 students will succeed in the exams.

Remember, being in a good mood can make us a lot happier.



Good morning, Principal, Vice-Principals, teachers and fellow schoolmates

Many students think that English is difficult and it's hard to get high marks in examinations. Today, I would like to share the methods improving our English.

To improve our English, especially grammar, we should do more practices, and make notes for ourselves, so we'll remember different types of grammar and English usage. Remember, making our own notes is very important, because when we are making notes, we are trying to organize what we have learnt systematically and we can check if we understand what we have learnt. Moreover watching English TV programmes and movies are also very helpful.

I would recommend you to read more English books regularly. Reading English books can enrich our vocabulary bank and improve our comprehension skills.

If you do not have the habit of reading English books, you can start with some simple fictions. Try to develop this habit and you will improve your grammar as well as enjoying the books

This is the end of my sharing. Thank you.



18<sup>th</sup> December, 2008

Good morning Principal, Vice-Principals, teachers and fellow schoolmates. Today I would like to talk with you about playing volleyball. I first came into contact with volleyball when I was in Primary 5. At that time, I didn't know how to play volleyball. However, I like volleyball very much now.

I have been a member of the school team since Form 1. I also made a lot of friends in the team. In fact, my team-mates and I have the same dream – to play volleyball very well. Therefore, we are always involved in tough training in order to improve our skills. Although my fingers, hands, arms, legs as well as the whole body often get hurt during training, I still think that it is worthwhile as I believe "Practice Makes Perfect".

I hope I can become a school team member before I graduate. I will do my best in all competitions and win more awards for Ng Wah in the future.

This is the end of my sharing. Thank you!



9<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

Chinese New Year is a big festival for Chinese people. People gather together to have reunion dinner. Adults give out red packets with lucky money to children and put up red decorations in their houses.

There is a fire work display in the Victoria harbour on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Lunar New Year. My parents do not like crowded places. So, we do not go to the seaside or the Victoria Harbour to enjoy show. We will stay at home watching TV.

Going to Temples is another important tradition in Chinese New Year. People pray for good health and good luck for their family. And they will say something good to everyone. The most popular one is "Kung Hei Fat Choi", which means "Wish you a good fortune".

My favourite festival is Chinese New Year.



Good morning principal, Vice Principals, teachers and fellow schoolmates.

Today I would like to talk about my film review of 《Charlie & the Chocolate Factory》. My favorite characters are Charlie Bucket and Willy Wonka because Willy Wonka is so humorous and Charlie is so lovely that we all like them.

I think this film is good because the chocolate factory is so fantastic. In the chocolate factory, there are many interesting things such as chocolate boat, chocolate trees and a chocolate river. I like the part when Willy Wonka and Charlie go to find Willy Wonka's dad.

In the last scene, Willy Wonka's dad collects all the news about Willy Wonka. It shows that his dad takes care of him. I think this part is very touching.

That's the end of my sharing. Thank you.



### **Spiritual Education, Love and care experienced in our school**

In Hong Kong, the new generation is giving up study at a younger age. This problem can be attributed to the examination oriented education system. It focuses solely on academic results, leading to a dreary atmosphere for learning. Despite the hectic school life, youngsters are still feeling empty and unfulfilled. That is why spiritual education is needed.

Spiritual education brings quality and meaning to life and gives a person his identity and character. Teenagers learn values all the time from their parents, teachers and peers. Therefore, it is essential that teaching students the right values should start as early as possible in their school life. The things that most people learn at a tender age stay with them all through their life. For one's own future, it is of the utmost importance to learn about spiritual education at school.

When we look at this wonderful world and its creations, everything we see around us is the handiwork of God. Prayer is a way of talking and conveying feelings to God. It teaches students to appreciate how perfect and precise creations are made by God. Somehow, starting the day with a prayer in the playground is also a kind of spiritual education. It can strengthen the tolerance of students. As time goes by, students can learn to adapt to different environment.

A child begins its life on this earth with the loving care of its mother. As a child grows, he or she begins to experience the love that exists in the family and learns to play a role in the process of receiving and giving love. In the early stages of schooling, the school becomes an extension of home and the teenagers get more opportunities to love and care for others. Love is the basic ingredient in all our relationships. So, we must create an atmosphere that is conducive to this learning. Love is giving and is more important than receiving and what we do for others is just as important as what we do for ourselves.

In moral lessons, a correct outlook on life should be discussed with the students. According to some statistics, there is an upsurge in academically unmotivated youngsters. It is because they lack confidence in striving for satisfactory results. For the problem to be solved, teachers should make students become more courageous. Courageous people are able to stand by their convictions and by their own set of values. Therefore, they will not go astray and get into bad company very easily. They do not succumb to temptations, nor get intimidated by any opposition. Moreover, by having courage, circumstances change, and people are able to use it to their advantage and act intelligently.

Lastly, spiritual education benefits the students in many aspects. Only by instilling spiritual education can the problems which are caused by an examination oriented education system be resolved

### **Spiritual Education : Love and Care experienced in our school**

Spiritual education is vital for our future. We need to find an existence that is peaceful, compassionate, sustainable and free. Learning about religion in a holistic manner fosters mutual trust, promotes community building, and helps replacing fear and fanaticism with empathy and cooperation.

The aims of spiritual education are to provide a systematic means for building a foundation for understanding the nature and purpose of religion and the common relationship that all humanity shares with its creator. It is also essential to teach children to give love and care to their family and friends.

In school, we have two 'moral' lessons each week for spiritual education. Our teacher mainly discusses the topic of love and care. The format of the lesson mainly uses discussions and sharing.

Nowadays, many teenagers are affected by violence, drug abuse, depression and disorientation. We can learn how to overcome these temptations by building up a good character. The youth today are now indifferent to values and seem to pursue more material things. We should also learn to say more 'I am sorry' and 'thank you' to our family and friends. These are expressions of politeness and saying them shows that we have good upbringing. It develops our good character.

Overall, spiritual education teaches us how to set up our own goals, to follow our dreams, and to become more independent. The younger generation needs assistance from adults and needs to learn how to overcome their own ego. Youth should appreciate elderly generations and create a stronger bond of love and respect for them.

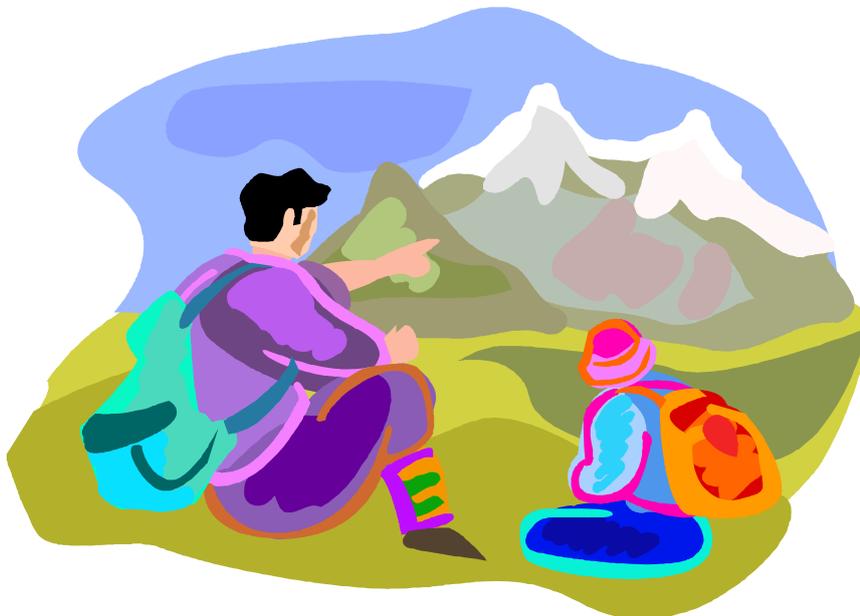


## Hiking

I went hiking in Sai Kung with my friends Gary, Keith and Sally last Sunday. Though it was a bit hot, the weather was generally nice, so we really expected an enjoyable hiking trip. Who would have known that our supposedly happy event would turn out to be a total mess?

Before anything bad happened, we were having a good time enjoying the natural scenery. However, it soon came to an end after Keith stumbled on a rock and hurt his leg. At the same time, Gary told us that he felt very ill. He had a heatstroke and had to rest in the shade. Meanwhile, we heard Sally screaming 'Help'. There was a snake! Luckily, she was not bitten. I tried to call someone for help. I was not able to tell our exact location even though I was holding a map!

Fortunately, things did not go from bad to worse. We met some hikers who were passing by after half an hour. They helped us to call the police and we were saved at last.



### Hiking with my classmates

Last week, I went hiking with my classmates, Mary, Tom and John. The weather was very sunny so it was very suitable to go hiking.

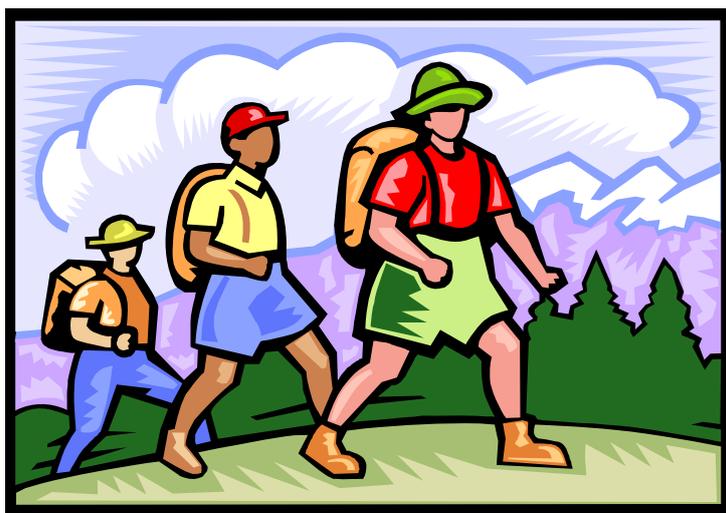
We followed the plan to go hiking in at Ma On Shan. Fortunately, the trails were not very difficult to walk. The scenery was fascinating.

After walking for two hours, we couldn't go on because we were lost. Although we had a map, we could not locate our position. However, we continued to walk. Suddenly, John sprained his ankle. He was so painful that he couldn't walk. Therefore, I had to shoulder him.

Just then, Mary saw a snake near her so she was very scared. Luckily, the snake disappeared in the bushes after a while. The weather was too hot that we felt very dizzy. We kept drinking a lot of water so we managed to find our way.

After two hours, we found the exit. We were very happy because we were safe!

It was really exciting and adventurous! However, I don't want to go hiking again. It is because if we lose the way, it would be very dangerous.



# Sharing by *EES* Tutor

## **S1 PHONICS AND GAMES PROGRAMME**

**by Mrs Deirdre Scott**

### WHAT IS PHONICS?

Phonics is a method of teaching English sound patterns. Native English speakers learn English through phonics. They learn the sound patterns, phonograms (word endings) and rhyme. There are 26 letters in the English alphabet, but these letters make 44 different sounds.

Students are introduced to the consonant sounds, short and long vowel sounds and various blends and consonant clusters in the course. This technique helps students read better and improve their pronunciation and aids spelling.

Students learn better when they are engaged in an activity. This course motivates the students by incorporating games into the programme.

The course teaches the letter sounds in an enjoyable way and enables the students to use them effectively.



# *Collaborative Lesson Studies*

## *English Department 2009*

In order to celebrate the success of the ILLIPS course in the academic year 2008 to 2009, all English teachers participated enthusiastically in the collaborative lesson studies through applying the teaching of “Functional Grammar” in some junior form classes in this April. The responses from students were very positive and they enjoyed the lessons very much.

It is also important to see that all English teachers would like to share their experiences and teaching methods through collaborative lessons studies. Although this was not the first year of application of lesson studies in the department, teachers would like to further develop this practice in the future.



# *Oral Practice with Teachers*

## *(March to May, 2009)*

English teachers helped the junior form students to practice speaking English during lunch time starting from March 2009. All the students enjoyed the activities. They made full use of the 30 minutes to speak English with their English teachers. Although different classes responded differently towards the activity, they learnt a lot of vocabulary. Of course, our principal also joined the programme and gave a lot of support to both teachers and students.



# *Open Lesson of English Department*

After the opening ceremony of the Open Lesson in the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 (Friday) in the school hall, the audience including principals and teachers from various primary and secondary schools in Wong Tai Sin district came to the Student Activity Room and let our S3E students continue their journey in the poetic world. This year, the theme of the Open Lesson of the English Department was "Learning English Through Poems". Teachers, Mr W Wai and Ms A Chow, made use of this opportunity to arouse the interest of S3 students to write their first poems through group work and presentations. Teachers wanted to ensure that all students learn the first step of writing poems with sophistication, style and class. Both the audience and students enjoyed the lesson very much.



# *Tips for S5 and S7 students:*

## *Success in IELTS and University Application*

On 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2009 (Thursday), thirty-four S6 students participated in the seminar “Tips for S5 –S7 students: Success in IELTS and university application” by British Council.

The seminar provided one-stop advice and planning for further studies either locally or overseas of all the participants. Through this seminar, Ng Wah S6 students received further information about IELTS. In addition to being a key entry requirement for many overseas colleges and universities, IELTS test results may also be submitted as an additional qualification for the UE papers in HKAL examination to support the JUPAS application of all S7 students. The seminar also allowed S6 students understand the tips on how to prepare for the IELTS test with the help of an experienced professional.





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