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Dedication

In this special issue, we honor and dedicate our heartfelt appreciation to

Ms. Shirley Lo and Ms. Alisa Ho,
who have tirelessly taught English
at Pooi To. As they prepare to bid farewell
and embark on a new chapter,
we celebrate their commitment and
passion that have left an indelible mark
on the lives of both their students and colleagues.

Editors'

I believe that Clover is a magazine which widens students' perspectives and offers a chance for teachers and students alike to have a thorough review of the year.

When I realized that I had been given the opportunity to be the chief editor of Clover, I was dumbfounded and overjoyed. It was my first year participating on the team, and therefore, confronting conundrums was inevitable. Sometimes, I would feel like I lacked ideas and was insecure about my ability to write. Fortunately, being resilient was advantageous and helped me through the process.

During my time with Clover, the invaluable takeaway was that the content of an article is more crucial than writing skills and style. At first, sharpening my writing skills and style were the main purposes of engaging with Clover. However, after endlessly immersing myself in the world of literature, I found a sense of satisfaction and joy. After reflection, I would say that these factors are the main reasons for being an editor.

Being an editor has never been a straightforward task. Maturity and communication skills were required. In view of this, I stepped out of my comfort zone and tried to be interactive. I still vividly remember the first time I typed messages into the WhatsApp group, inviting the others to appreciate movies. Even though I was not a phenomenal editor with stellar quality, I made an effort and did the best I could. There were some occasions where I forgot to inform the team of tasks that should be done, but fortunately, the members were all kind-hearted. We all make mistakes, but it is how we handle them that defines us.

In addition to being able to handle mistakes and communicate maturely, an editor should possess critical thinking, creativity and precision. I was glad to be equipped with these components as they were vital to completing the required tasks. During every event I attended, I was able to learn so much and sharpen my skill set, especially at the Bloomberg company visit. I would say the most noteworthy practical writing skill I learned was the inverted pyramid, something which I will keep with me for the future.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Ms Tracy Leung and Mr. Middleton, who are in charge of Clover, for their support. Without them, Clover could not have been published with such smoothness.

On the whole, it was a unique experience. I was delighted to have a chance to embark on this memorable, intriguing, and eye-opening journey. It is my sincere hope that each of you can find joy and happiness in the Clover magazine.

Emmy Law

Messages



Clover is the long-awaited magazine that teachers and fellow students eagerly await every year. I am more than honoured to be one of the chief editors, be able to write this foreword and be a part of this invaluable magazine, which marks the yearly events of our school. English is one of my weakest subjects, so I doubted if I could take up this role at the beginning. Nonetheless, I took this as a precious opportunity to strengthen my writing skills, broaden my horizons and share my insights.

In the past, as a school team member, I was only immersed in playing badminton. After being given the chance to join the team, I was able to unleash my potential in writing and editing, which has made me a more rounded person. When brainstorming ideas and searching for potential topics, I established a closer connection with my teammates and the

school, as I could have a closer look into the various activities held over the year. Jodi Picoult once said, "You can always edit a bad page. You can't edit a blank page." I would like to take this opportunity to express my greatest appreciation to my brilliant team members who have contributed to editing the Clover magazine.

Last but not least, I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to Ms Tracy Leung and Mr. Martin Middleton. I was astonished and grateful when I was selected to be one of the chief editors of the Clover team. They never hesitated to lend us a helping hand and provide tremendous support. I am lucky to have worked with my teachers, co-editor, and team members to publish this Clover issue and give a vivid look into school life.

Joining the Clover team is undoubtedly a once-in-a-lifetime experience I will never forget, as our team has made a joint effort to print this publication. I would like you to join me and start the Mr. journey of reading the Clover together. I hope you enjoy it!

Principal 8 age



'See a different world, see the world differently', that is the EAC slogan for this academic year, and what an important idea it is. Of course, there is plenty for us to learn about our own world, and

that is important too, but we must also keep our minds open to other cultures and people from other places as it can provide us with valuable insight and perspective, enabling us to bridge cultures and build futures along the way, which is in line with our school theme for this year. As St. Augustine said 'The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.' While true, with modern technology we do not necessarily even need to travel as there are a variety of ways for us to experience the world. Take this issue of Clover for instance, I was very excited to read the articles on exotic cuisines from around the world and dream destinations for travel. What a lovely way to indulge our minds on a global level and see a variety of new worlds.

That said, seeing a different world is not only related to other countries and cultures. Other worlds can also mean something that is different to what you know or are familiar with, and that can be achieved right here in Hong Kong. Whether it be visiting different parts of Hong Kong, trying a new hobby or eating new food, we always encourage our students to try new things and increase the variety of extra-curricular activities that they take part in. We want to create as many other learning experiences as possible for our students in order to give them a healthy understanding of what the world offers. I really enjoyed reading the pages in this magazine on our students' trips to the Bloomberg and RTHK offices. What great opportunities for them to broaden their horizons, gain a deeper understanding of the working world, and build for their futures.

As we learnt in our school's musical 'The Addams Family' earlier this year, a key part of building for your future is the ability to adapt to change and keep an open mind to things that are new to you. Embrace changes and don't be afraid to explore new avenues in life, and when you do this be sure to do so with love, integrity, purity and perseverance.

I would like to finish by thinking and congratulating the Clover editorial team for their hard work and determination. Creating a publication like this is no easy feat, requiring a vast array of talent and skill. I hope they have been able to experience new worlds throughout this experience, and that they may now see the world differently as a result of what they have learnt.

All the best, Constance Cheung Principal



This year our students were very lucky to have the chance to visit Bloomberg's Hong Kong office in Central. It was an incredible opportunity for them to broaden their horizons and explore the world of international finance and media. They were given a tour around the office by one of the employees, who kindly allowed them to watch a live broadcasting session and conducted a short exercise on journalism, allowing them to gain a valuable insight into the inner workings of a professional workplace.

Linge Lui 4B

The company emphasizes teamwork, communication, and continuous learning, allowing employees to thrive and adapt in a fast-paced and dynamic industry. This supportive and inclusive culture not only attracts top talent, but also helps retain employees who are motivated to provide high-quality products and services to clients.

The visit to Bloomberg reinforced my expectations about working in the future. It provided valuable insights into the corporate environment, work culture, and professionalism. Seeing the innovative technologies and collaborative atmosphere at Bloomberg inspired me and reaffirmed my aspirations for a successful career in a dynamic workplace.

The trip to Bloomberg made me look forward to my future career and gave me a valuable understanding of the company environment, work culture and team spirit. Bloomberg's innovative technology and collaborative atmosphere inspired me and made me more confident in my desire to succeed in the workplace.

Kara Ng 4B

The most valuable lesson I took from this visit was that you need to have good social skills in the workplace. Not only do you need to communicate with your colleagues, but you also need to contact different clients who all have different agendas.





Hazel Ho 4B

Through this activity, I learned about the operation of this company and the process of news reporting. I appreciated all of their hard work and was impressed that they are all so fluent in English and have such a high work morale. During the visit we were told to do an exercise about news reporting and were also told the importance of having a catchy news headline.

Apart from that, the company environment is very comfortable and there is a large dining area where the employees can relax. It allows the employees to be more devoted to their work!

Emmy Law 4A

The work environment of Bloomberg is very relaxing and harmonious. I do feel that there is a strong bond between each of the workers and this plays an indispensable role in its success as effective communication minimises the chance for mistakes.

Yoyo Cheng 4A

It is a highly effective workplace. For example, the transparent meeting rooms which foster an open culture in the company. Everyone was working in a professional manner, and the friendly relationship between staff creates an efficient workplace. It surely contributes to its success in the international finance industry.





Our students Diva, Dewanna, Kara, and Emmy participated in RTHK's 'Open Space' program, discussing the impact of social media.

Host: A very exciting episode on open space. I hope everyone has been having a wonderful Tuesday afternoon. And today I decided to give my guests the opportunity to introduce themselves. So here

we go.

Diva: Hi, everyone. We're from Pooi To Middle School.

We'll be talking about social media.

Host: Hello girls, how are you doing today?

Diva: We're feeling great. Thank you so much for

having us.

Host: It's a big pleasure. We are very excited to have

> you here with us today and to chat about social media on the internet, which I think is such a very interesting topic of conversation at the moment in our lives. And we see it all over. And there's always an argument about is it good for us? Is it safe? Are we getting too much of it? So Diva,

let's kick it off with you and tell us what you think

about social media and the Internet.

Diva: Well, when used responsibly, social media can actually act as a very, very powerful force to help the world. But as youngsters, it's easy for us to get addicted to social media, because maybe

> on apps like Instagram, there are just too many things for us to catch up on and trends that we are so interested in. So, I think it is actually a

> very addictive thing if we don't use it properly. I completely agree. Diva how do you think or

what do you think we should implement in our lives to try and get a little bit more of a control of the way we use social media?

Diva:

We should definitely set time limits, which I think is the most helpful and useful way for us to not only focus on social media. For example, maybe we can set a time limit of 30 minutes a day so we can focus more on the present and on our actual lives and instead of virtual things or just

unhealthy trends.

Host: Completely agree with you. Emmy, what would you like to share with us about social media and

the internet?

Host:

I do pay a lot of attention to social media and Emmy:

how it influences the public.

One of the typical examples would be the MeToo movement. It was initiated by Tarana Burke, who's an American activist. In 2006, It went viral after actress Alisa Manano encouraged people to use it on Twitter to share their experiences of sexual harassment. The movement quickly spread around the world and even in Hong Kong. This is an example of how social media can be successfully used to raise awareness of sexual harassment and to empower survivors to come forward. It also holds perpetrators accountable.

Yes I completely agree with that. It has such a positive impact on the world as people can stand

Host:

together and raise their voices and show other people that they're not alone. Because I think sometimes when something happens to you, for example, like you said, sexual harassment or something like that, you, people, victims think that they are the only person going through something like that or the only person that something like that happened to. So having something like the Me Too movement is such a great platform to show people that you have support. What do you think is a way that we can show more love and support for people on social media?

Emmy:

I believe when they see some videos that are not good or maybe it's just controversial, maybe they should stand out to talk about their perspective because we should stand for what is right.

Host:

Yes, I completely agree. Dewanna, what do you want to share with us?

Dewanna:

Apart from what Emmy said, there are also some other successful examples of how social media can be used to initiate kind acts in Hong Kong. I read a news story last June about a dog shelter



owner whose shelter flooded due to heavy rain, which put the dogs in danger. She immediately posted a message on social media for help, and the message quickly went viral. With hundreds of people responding, hundreds of volunteers from all over Hong Kong came to the shelter to help, working tirelessly to rescue the dogs and transport them to dry ground, and eventually all the dogs were saved. It is a great example of how social media can be used successfully. Not only can it mobilize people to take timely action, but it can actually also promote the importance of animal welfare.

Host:

Yes. It's such a beautiful thing about social media because it's so broad and there're so many ways that we can fill it with positivity. And like you said, it showed us how people came together to help with animal welfare. And if you had to create your own animal welfare campaign, what do you think it would look like on social media?

Dewanna:

For me, the dogs would be filled with love and they are playing happily with their owners.

Host:

I love that. Kara, are you ready?

Kara:

Yes. So, very often adults remind us of the negative consequences of using social media. Like we need to limit the amount of time we spend on social media or just be mindful of the content we consume. So after some brief research on this topic, I would like to share about the positive consequences of social media.

So one piece of research I found was conducted by the University of Pennsylvania last year. It showed that actually social media can promote civic engagement. It surveyed over 5,000 people about using social media and the people who used social media were more likely to vote and to participate in other forms of civic engagement.

Host:

That is very interesting. So, how do you think we can use social media to get people to engage with each other on social media more? Do you think, wait, let me rather ask this. Do you think we engage too much in social media or we can do a little bit more to engage in social media with other people?

Kara:

For me, I think we can use social media wisely to promote different kinds of events. So for example maybe for Instagram maybe we can create some posts or just accounts that can promote some of the social issues and just let people know more about what's happening in society right now.

Host:

I like that. I think that's a very very good idea. If you guys have advice, if any of you have advice for students your age about how they should deal with social media what would that be?

Diva:

Many students are very addicted to social media, even my peers. They're always on it and I think that it's very unhealthy and it takes so much time off of them. I think that some advice I'd give is to just live in the moment. Try to nurture different hobbies such as maybe go out and play table tennis or have a friendly game of basketball with their friends because it not only builds connections in the real world but it is also very healthy for you physically and mentally and I think it's a great way to make new friends. You can even just go to a random playground and start a friendly match with adults or even just students from different schools!

SCMP Sino Junior Reporter Programme

Meet Chloe and Vianna, two Secondary 4 students who have been shortlisted for the prestigious Sino Junior Reporter Programme. After attending a transformative workshop and touring REEFstoration at Ocean Park, they are eager to share their newfound knowledge about marine conservation. Get inspired by their unique perspectives in this edition, as they shed light on the importance of reef restoration and the preservation of our oceans. Let their voices be heard as they pave the way for a sustainable future.

Climate Change and Marine Biodiversity

Chloe Leung 4A

The world is currently facing the problem of climate change, which greatly affects marine biodiversity. However, many humans are still not aware of these problems.

According to Sino Group's assistant general manager, Melanie Kwok said, 'Climate change is the main reason causing biodiversity loss.' The Sino Group tends to focus on environmental, social and governmental sustainability. They believe that small steps will make big changes to the marine world, so Sino promises that no plastic will be used in their labelled hotels. They hope to encourage citizens to take action to protect the environment in order to create a better world for all life.

We went to Ocean Park to visit the coral rescue centre

REEFstoration, which is sponsored by the Sino Group. The staff introduced us to different coral species. They said, The whitened coral will be rescued and sent to the centre. Some people don't know that coral is actually an animal, not a plant. That's why the centre has to save them as much as possible. They are still living things! They hope through education, people will realise

the importance of protecting the environment's biodiversity.

We, as citizens living on Earth, should protect our home. For our future and our enchanting planet, we have to take action before it is too late.

Earth Needs Us

Vianna Chung 4A

Have you ever seen the beauty of the ocean? It is splendid and gorgeous! However, this awesome view is being destroyed by us humans, yes, we are the culprits. Take coral as an example, coral bleaching is becoming normal. Due to the high temperature of the water, corals will expel the algae living in their tissues which causes the

corals to turn completely white.

It's not only in the ocean, the whole world is getting worse. Extreme weather has been happening in Hong Kong for a while. On July 9, 37.9 degrees

Celsius was recorded in Hong Kong. It's scary to imagine that this is what the future holds.

Can we change the situation? Of course, we can make a difference! Firstly, we can save energy at home. We can switch to LED light bulbs to decrease pollution and emissions of greenhouse gases. Besides, we can eat more vegetables and less meat. It can reduce our carbon footprint by up to 500 kilograms of CO2e per year. Furthermore, we can support and promote eco-friendly activities.

It is imperative and urgent to take action now! Our world must be saved and it must be done by us!

From Admiralty

Step into the
world of "Moscow Express,"
a captivating drama that takes
audiences on a thrilling roller coaster
ride of emotions and intrigue. The play
has left a lasting impression on many,
including two student editors who had
the opportunity to witness its magic
firsthand. Read on as we present
their insightful and engaging
reviews.



Emmy Law 4A

Directed by Mr.Lee Chun Chow, 'Moscow Express' is a drama that created by Mr.Poon Wai Sum who designed the film based solely on Anton Chekhov. The drama is a combination of eleven short stories written by Anton Chekhov, a Russian who is critically acclaimed as one of the greatest writers of all time.

The drama was mainly about tour guide Ma Tai Sing and actress Chan Siu Yin who accidentally went to Moscow by train. It highlights their encounters at the end of the 19th century in Russia.

If you are not familiar with the style of drama that combines a vast array of short stories, you are bound to be confused or even frustrated during the drama appreciation. I had such kind of feelings when watching it. However, this drama was more than meaningful as it covered many aspects of human nature, including backwardness, ignorance, boredom, laziness, gossip and cowardice.

The most noteworthy and memorable scene that etched itself into my mind was a woman, with dark and long hair, who was once called a 'witch' by a 'gentlemen'. Does this sound absurd? Well, the woman was outraged, however, no one gave her mercy or even understood her. This distinctly reflects the 19th century, when men were the most powerful force in the world. Some of you may find this culture to be ridiculous and absurd, and many hold a belief that gender equality is essential. Nonetheless and sadly to say, it was indeed true that insights in the 19th century were absurd and backwards.

Another short story that should be noted was named "trial". A youngster was accused for stealing his father's money but he actually didn't do it. Shocked and furious, the village Head, villagers and soldiers came and scolded him without investigating the truth and listening to his explanation. This obviously showed that in the 19th century, people held a belief that the youth were always wrong. This is a perfect example of ignorance.

Not only did the above two short stories clearly illustrate that human nature is absurd with backwardness, ignorance, boredom, laziness, gossip and cowardice, but it also showed the writing style of Anton Chekhov.

In the late 19th century in Russia, most writers advocated including elements that satirised society. In this drama, it was crystal clear that Anton Chekhov didn't pursue the attractiveness of the plot but focused on shaping the characters' personalities. This allowed the characters' different personalities to form conflicts and contradictions, thereby reflecting social reality.

Having seen this drama, I would like to say that I am grateful that we are living in a society with innovative perceptions and acceptance.

Amber Yin 5B

The first time I met Anton Chekhov and his critique of reality was through the drama "Moscow Express." This play is based on Chekhov's novel, and through the crossing of two people in the subway, it shows absurd yet realistic situations one by one, taking the audience on a reflection of life and human nature.

The performances of the actors and actresses are wonderfully exaggerated. Not only do they have great acting skills, but they also work very well with each other, fitting the background of the old era and portraying the absurdities and hideousness of the characters in the stories. They bring a unique temperament and excellent fit to the show.

The stories that Chekhov wrote are never old. Everything Chekhov wrote still happens everywhere. Take my favourite story, 'Cowardly', as an example. It is a story about a hard-pressed tutor who is underpaid by her employer but refuses to accept a fair offer. The thing that impressed me the most was the comparison of the tutor's attitude between being underpaid and getting a fair offer. When she was underpaid, she didn't demand her wages but showed ingratiating and humble thanks to the employer who exploited her. However, after she gets a fair offer, she is initially happy but then becomes distrustful. She shouts, 'It must be fake money!' I see the irony and lamentableness of the story. The tutor, who has been exploited for a long time, doesn't learn how to resist. After encountering so much exploitation, she has already formed a habit, which is the saddest part. The irony is that after she receives fair treatment, she gets used to being exploited and considers what is normal to be abnormal. She contradicts and resists it. This reminds me that even when everyone is a victim, some people who strive for and defend their rights and interests in real life will be accused by those who are used to living a false life. Just like the tutor, she didn't believe in receiving reasonable wages but was convinced that the money was fake.

In conclusion, while "Moscow Express" is a reflective drama, it is also a delightful show that combines the situation of Hongkongers with the ironic story of Chekhov. Compared to the original story and the adapted drama show, I think the adaptation provides more unexpected irony and is closer to the lives of Hongkongers. The adapted drama shows the ugliness of reality on people. Not only can we learn something from this play, it also brings laughter and joy. As I said, the stories never get old. Whenever you watch this drama, it is a journey worth taking.

Anton Chekhov (1860-1904) was a renowned Russian playwright and short story writer known for his profound psychological insight and realistic portrayal of everyday life. His works, including plays

like "The Seagull" and "The Cherry Orchard," and short stories like "The Lady with the Dog", revolutionised the literary world with their emphasis on capturing the complexities of human relationships and the subtleties of human behaviour. Chekhov's lasting influence on literature is marked by his ability to illuminate ordinary moments and explore universal

Prior to becoming the Artistic Director of the Hong Kong Repertory
Theatre in 2023, Poon Wai Sum held the post of Dean of the School
of Drama at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts from 2017 to
2022, after having served as Resident Playwright and Discipline Leader of
Dramatic Writing from 2012 to 2017. Previously, he was the Artistic Director
of Prospects Theatre Company from 1993 to 2012. He was awarded the Drama
Practitioner Annual Achievement Award in 1999 and the Award for Arts Achievement in 2003
from the Hong Kong Arts Development Council, and was awardee of the Secretary for Home
Affairs' Recommendation Scheme in 2006. He is currently Adjunct Professor at the Hong Kong
Academy for Performing Arts and a member of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council.



4A Vianna Chung

My ideal travel destination is definitely Vienna. There are myriad reasons for this choice.

First of all, Vienna is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. It is a combination of rich history, vibrant culture, and a warm atmosphere, which is fabulous! Moreover, we can find the music of Mozart, Strauss, and Beethoven, as well as their presence in this city. Isn't it amazing? Additionally, the buildings and the River Danube are both gorgeous and famous, and each building has its own story and history.

If I were to travel to Vienna, the first place I would visit is the Belvedere Palace. It is a historic museum consisting of two Baroque palaces. Not only

is the Belvedere an exquisite palace, but it also houses the most priceless and beautiful art collections. Furthermore, the Belvedere Gardens are also worth a visit. We can enjoy breathtaking views from the terrace across from the Upper Belvedere.

Vienna is such a glamorous, glitzy, and romantic city. I would be delighted to travel there! I can't wait to visit Vienna!



4A Emmy Law

With its sense of prosperity, abundance of skyscrapers, and rich cultural heritage, New York has always been my ideal travel destination.

It is common knowledge that New Yorkers lead busy and bustling lives. However, Central Park provides the perfect sanctuary for them to relax. The tranquility found there can alleviate stress, unhappiness, and anxiety, making it a place I have yearned for deeply. In Central Park, visitors from all walks of life can find joy. Children can ride the carousel and feel on top of the world. The conservatory garden offers a sense of happiness for the elderly. As for me, sitting on a bench and immersing myself in stories or appreciating the scenic views of the park is perfect. I firmly believe that Central Park is the best place to escape from the harsh realities of life.

After a visit to Central Park, let's explore the Statue of Liberty! It is well-known and serves as a landmark of New York. Travellers can reach it by boat. This spectacular landmark embodies the spirit of liberty and freedom. By participating in a guided tour, tourists can learn about its history and broaden their perspectives. As the saying goes, 'Ten thousand scrolls are no better than ten thousand miles.' Travelling while expanding one's horizons is the essence of travel!

If you feel exhausted or hungry after these activities, enjoying delectable and appetising dishes in Chinatown is a great option! Chinatown is a fusion of Eastern and Southeast Asian cultures, offering a wide array of restaurants. Visitors can recharge themselves by feasting on a variety of dishes before indulging in some shopping. Countless shops can be found, offering everything from Korean beauty products to toys from various countries. Travellers can

immerse themselves in different cultures on this culturally diverse street.

New York holds a special place in my heart as an ideal travel destination, where I can take a break from reality while visiting Central Park, delve into the history of the Statue of Liberty, and experience diverse cuisines and products.

4A Chole Yip

Exploring the breathtaking appeal of Iceland's landscapes resembles entering into a desired globe where nature's marvels unravel at every turn. This is an excellent location for travellers looking for a one-of-a-kind as well as an immersive travelling experience. Iceland astounds the spirit with its different landscapes,



varying from sturdy volcanic surface to excessive environment-friendly fields populated with vibrant wildflowers.

I can just picture myself on my own, standing in wonder at the marvellous power of the magnificent Gullfoss Falls, with its plunging waters diving right into a deep canyon, producing an attractive rainbow in the haze. I can see myself gathering thoughts in the tranquil elegance of the heavenly lagoons' thermal waters bordered by the extraterrestrial landscape of black lava and heavy steam climbing from the planet.

For me, Iceland supplies a play area of all-natural marvels to discover. Whether it be hiking glaciers and appreciating the dancing northern lights in the dark wintertime skies or taking a thrilling helicopter flight over the optimals of the uplands, Iceland has it all. The Land of Fire as well as Ice is a heaven for lovers of the outdoors like me with trekking, horseback riding, glacier climbing as well as whale watching readily available.

Whether you are looking for an adventure, leisure or merely a getaway from the pressure of life, Iceland has a raw appeal along with an untamed spirit. It is a location that leaves an enduring impact on heart as well as mind, drawing in vacationers over and over again to witness the magic of this remarkable land.

4A Chole Leung

It must be Switzerland.

In the summertime, grasslands stretch as far as the eye can see. The bells on cows ring, creating a symphony of 'ringing' sounds throughout the mountains. The weather is just right, neither too cold nor too hot, perfect for sitting on a balcony chair and feeling the gentle breeze in the air. The main attraction, however, is the unparalleled landscape. Everything is simply perfect. Alternatively, you can spend a leisurely afternoon in a café nestled at the foot of the mountains.

Another enchanting destination in Switzerland is its lakes. Whether it is a famous lake or an ordinary one, the water is crystal clear, reflecting like a mirror. Ducks swim peacefully on its surface, adding to the serene ambiance.

In winter, the landscape transforms into a winter wonderland with piles of snow covering everything. You can take cable cars up to the mountains and enjoy the breathtaking views of Switzerland from the top. Skiing down the hills is an exhilarating experience, filled with fun and excitement. When you return to the ground, you'll find that even the lakes have frozen over. You can walk on them or even go ice skating!

If you are a nature lover, just like me, I am certain that you would also fall in love with Switzerland. It's not a crowded place, but rather a cosy destination where you can relax and escape the bustling city life.





Exotic food Ground the world

4B Nicole Lee

Escargot: From an exclusive food of France to a common delicacy

When we think of iconic attractions in France, our first thought has to be the Eiffel Tower. When it comes to unique delicacies in France, it must

be escargot. With its rich history, distinct flavors coupled with special preparation, escargot has captured the hearts of food enthusiasts around the world.

Back in ancient times, the Romans first popularized the consumption of snails. Considering escargot as a symbol of luxury and indulgence, it rose in popularity among the noble class. However, plain snails were seen as too simple. In order to showcase the wealth of noble families through their cuisine, the Romans tried to enhance the aroma and taste of snails using various methods, such as frying them with garlic, butter, white wine, and shallots. However, this preparation was viewed with disgust by the common people during the French Revolution.

Escargot used to be served exclusively to the nobility. As time passed, it became popular in Europe and around the world as more people learned about the culinary traditions of ancient France. Nowadays, you don't have to be royalty to enjoy this delicacy. If you can afford a trip to France, you must try traditional escargots! Another way to enjoy this dish is to purchase it in supermarkets. There is no excuse for you not to try it!

4A Marjorie Lai

Among the exotic delicacies in Thailand, fried silkworms stand out as an extraordinary snack in the street food market. This crispy critter is the larvae of silkworms, which can be off-putting to some tourists. Despite its infamy, it has become a challenge for adventurous tourists who want to expand their palate.

Additionally, there are numerous ways of preparing this dish. One popular method is to coat the crunchy critters in chocolate, creating a mix of sweetness and weirdness. Another way is to toss the fried silkworm in soy sauce and pineapple chunks, leaving an indelible memory on your taste buds.

While some people may go after the unorthodox, I can't bear to look at these insects for more than 5 seconds. Instead, I did some research on this dish. Not only did the experience broaden my horizons,

it also opened me up to strange new discoveries. I hope that someday I can step out of my comfort zone and try some of the 'intriguing' cuisine offered by the world, embracing the weirdness.

4B Abby Cheung

Personally, I consider river snail rice noodles to be an exotic food. Unconventional dishes often gain cult followings, and this snail-based rice noodle soup dish has managed to be loved by a whole nation. Just like the notorious durian, this dish created a buzz on Chinese social media thanks to its unique smell.

The dish features rice noodles soaked in a spicy broth, topped with locally grown ingredients like bamboo shoots, string beans, turnips, peanuts, and tofu skin. Rather than adding artificial flavorings, the broth has a dense, complex flavor as it is created using a prolonged cooking process with large quantities of snails, chicken feet, and pork marrow being stewed for over ten hours.

I first tried the river snail rice noodles when visiting China at the age of 11. While dining at a restaurant my relatives had recommended, the dish attracted me with its extremely unusual smell. What was

strange was that despite the stench, the dish tasted delicious.

In conclusion, river snail rice noodles is a type of specialty food, as its quality and freshness have not been compromised in the minds of consumers.

4B Kara Ng

The exotic food I will be introducing is sundae in Korea. It is not the typical scary insect dish that you may be thinking of, but a type of blood sausage. Sundae is usually made by steaming pig's intestines stuffed with sweet potato noodles, held together by pig's blood. It may sound weird to some, but it actually tastes better than you would expect! It's a bit chewy and is a delicacy suitable for all to try.

I found out about this exotic dish from a YouTube channel called "Koreanenglishman", a British man who studied in Korea and introduces all kinds of Korean food to British viewers. They laughed when they saw the sundae, but came to love it after trying it out.

Sundae can be paired with tteokbokki (Korean spicy rice cake). Both are considered healthy and help maintain a healthy digestive tract by keeping it running smoothly! They are also relatively low in calories, so you don't have to feel guilty after indulging in them.

I recommend trying sundae, as it's a delicious and popular dish not only in Korea, but around the world as well.



English Activities Committee

See a different world, see the world differently!

It is never easy to learn a new language, let alone perfect it, and that is why we are dedicated to offering numerous opportunities for students to enhance their English outside of the classroom. We aim to offer a range of activities to facilitate language learning, whether it be a movie appreciation event, book fairs, spelling competitions or chances to speak publicly. One thing that we prioritise is broadening horizons, and this year we have focused on new worlds and new cultures, in order for students to gain a broader perspective on the world and language learning.



Chairladies











Marjorie Lai 4A

As I reflect on my time as a chairperson of the EAC (English Activities Committee), I am reminded of the profound insight in the quote "With great power comes great responsibility." This quote, which originating from the Marvel fictional hero Spider-Man, has become a quiding principle in my approach to leadership.

When I was first elected as one of the chairpersons, I admit that I wasn't feeling that confident. There were moments of self-doubt, where I wondered if I was truly ready for the immense responsibility that might

come with this role. Yet, as I settled into the position and began to grapple with the weighty decisions and challenges, I realized the deep truth behind that famous quote. I understand that those with power have an ethical duty to use it responsibly for the greater good, not selfishly or recklessly. Not only did I gain confidence and the ability to adapt to new situations while being the MC on sports day and at the swimming gala, I also realised that the

crucial part was elevating the achievements and talents of others.

At the same time, I've learned that effective leadership is not about constantly being the centre of attention or hogging the spotlight. Some of my proudest moments have come when I was able to motivate my fellow EAC members, allowing them to take on greater roles and shine in their own way. I've found that by fostering an environment where everyone feels valued, the team as a whole can achieve so much more than just satisfying my own pride.

I may have been elected to this position, but I recognize that the true power lies in supporting the efforts of our remarkable team. All of our contributions are what truly drive our success. Additionally, without the guidance and support from our dedicated teachers, I may not be the leader I am today. Thank you for everything.





Chairladies

Once again, I am honoured to become one of the chairpersons of the EAC this year. I never imagined I would have had the opportunity to lead a group of people in organising various school-based activities such as the S.1 Information Day, the LAC Fair, and the S2 Spelling Competition. None of this would have been possible without the support of our teachers, who guided us in organising these school activities.

Being a part of EAC has provided me with valuable experiences. For example, being one of the announcers during Sports Day helped me understand how to make effective announcements. Additionally, presenting about Wing-Chun to French students through Zoom allowed me to broaden my understanding of both Chinese and French cultures. These unforgettable experiences will stay with me for years to come.

English should never be just a tool for us to use in the classroom. It is not just a subject to me, but something I would like to dig deep into and explore. It is my hobby to use English in my daily life. I wasn't good at it when I was in primary school. To be honest, I was the worst student in my class, though I got a very good grade in my P.1 tests and exams. How did it turn out to be my favourite subject and one of my strengths when I came to secondary school? This question has always been in my head.

Looking back, I started watching movies and videos in English during the summer holiday before I started secondary school. It wasn't with any purpose of learning, I was just curious about some of the

Kara Ng 4B

You may have wondered how all the chairpersons in EAC speak English fluently. Well, for me, I used to be afraid of speaking English in front of people. However, when I was in S.1, I started watching Harry Potter movies, which sparked my interest in speaking with a British accent (as I wanted to speak like Hermione). Moreover, watching videos of native British YouTubers quickly helped me develop a British accent in a short amount of time.

Overall, I am grateful for the opportunity to learn and acquire numerous skills and experiences as one of the EAC chairpersons. Learning English is not as difficult as it may seem, and I am confident that many of you will discover your interest in English one day.

Lily Sum 5B

topics, so I laid the first stone on English-based videos. You can find almost all of the topics you want on the internet, and so that's what I did back in that summer holiday. Gaming, arts, handicrafts, theories and so on. Then I suddenly realised I had already watched a bunch of English-based videos on different subjects. With the videos I watched and the knowledge I gained, my interest in English increased. I guess that's the point of how I got into English, by starting to earn interest in it. When you get knowledge from a different viewpoint or language, you can get other wisdom that you may not have noticed, linking with our slogan this year—"See a different world, see the world differently."

LAC Fair

The LaC Fair, in collaboration with the English Activities Committee (EAC), Geography Department, History Department and Life & Society Department, was successfully held in the School Hall. The activities included describing countries, building earthquake-resistant houses, virtual reality(VR) exploration of the rainforest, World War Q&A, and engaging in fair trade and consumption discussions. Students from 3A demonstrated outstanding knowledge in various subjects and emerged as the champions of the S3 Quiz Show. The fair provided students with a unique chance to apply their English skills across various subjects, fostering a spirit of language learning and exploration.







Showcasing a plethora of talent, this year our Musical Club put together a breathtaking performance of The Addams Family that highlighted the importance of adapting to changes and being open to seeing a different world. None of it could have been possible without the hard work of the actresses, Backstage Team, Make-up Team, Costume Team, Sound and Lighting Team, Caption Writers and Photography Team. In addition to the musical, this year Arts in Action boasted a Chinese dance, jazz dance, guzheng performance, an orchestra, some martial arts, a fashion show and also recitals from the Percussion Band and the Choir. Let's see what the students had to say about it.









The Audience's Voice

Growing up, meeting new people, falling in love, and experiencing changes in life is an imperative step, for better or worse. No matter what you do, preventing changes in life is unachievable. Instead of fearing challenges and difficulties, why not brave it out and see the beauty of change?

Elise Yee 4B

Wednesday was the first person who opened her mind to the 'normal' way of life. Not only did she want to get married with Lucas who lived a different life, but she also held the family dinner with the Beinekes. For Lucas, he risked his life almost being shot by a crossbow in order to show his love for Wednesday. Through their efforts, two families from two different worlds could accept each other and begin their new lives. Why don't we learn from them? Follow our heart but not the guidelines of 'the world'.

Nicole Lee 4B

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Similar to what the Addams family did, if you don't get one's foot out of the door and try to see a different world, we will never know what the other side of the Earth holds. Challenges help us discover who we are.





The Addams family encourages explore new ideas, challenge our uptions, and broaden our horizons. o leads to personal development and renriched life!

Dewanna Tong 4B



The tender and poignant father-daughter moment beautifully encapsulated the bitter-sweet essence of growing up, reminding us that life's journey is a tapestry of emotions.

Ms Tracy Leung

utterly mesmerised by the performance-a perfect combination of wits and flair! Ms Alisa Ho

watching wednesday grow before our eyes, the ghastly good show reminds us that family is family, throughout all life's changes.

Ms Raine Ng



School-based English Learning Experiences

We believe that education comes in a variety of formats, and that is why we strive to offer non/less-academic projects and opportunities for students to thrive, express themselves and unleash their talents. Language arts and joint-school collaborations are some ways of doing this.

S1 Drama Competition - Matilda

Following the international box office hit of the movie 'Matilda', Matilda the Musical hit theatres around the world. Both were incredibly successful and both were based on the 1988 children's novel by Roald Dahl. In the first term of this academic year, our S1 students produced their artistic take on the children's classic. Eight groups delivered different scenes, combining to tell the whole story of a young girl, whose courage and determination enabled her to utilise her talents to overcome adversity. With weekly drama lessons from Mr Chris, Mr. Richard and Ms Faiza, they were able enjoy language learning while expressing themselves through drama and enhancing their confidence in using English. The judge gave the following awards:





Awards	Awardees
The Best Teamwork Award	1A Group 2
The Best Overall Group	1A Group 1
The Best Actress	Karina Chan (as Ms Honey)
The Best Supporting Actress	Bareerah Hameed (as Zinnia)
The Most Comedia Actress	Brianna Lam (as Michael)

S2 Poetry Recital

In the words of Robert Frost 'Poetry is when emotion has found thought, and thought has found words.' This year, our S2 students put their emotion to thought and thought to words in the class based assessment poetry recital, creating free verse, acrostic and literary poems, and then choosing one to recite.













2B Clara Wong

S3 English X History Minivideo Making Competition

After showing the best WWI & WWII based 6-minute video from each S3 class in the final of our annual English X History Mini-video Making Competition, our judges, Mr Hoh and Mr Tai, along with Luana Hassel & Craig Robertson from the EDB, selected the winners of 6 different categories. Congratulations to 3A who

won the Best Overall
Group award, and
also Amber Mak
of 3A, who won
the Best Actress
Award.



S6 Joint School Oral Practice

The English joint school oral practice, held in partnership with Holy Family Canossian College, was a resounding success on 6 November in our gymnasium. Students from both schools enthusiastically engaged in group discussions, demonstrating their commitment to improving their oral skills. The primary objective of the practice session was to equip students with highly effective strategies and bolster their confidence in preparation for the upcoming DSE exam. The overwhelmingly positive feedback received from participants further underscored the session's remarkable effectiveness in equipping them with the necessary tools for success.









From Pooi To to the Young Post!

Being involved in English outside of the classroom is integral to improving fluency and understanding. One way to do this is reading, arguably the most powerful tool in language learning. However, combining this with participating in English speaking communities is a terrific way to take your English skills to the next level. Because of this, we encourage students to interact with English news and media on a daily basis, and writing to the Young Post is a brilliant way to get involved.

Writing to SCMP

What is your favourite way to spend a rainy day?

Sometimes, I walk in the rain without an umbrella to fully experience the gentle drizzle. A rainy day offers a beautiful opportunity to connect with nature and embrace the tranquillity of the surroundings. Rainy days are my favourite weather because the combination of rain and a dreamlike fog creates a fascinating scene. Also, the therapeutic sound of raindrops adds to its allure. Therefore, I always hope for a chance to take a walk in the rain on such days.

Sonia Tam Hin-ching, 2A

What was your most recent search on Google?

Food, of course. I am a total foodie, and I live to eat. On the internet, many bloggers provide information on the best restaurants. I also like to share experiences about restaurants I like with other foodies.

Josephine Ng Hoi-ching, 1A

What is a word or phrase that you dislike hearing from adults?

"You are older". I'm sure all elder siblings can relate to not liking this phrase. Being older doesn't always mean that I have to give something up just because my younger brother or sister likes it more. Growing up, I've heard this phrase so many times that I'd be rich if someone offered me a dollar for each time my parents have said this. Being older as a child doesn't instantly make me mature; I'm still just a child, so why do I have to give up on some things?

Bareerah Hameed, 1A

What song have you been listening to over and over these days, and why?

"Shake It Off" by Taylor Swift. This song is about learning to let go of other people's opinions and living your own life. It encourages me to keep going and have faith. Music can be a great source of comfort and motivation when I'm

feeling down. I love listening to it to let go of my negative feelings. It's just like Taylor is sitting next to me, cheering me up.

Lucinda Wong Lok-nam, 3A

What is a habit you picked up from your parents?

I always carry many things with me when I go out to avoid not having them when I need them. Although my bag looks bulky, I always have everything I need everywhere and at any time. For example, I can take out hand sanitiser when I want to eat or wet wipes when my hands are dirty. Because of this habit, my friends call me Doraemon.

Chloe Tsai Yin-hei, 6B

If you could run away from one responsibility in your life, what would it be, and why?

The responsibility of babysitting my younger siblings just because I am the older sibling. I am sure all older siblings can relate to this. Just because I am older doesn't mean that I will babysit my younger brothers and sisters all the time. I have hobbies and dreams I want to pursue. I love my siblings, but I don't want to give up on things that I like just because my baby brother needs me to accompany him.

Tania Lee Yee-wing, 1A

What is the weirdest favour you have been asked to do?

To pretend to be someone's daughter. I had a friend named Grace in Primary Five. She wanted to surprise her mom for her birthday. Grace thought we had similar facial features. Hence, she asked me to help distract her mum, and it worked. Her mother could not tell us apart, and the surprise went well in the end. She was stunned when she found out I wasn't her daughter.

Bareerah Hameed, 1A

Q Battle of the Books

There's nothing like a competition to give us the motivation needed to put our best foot forward, and it's always exhilarating to be awarded for your efforts. This year we have a variety of awards to be proud of. A big congratulations goes out to our Battle of the Books Team who came in 3rd Place in the Hong Kong Battle of the Books Competition. Having read 12 books and trained hard, the team can be satisfied with their performance, utilising their ability to work as a team, think logically and negotiate tricky situations to get a place on the podium.





Q Speech Festival

Congratulations to the talented students of class 2B for winning the championship with an impressive score of 88 marks at the 75th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival! Their captivating

recitation of the poem 'Here is the nose that smelled something sweet' by Clyde Watson truly stood out. Mrs. Rosalind Taylor, the adjudicator, praised their well-crafted and imaginative performance. In addition, our students achieved remarkable success in individual categories,

earning a first place, two

second places, a third place, and twenty-one certificates of merit across diverse categories such as the Solo Verse, Dramatic Duologues, Shakespeare Monologue, and Prose Reading.





Awards

Q Halfway Home Writing Contest

Congratulations to Dewanna Tong, Elise Yee, and Sammuela Yiu for their outstanding achievement in the writing competition organised by the City University of Hong Kong. They have truly showcased their talent and creativity through their exceptional writing skills on the theme "Halfway Home". For those of you who are interested in reading their exceptional work, you can find their articles in "Halfway Home XIV" available at our school library.





Q The 8th Speaking Contest

Three of our students, Shiloh Tsui, Noemi Lee, and Diva Leung,

successfully advanced to the final round of the 8th speaking contest organised by the Fuzi Chamber, surpassing over 200 participants. Among the three of them, Diva successfully won the Outstanding Award in the English Category. Her speech on bamboo as the embodiment of Chinese culture captivated the audience with its depth and eloquence.



Time to Talk Public Speaking Competition

A big congratulations also goes out to our two S3 EXCEL teams who entered the Time to Talk Public Speaking Competition organised by the EDB NET Section, and managed to finish 1st and 2nd out of 14 teams! Well done to Kelly Li, Ariel Chan, Angel Choi, and Abby Cheung

from 3A for coming 2nd with their speech on self-love, and also Chloe Tse, Emily Wai, Alka Chow & Amber Mak, also from 3A, for winning the competition with their speech on true friendship, inspired by the Toy Story theme song 'You've Got a Friend in Me'.





Champions



WONG NGO KI, ELIZABETH S4

Being part of the Toastmasters group has been an invaluable journey of personal growth for me. It has provided me with numerous opportunities to enhance my self-confidence and communication skills. Through participating in the Toastmasters meetings and activities, I

have been able to overcome my fear of public speaking and develop a greater sense of ease and proficiency in expressing myself.

One of the most significant aspects of the Toastmasters experience is the supportive community it offers. The members of the group are encouraging and provide constructive feedback, which has greatly contributed to my growth as a speaker. The environment is welcoming and nurturing, allowing me to feel comfortable and

motivated to improve my public speaking abilities.

Moreover, being part of Toastmasters has significantly improved my proficiency in the English language. The meetings provide a platform for practicing English communication skills, such as delivering speeches, engaging in impromptu speaking, and participating in discussions. This constant exposure to English has expanded my vocabulary, improved my grammar, and enhanced my overall fluency.

In essence, being a member of a Toastmasters group has been a transformative experience for me. It has empowered me to embrace challenges, communicate with clarity and conviction, and foster personal growth in various aspects of my life. I am grateful for the opportunities and support that Toastmasters has provided, and I look forward to continuing my journey of self-improvement and development within this inspiring community.

SO FAYETTE CATHERINE S5

It has been a transformative journey of growth and learning since I first joined the Toastmasters club three years ago. From a club member at the beginning to the Chairlady this year, the club has been instrumental in my personal development, and I have gained invaluable knowledge and skills from both the mentors and fellow members.

The Toastmasters club is not only a local community but also an international organization that provides an exceptional learning environment. One of the key areas of focus is enhancing English impromptu speaking skills, which has had a significant impact on my ability to think on my feet and communicate effectively. Through regular practice and constructive feedback, I have seen a remarkable improvement in my confidence and speaking abilities.

When I first joined, I was shy and lacked confidence. Completing a coherent and fluent speech seemed like a daunting task. However, the mentors in the club have been incredibly supportive throughout my journey. They have not only cheered me on but also shared invaluable tips and techniques that have transformed and inspired me. With their guidance, I have been able to overcome my initial hesitations and can now speak confidently in front of the club as the Toastmaster Club Master.

One of the unique aspects of Toastmasters is the platform it provides for members to interact and exchange ideas. Mentors often share their personal experiences and success stories, which have been a source of motivation and learning for me. The club encourages a supportive and non-judgmental environment that allows members to make mistakes and learn from them. This fosters a sense of comfort and ease, making it easier to engage with fellow members. I have discovered that practising my skills within this encouraging community has not only expanded my vocabulary but also taught me how to articulate and elaborate on my ideas, ultimately leading to increased confidence in my speaking abilities.

I firmly believe that anyone who joins Toastmasters will gain numerous valuable takeaways from the workshops and activities. The growth and improvement I have experienced through this journey have been truly remarkable. Therefore, I enthusiastically invite you to join

Toastmasters next year. Time is passing quickly, and I don't want you to miss the opportunity to make significant improvements in your communication skills. Embrace this chance for growth and development, I look forward to seeing you thrive with the Toastmasters community.





Amber Yin 5B

Before becoming the Chairlady of the debate team, I always wondered, "What is the point of debating?" For me, it seemed meaningless to argue about obscure topics that people wouldn't even think about. The answer was revealed when I experienced it first-hand.

It was a typical topic: "In times

of economic crisis, should we abolish the minimum wage?" As a member of the affirmative team, I researched a lot of information that could benefit our case. Thanks to my research, I acquired information that I hadn't considered before. However, I faced the challenge of organizing it and formulating effective reputals. Lused to view debate as mere information gathering and

effective rebuttals. I used to view debate as mere information gathering and never thought of it as enlightening. During the guidance sessions, I learned to approach problems through critical questioning. For example, I asked myself: "Which parties are affected by the minimum wage? Employers and employees. What would be the impact of abolishing the minimum wage on them? It could be beneficial, harmful, or even both." By delving into the underlying questions, I started to grasp the core of the issue. Furthermore, I realized the importance of

elaboration. While presenting raw information is crucial, explaining the cause-

and-effect relationships is even more important.

Before the match, I could only discuss the benefits or drawbacks of abolishing the minimum wage. However, during the preparation, I could apply a problem from verious angles and understood the implications.

analyze problems from various angles and understand the implications behind abolishing it. This was something the old me never could have accomplished. And that's what debating does—it inspires and encourages

critical thinking.

Did I sound like an elite before? Not at all. However, many people assume that those of us on the debate team must be courageous and have excellent language fluency. We are not the kind of people you might expect. While some of us may possess these qualities, I can assure you that most of us don't. Based on my experience, during competitions, people sometimes lose their place while referring to their scripts, and some get stuck on certain sentences. As for me, I would become so nervous that I couldn't even hear what others were saying; my heart would pound in my chest. The truth is, we are just ordinary individuals. People perceive us as thoughtful and observant because we have had more opportunities than others, and that is what debating provides.

Debating isn't just about talking; it involves thinking, elaborating, and communicating. You may think debating is boring and meaningless, just as I did in the past. But why don't you give it a try? Not only did I gain valuable experience that enhanced my speaking skills, but I also learned more information about different topics and gained a better understanding of the world. For me, debating acts as a bridge that connects the better version of yourself to the person you are now. Why don't you take the first step and join our debate team?





Honestly, debate is fun. Unfortunately, there is only one senior team so I wasn't able to participate as a competitor. As a competitor in debate competitions, you have to write your own speeches and rebuttals, which are used to counter the other team's points and convince the judge. I was tasked with writing rebuttals and conducting research which is crucial in debate because the right data can make the entire speech much more convincing!

Debate

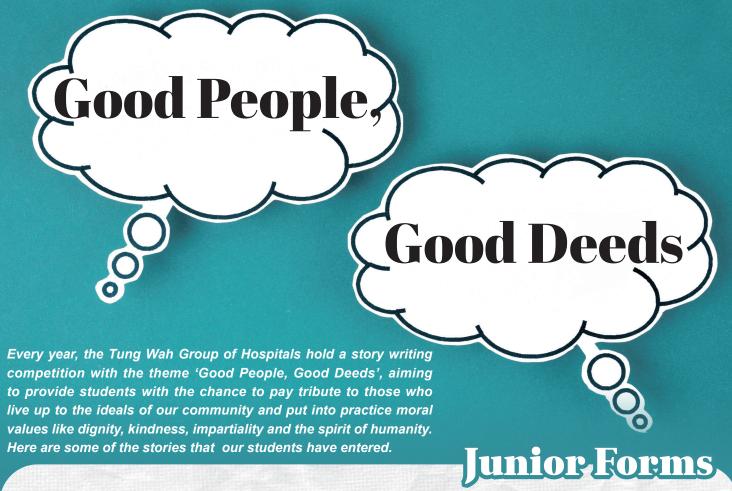
What did I mean when I said I couldn't take part? Well I could, but just not as a debater in a match. In debate, there is a host or timekeeper who keeps track of the speech durations, and introduces the topic and team members, just like an MC. That's what I usually do! It's not too stressful, thankfully. However, you have to be careful not to mess up the names, which happens guite often, believe it or not.

Another great thing about not being the one presenting speeches is how much you can observe. You won't believe the skills I picked up as an onlooker in the debates. One crucial aspect is how you present yourself. Body language is key—steady eye contact, hand gestures, and a confident posture can make you appear fully confident in your speech. It doesn't matter if you're a nervous wreck deep inside; just show that posture to everyone. Your tone of voice is also important, being able to speed up, become louder, softer, or slow down at different times. With practice and a well-prepared speech, you can become a confident and fluent debater.

Teamwork is another crucial aspect of debate. It's nearly impossible to succeed without it. You need to work together to write speeches, conduct research, develop strategies, and support one another.

Debate has helped me improve in many ways. I've learned how to write debate speeches, which was something I didn't know before. Additionally, I've gained more confidence. Even though I wasn't one of the three debaters, I still spoke as the chairperson, and public speaking does boost one's confidence, that's for sure.

In conclusion, debate is a fun activity for those who are willing to participate. Don't be scared to give it a try, even if you're not confident in your English. I hope this piece of writing has sparked your interest.



Helping Others

As I was walking down the street after school, a bright sunny light was beating down on my skin, the sun was following my shadow. The clouds disappeared into the sky, making me feel relaxed. I breathed a sigh of relief after finishing a day of school. At that moment, I saw an old woman walking slowly under some trees to avoid the glittering sunlight. I continued walking while I stared at her with my worried eyes.

As we crossed the road together, she suddenly dropped something from her little pink trolley. It was a pack of apple juices. I expeditiously stopped walking and went to help her pick up those juices and other items that she had dropped. "They are for my grandson, thank you very much. As a sign of my gratitude, please take one for yourself!" she whispered softly in my ears. However, I didn't want to take a gift from her that was for her grandson, so I didn't accept.

After a few months, I became busy with my school life. Volleyball, western calligraphy and the recording team took up much of my time after school. One day, after finishing volleyball, I walked down the street as usual, breathing in the clean air. As the sun was setting, the sky changed minute to minute, from yellow to orange and so forth. I was amazed by the astonishing colours. Although I was hot and sweat was dripping down my face, I was grateful that I had a chance to enjoy the beauty of this world.

Later, my eyes saw a familiar figure. I had seen this person a few months ago. I started racking my brains to remember who it was. Many scenes and voices slowly appeared in my head, such as my classmates, family, teachers, and even some vehicles on the road. However, I still couldn't remember who she was.

She seemed to be in shock when she saw me, but then she showed a bright and wrinkled smile. Oh! She was the woman that I helped a few months back. I waved my hand to her and walked next to her when we were waiting to cross the street. We started chatting. "I haven't seen you for a long time! Where did you go?" The old woman asked me with a confused tone. "I was busy and tired with my schoolwork, so I always go home immediately after school." I explained to her about what was happening in my school life.

My parents were busy and never at home with me, so I was always alone at home after school. It was unusual to share things with strangers, so it was fun and new to me. Later on, I helped to pull her pink trolley, "It is very nice of you, even my grandson doesn't do this for me! Haha!" We laughed together, then she told me she was already 75 years old. I felt sorry for her, because of her grandson.

At the time, I was carrying my schoolbag, but I still agreed to go to the supermarket with her. We walked and chatted; I had never been that happy before. I appreciated having been able to have met her in my life. When we arrived at the supermarket, I helped her to pull a shopping cart, and to choose some better oranges. I even helped her carry those shopping bags. I didn't get tired, and I felt happy to help strangers.

Helping people in this world is not difficult, but we need to have a heart filled with kindness, regardless if that person is good or bad. We are all living on the same planet, so we should help each other to keep our relationships honest and peaceful.

Coco Leung 3A

A Simple Action

As I walked home with my mother after a successful shopping trip, the bright warm shiny sunlight shone on my face. Petals were scattered over the ground, and the fragrance of flowers drifted up my nose with the wind.

As we walked by a park full of colorful flowers that were blooming, a boy with a cute face and big eyes passed us in his wheelchair. One of his legs was bandaged, he seemed to have a foot injury. In fact, I thought it was not a big deal as I always saw many like this.

However, the boy faced some difficulties in using the wheelchair — he

stopped in front of one flight of stairs and tried very hard to go up. I looked at him while walking and I did nothing, as I thought it was not my business to help the boy. Meanwhile, my mum told me to help him. Although I listened to her, I still did not want to do so.

I walked behind him and pushed his wheelchair slowly, so that he finally went up that ruthless flight of stairs. At that time, the boy smiled like an angel and yelled excitedly 'Thank you so much!' He seemed as happy as getting full marks in an exam, I was curious why he felt that happy just 55

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because of this little thing and I asked him. He then told me many things that were inconvenient in his daily life, but no one helped him and he was helpless. This time, I truly understood why my mum told me to help the boy, and I immediately felt sorry for him. My cheeks went red like an apple.

This simple action helped me learn that I was blessed without knowing it, we don't always understand the difficulties that disabled people face. We should be considerate of them and care about their needs. Doing a simple action can help a lot more than we think!

Johanna Chan 2A

Good People Good Deeds

If you ask me what the most important and glorious positive energy in society is, obviously I would say kindness. Whether it be giving care or showing love, kindness it key to a successful society. This is what we often hear in school and are taught it by our parents. However, is it just all words, or do we actually follow through with our actions? Let me tell you an unforgettable story.

Tom was a form two student who didn't like to go out, but was addicted to the internet. It was the summer holiday, and his teacher had given him plenty of homework. One of them was 'Join a volunteer project and write a 500-word report on it'. He groaned 'Why do I need to do that, it's not my job. I hate doing volunteer work, it isn't my responsibility, it's unreasonable!' Having no choice but to do something, he decided to visit an elderly person who lived alone in public accommodation offered by the social welfare department.

The weather was muggy and the sun was scorching. Tom squinted, he could feel his skin burning. He stepped into the house of Uncle Wong. All he could feel was the stifling moist air, and all he could smell was the horrible smell of sweat. The wall, the fan, all the furniture were damaged and moldy. Tom wondered 'How could people live in such an awful house like this! I'll just stay awhile and leave as fast as I can.'

'Clop clop clop' a few steady footsteps approached. An old man with a sweaty white shirt and kind smile walked up to him and said 'Good

afternoon my child! Thank you for coming to visit me.' Uncle Wong invited Tom to sit with him. At first, he resisted, but the social worker encouraged him to be more enthusiastic. However, after a small chat with each other, the atmosphere became awkward. Fortunately, Tom broke the ice 'Do you like playing musical instruments?' 'Yes, the guitar is my favorite' replied by Uncle Wong. 'Really, me too. I'm good at playing guitar.' He responded excitedly. 'Do you know when I was young, I ...' After finding their kindred spirit, they could not stop talking.

From that moment on, they became good friends. Tom no longer hated Uncle Wong's living environment, and was willing to get to know him better. Tom found that although the accommodation was a bit dilapidated, he loved to be clean and he was definitely an easygoing person. He was a special type of person that he had never met. Furthermore, Uncle Wong felt grateful as he no longer felt alone. Because of this experience, Tom decided to become a youth volunteer as he wanted to visit more elderly people that needed company and mental support.

From Tom's story, I have realized that more care is needed in society. People should not be alone, even if they are not our own responsibility. If you can be brave and extend a loving hand to others, you can save a lonely person, whether it is the elderly, adults, or teenagers. It is time to spread your love and kindness to others to build a stronger society!

Angel Choi 3A

A Lovely Christmas Night

It was a cold gray winter's day, and everybody was having a lovely Christmas. My mum and I had just finished a delicious Christmas meal, and as we walked out of the shopping mall, we saw a woman sitting beside the MTR station. Her Christmas wasn't going as well as everyone else's.

The woman was only wearing a t-shirt with short jeans, her body was shaking and there was a card in front of her saying 'Please help me!'. I ignored the woman because I thought she was scammer who was lying to people to earn money, but my mum stopped walking and started looking at her. I felt confused so I asked 'Why have you stopped walking?' She answered, "I think we should help her. Let's buy some clothes and food for her.' I was shocked.

We went to a big shopping mall. It was full of food, restaurants and clothes. We picked a gray down jacket for the homeless woman. After that we went to the supermarket and chose some warm food and drinks for her, hoping she could fill her tummy. After purchasing a number of items, we

went back to the MTR station and found the woman.

She was still sitting there and eating some bread. My mum walked over to her and started talking. The woman was surprised and kept saying thank you to my mum. My mum smiled and took some money out from her wallet. Ten minutes later, the woman said goodbye and my mum told me to go. Before we went, I looked back and saw her smiling at me. My heart felt warm

When we returned home, I asked my mum why she chose to help that woman. She told me 'Everyone deserves to be treated tenderly.' I pushed back, 'Maybe she is lying to you.' She paused and then responded 'If she is lying, that is her choice. On the other hand, helping her is our choice.' After pondering on this for a while, I understood that helping people is also helping yourself, and that we should treat all people with love, care and tenderness, not with judgement.

Gaile Lan 3B

Kindness Is Not a Given

It is not a given that people will always be nice to you. However, is it possible to shape yourself so that you are always kind to others?

On a bright warm beautiful day, sunlight shone on my face. The streets, adorned with vibrant blossoms, seemed to mirror the souls of its inhabitants. That day was a Sunday. As usual, I went to have my piano lesson. I saw a strange old man sitting on the floor. He was begging and telling everyone how bad was his life was. I thought he was a fraud. In that moment, as I stood there observing the man on the floor, a wave of conflicting emotions washed over me. Much doubt and suspicion tugged at my heart, questioning the authenticity of his plight. I couldn't help but wonder if he was indeed a fraud, preying upon the kindness of others. But amidst those thoughts, a different voice within me spoke—a soft pleasant voice that

urged me to consider the possibility of his genuine suffering. It reminded me of the importance of extending kindness, even when faced with uncertainty.

As humans, we have the ability to choose our actions and responses. While it may not be inevitable that people will always be nice to us, it is within our control to decide how we treat others. Kindness, in its purest form, transcends the actions of those around us—it arises from a place of compassion and understanding. It is a really conscious choice to acknowledge the inherent worth and dignity of every individual, regardless of their circumstances.

With these thoughts swirling in my mind, I approached the man cautiously. His eyes, although small, tired and weathered, held a glimmer of hope as he looked up at me. I couldn't ignore the possibility that his plea for

help might be genuine, and so I decided to offer a small act of kindness. I reached into my bag and retrieved a bag of chocolate cookies, handing it to him gently.

He said thank you to me and gave me a radiant smile. At that moment, it didn't matter whether his story was true or not. What mattered was that I had chosen to respond with compassion, to extend a helping hand to someone in need. Perhaps my small act of kindness would make a difference in his life, or perhaps it would simply serve as a reminder that there are still good people in the world, willing to lend a hand without any judgment or expectation.

The world is filled with both darkness and light, with individuals who may choose to deceive and manipulate. When we choose kindness, even in the face of uncertainty, we contribute to a collective effort to build a more compassionate and understanding society.

As the sun continued its ascent, its golden rays illuminating the path before me, I felt a renewed sense of purpose. The encounter with the man on the floor served as a gentle reminder that our actions, however small, have the power to shape the world around us. I vowed to continue seeking opportunities to be a force of positivity, to be a good person who performs good deeds, even in the face of uncertainty.

Khloe Li 2A

Senfor Forms

We Could Be Heroes

The little boy handed in his student information and said that his parents' occupations were Superman. The teacher was puzzled and started to ask another one.

The little boy told the teacher that he could only see his parents once a year on his birthday, and then took out the party photos to show the teacher.

"Miss Lee, every year I can only see my father and mother on my birthday. They are Superman!" The little boy explained to the teacher excitedly.

The teacher's eyes flashed with confusion, and she was perplexed by the little boy's words. However, she soon realized that there must be a story behind it. She plucked up her courage to ask the little boy about the background of this special situation.

The little boy inadvertently took out a photo album full of laughter and happy photos. He gently opened the album and showed the teacher the superhero party on his birthday every year.

"This is what my dad and mom look like. They show up at my birthday party every year as different superheroes. My neighbors also dress up in superhero costumes to bring me laughter and surprise." The little boy's voice was full of surprise and gratitude.

The teacher read each photo with warm eyes, and she was deeply moved by the scenes full of love and care. She began to understand that

these neighbors had been playing the role of parents to the little boy and filling the void in his life.

Many years later, the little boy had grown into a strong and wise young man. He returned to school again, looking for the teacher who accompanied him through the lonely time.

"Miss Lee, thank you for your care and understanding. You know, my neighbors have always played the role of my parents, giving me warmth and love. They protect me like superheroes so that I no longer feel lonely." The boy said to the teacher gratefully.

The teacher was deeply moved and surprised. She realized how many difficulties and challenges the little boy had experienced, but he always remained strong and courageous. She hugged the boy tightly, feeling his heart full of love and gratitude.

Miss Lee later found a news report about the tragedy, where the little boys' parents were unfortunately killed, and only he had miraculously survived. People all over the country were shocked and heartbroken by this tragedy. The entire nation mourned the loss of the little boy's parents, who had selflessly sacrificed themselves as a 'superhero' to save the little boy's life. The story touched the hearts of many, and soon, people from all walks of life began reaching out to offer their support.

Abby Cheung 4B

Apricity

In our fast-paced and often self-centered society, it's crucial to pause and reflect on the true essence of greatness. True greatness lies not in the spotlight, where recognition and fame are sought, but in the genuine kindness we show towards others. It is in those moments when we extend a helping hand, offer a listening ear, or simply share a smile that we truly make a difference in someone's life.

In a world that often feels chaotic and unpredictable, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and think that we can't make a difference. The problems we face can seem complex, and we may question the impact of our actions. Yet, the truth is that even the smallest action of love, appreciation, compassion, and kindness can have a big impact on people's lives. Through these simple yet profound gestures, we can create an effect, inspiring others to do the same and make the world a better place.

Love, a powerful tool that brings people together, has the ability to transcend boundaries and unite us all. Mother Teresa once said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." By showing love to the people around us, whether it's a sweet smile, a warm hug, or a kind word, we have the power to brighten up their day and make them feel valued and appreciated. Love connects people and inspires them

to spread love further, creating a chain of positivity. Not only does love heal wounds and broken hearts, but it also brings hope to those who are struggling, reminding them that they are not alone in their journey.

Appreciation is another essential aspect of kindness that has the power to inspire and uplift others. As Maya Angelou wisely said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." When we take the time to acknowledge and commend someone for what they do, it not only lifts their confidence but also makes a profound impact on their self-esteem. By showing genuine appreciation, we create a supportive atmosphere where people feel motivated and encouraged to keep doing their best. Moreover, by consistently expressing gratitude for the kindness and generosity we receive, we help cultivate a kinder and more connected world, where acts of kindness are treasured.

Compassion, the ability to understand and empathize with someone else's pain, is a vital aspect of kindness that can transform lives. It involves putting ourselves in another person's shoes, listening without judgement, and offering support and understanding. Compassion inspires hope, restores faith, and reminds individuals that they are not alone in their

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struggles. It creates a safe space for people to express their vulnerabilities and fosters a sense of belonging and acceptance.

Kindness, although often underestimated, has the power to change lives in profound ways. Take the example of Lori, a compassionate woman who started an initiative called "Warm Hearts" with the intention of helping the homeless in her city. Deeply concerned about the plight, she decided to take action. Instead of simply walking by like many others, Lori reached out to local businesses and the community, appealing for donations of warm clothing, blankets, and other essential supplies. Soon, her efforts paid off, and she had gathered an impressive number of items to assist those in need

Nevertheless, Lori's journey didn't stop there. She organized an event where she and a group of dedicated volunteers distributed these essential supplies directly to individuals experiencing homelessness. Lori made sure that every person was treated with respect and kindness. She took the time to listen to their stories, offer words of encouragement, and provide a glimmer of hope in their lives.

Lori's acts of kindness touched the lives of countless individuals. Some found renewed hope and regained their footing, while others were inspired to pay it forward and make a difference in their own unique ways. Lori's dedication and kindness not only transformed the lives of those she directly helped but also sparked a chain effect of kindness and compassion within her community.

Making a difference through kindness is a powerful and transformative way to impact the lives of others. By consistently displaying acts of love, appreciation, compassion, and kindness, we create an effect that spreads positivity throughout our communities. Small gestures, such as offering a helping hand, lending a listening ear, or showing a simple act of kindness, can brighten up someone's day and remind them that they are valued and cared for. By choosing these conditions as our guiding principles, we contribute to a world filled with empathy, compassion, and love, lifting the lives of those around us and creating a better future for all.

Let's embrace the beauty of kindness and allow it to radiate through our words and actions, creating a positive impact on those around us.

Marjorie Lai 4A

God's Plan

'Let all that you do be done in love', excerpted from 1 Corinthians 16:14. I shared the same perspectives with this scripture. When it came to spreading warmth, respect, sympathy and tender-heartedness, a person emerged in my mind——A priest, Mr. Wong, who changed my life.

Living in a family which lacked love, I once was a mischievous girl. At that time. I craved to be loved by my mom and dad, thus I usually pranked on my classmates in hopes to stimulate their concerns. I held a belief that the more disobedient, wayward and indecent I was, the more they had to care for me. However, it turned out I was running around in circles.

As time passed by, I became an ordinary adolescent without the ability to love. In my classmates' and teachers' view, I was ruthless and heartless. 'I don't care', I murmured in my heart a thousand times. It was a terribly tough time. Fortunately, I met him, who rescued me from the bottomless, dark hole, who let me see the light in the tunnel end, who ignited love in the bottom of my heart.

I could still vividly remember that when I was in secondary two, a quarrel with my classmate broke out. 'Why do you act like that? You are so rude. Monster, barbarian!' A boy with widened eyes, curly hair pointed at me and shouted. I crumbled, my right hand was trembling, I kept breathing in and out. 'How come people in the world treat me like this?' I could distinctly hear the breaking sound of my heart. Realizing that my mom and dad wouldn't support and listen to me, I ended up wandering in the street.

Perplexed and upset, I just kept wandering and wondering. 'Are you alright?' A man whispered; his voice was tender. I looked up at him, from head to toe. He was tall, almost 1.8m. His dark hair contrasted sharply with his pale face. His hair flopped over his forehead and he had broad shoulders, which made him look trustworthy. Maybe I could tell him my troubles?

'Um...Do you need any help?' He asked again. Oh! How kind-hearted he was! At least I could sense that he cared about me.

'Nice to meet you, I am Emmica.' I muttered, still had a thick wall in my heart. 'Hi, I am Franky Wong, a priest, or you can call me Mr. Wong.' He said, with passion in it. 'This is my church. We can sit there and talk. 'He pointed at the building and suggested. I agreed and followed him.

Inside the church, a humongous statue popped into my eyes. 'Is he the lord?' I asked. He replied with a nod. When we arrived at the spacious room, he let me sit. 'If you have any difficulties, feel free to talk with me. I am all ears!' This sentence warmed my heart, however, I still guarded by the thick wall. Therefore, I just simply mentioned I was bullied by peers and overlooked by my parents. He first comforted me and introduced the most

powerful person-lord, to me.

'The Lord can empower you. He loves you more than you love yourself.' He claimed. I found it very touching. I had never imagined that I was loved, I was not lonely! He encouraged me to pray more as praying can alleviate our stress and misery. 'But...why do you treat me with kindness and love?' I asked, puzzled. He smiled brightly and showed me the scripture 'we love because god first loved us. 'Deeply touched again, the thick wall in my heart broke and I decided to believe in god.

Because of this chance encounter, I started visiting the church once a week and venerated god. The clock kept turning, the bond with friends in church was fostered and I was growing up mentally, started to learn how to treat people with love. Thanks to Mr. Wong's effort and compassion, I am now a decent person with love and passion.

Being a doctor had been my dream for years. However, I kept exerting massive pressure on myself. Moreover, I wasn't studying in a prestigious school. I was afraid I couldn't prevail over students from better schools. So, I kept on doubting myself, thinking my dream would never come true.

Mr. Wong, who has strong observation skills, realized that I was exhausted and jaded. He took my friends and I to Ocean Park for relaxation. I incredibly appreciated his kindness.

'You wanna be a doctor, but you are confronting obstacles, aren't you? Be confident! I trust you. You can get into medical school, believe it!' What an understanding person. 'Even though you do not come from a top-ranked school, it doesn't mean you are destined to fail. It's indeed a chance for you to trust yourself, to believe God can make everything possible!' He shouted with certainty and appreciation.

During the study leave, I kept studying, pulling all-nighters. I was not exhausted though, how could I be when I was fighting for my dream!

A few months later, I received my public exam result. Yeah! Forty marks out of forty-two, I could get into medical school! I felt like on top of the world and I could feel my heart pounding against my ribcage!

After knowing the good news, Mr. Wong was delighted too. You are the one who introduced God to me and enlightened me. Thank you for your unwavering support, love, appreciation, compassion and kindness.

Indeed, he positively affected countless people like me. If that day I didn't meet him, I could hardly succeed, for sure. God has posed an impact on me too. He loved me and I learnt how to love people around me. Both god and Mr. Wong changed my life.

I sincerely hope that I could be a doctor with love, appreciation, compassion and kindness one day.

Emmy Law 4A

The Shelter of Second Chances

In a world where negativity often dominates headlines, it is crucial to shine a light on the stories of good people and their extraordinary deeds. These tales of compassion, selflessness, and resilience remind us of the inherent goodness that exists within humanity. From everyday heroes to unsung champions, these individuals have made a profound impact on the lives of others. The following story shows the power of good people and their commitment to making the world a better place.

In a small town nestled between rolling hills and quaint streets, Sarah, a woman overflowing with compassion, embarked on a mission to make a difference. Witnessing the plight of homeless individuals struggling to find a fresh start, she opened a shelter that would offer more than just a roof—it would become a beacon of hope and a catalyst for change.

With limited resources and a heart full of determination, Sarah faced numerous challenges along the way. The road ahead seemed arduous, but she refused to be deterred by the obstacles that lay in her path. She knew that the journey would be demanding, but the potential to transform lives was worth every ounce of effort.

Sarah's unwavering dedication and unwavering spirit began to draw attention from the community. Her vision resonated with others, and soon, volunteers and donors started to rally behind her cause. The shelter gradually took shape, with each brick and beam symbolizing the collective goodwill and shared commitment of the community to helping those in need.

The shelter, named Haven House, became more than just a physical space—it evolved into a sanctuary for individuals seeking solace and a chance to rebuild their lives. Sarah's vision extended beyond providing temporary shelter; she wanted to create an environment that nurtured personal growth, resilience, and self-sufficiency.

Recognizing that securing employment was a crucial step towards stability, Sarah implemented a job training program within the shelter. Local business owners were invited to mentor and offer opportunities to the residents, allowing them to gain valuable skills and confidence. Slowly but steadily, the shelter's occupants began to secure steady employment, regaining their sense of purpose and reclaiming their dignity.

Sarah understood that healing wounds extended beyond mere physical needs. With the help of dedicated volunteers, she established counselling services within Haven House. Trained professionals provided emotional support, guidance, and resources to address the traumas and challenges that had led each resident to homelessness. Through therapy sessions and support groups, individuals discovered the strength within

themselves and learned to navigate the complexities of their lives.

However, what truly set Haven House apart was the creation of a genuine and supportive community. Sarah believed that a sense of belonging and camaraderie were essential for lasting change. Residents were encouraged to participate in communal activities, such as cooking together, sharing stories, and engaging in creative pursuits. Friendships blossomed, and a support network formed, fostering an environment of compassion, understanding, and encouragement.

As the shelter flourished, Sarah's impact extended far beyond the physical walls of Haven House. Her tireless efforts inspired others in the community to get involved and give back. Local businesses donated clothing, food, and essential supplies, ensuring that the residents had their basic needs met. Community members volunteered their time, providing mentorship and companionship to those transitioning back into society.

The stories of transformation began to emerge, painting a vivid picture of the shelter's profound influence. Individuals who had once felt lost and abandoned regained their confidence and discovered their innate resilience. Haven House became a stepping stone towards brighter futures, empowering its residents to break free from the cycle of homelessness and pursue their dreams with renewed determination.

Sarah's unwavering commitment and the collaborative efforts of volunteers and donors transformed Haven House into a symbol of hope, compassion, and possibility. Through her vision and tireless dedication, countless lives were touched, and the small town witnessed the transformative power of compassion and community.

In the end, Sarah's shelter became more than just a physical space—it became a testament to the extraordinary capacity for goodness that exists within humanity. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the stories she wrote, and the ripple effect of kindness that continues to inspire others to make a difference. Sarah's unwavering commitment to compassion serves as a guiding light, reminding us all that even with limited resources, we have the power to transform lives and create a world where everyone has a chance to thrive with dignity and purpose.

This story reminds us that compassion, selflessness, and resilience have the power to transform lives. Sarah, driven by a deep sense of empathy, makes a lasting impact on their communities and inspires others to join their cause. Her story serves as beacons of hope in a world often overshadowed by negativity.

Dewanna Tong 4B

Pedagogy of Love

Once upon a time, there was a dedicated teacher named Winnie, who had been teaching in mainstream schools for ten years. This teacher firmly believed that every student has unique potential. One day, she decided to transfer to a school that catered to students with special educational needs.

This special school was one of a kind. It enrolled students from various categories of special education needs. The school's philosophy was rooted in the belief that every student possesses different talents and potential, and it aimed to provide a caring and inclusive environment for nurturing their strengths.

If Winnie is asked why she chose to teach at this particular school, she will reply, "Once, I visited a school. The students are all special, but all of them showed a big smile on their faces. That was the most gorgeous moment I have seen, and I want to see it again."

It was not an easy job, Winnie faced more and more difficulties. One of her students was with moderate hearing impairment in his ears, making it challenging to communicate with him, including teaching. To overcome this barrier, Winnie decided to complete a certificate course in sign language. Even though learning a new language was a hard process, she didn't give up. As Winnie continued her journey at the special school, she encountered many challenges, but her determination never wavered. She put in a lot of effort learning sign language, allowing her to effectively communicate with her hearing-impaired student and provide him with the education he deserved.

Months passed, and Winnie's student made remarkable progress. His confidence grew, and he began to actively participate in class discussions. The joy on his face when he understood a concept or accomplished a task was immeasurable. Winnie felt a deep sense of fulfilment in witnessing his growth.

One day, as Winnie was preparing to leave school, she noticed a piece of paper on her desk. Curious, she opened it and found a heartfelt note from her hearing-impaired student. In the letter, he expressed his gratitude for Winnie's support, patience, and belief in his abilities. He credited her dedication and sign language skills for his progress and newfound confidence.

In the end, Winnie realized that true rewards come in the form of gratitude, growth, and the knowledge that she had made a difference in the lives of her students. The simple joys and heartfelt appreciation she received from her students were invaluable and served as a testament to the power of being a good person.

And so, Winnie's journey as a dedicated teacher continued, fueled by the gratitude and appreciation she received from her students. She remained committed to the belief that being a good person and investing in the lives of others would always bring its own rewards.

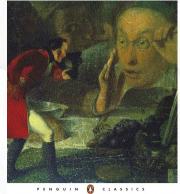
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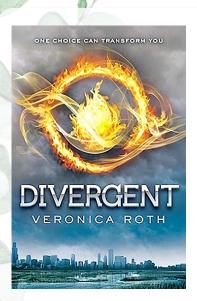
Gulliver's Travels describes the four voyages of Lemuel Gulliver, a ship's surgeon. In Lilliput he discovers a world in miniature; towering over the people and their city, he is able to view their society from the viewpoint of a god. However, in Brobdingnag, a land of giants, tiny Gulliver himself comes under observation, exhibited as a curiosity at markets and fairs. In Laputa, a flying island, he encounters a society of speculators and projectors who have lost all grip on everyday reality; while they plan and calculate, their country lies in ruins. Gulliver's final voyage takes him to the land of the Houyhnhnms, gentle horses whom he quickly comes to admire - in contrast to the Yahoos, filthy bestial creatures who bear a disturbing resemblance to humans.

"Gulliver's Travels has been my childhood's all-time favorite book. It unlocked my creativity and imagination, fueling my passion for travel. It's no wonder I've become a 'Travelolic'! Highly recommended for a delightful and adventurous read."

Ms Tracy Leung







In the first book of the trilogy, Beatrice Prior's dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all 16-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is—she can't have both. So she makes a choice that surprises everyone, including herself.

She then discovers unrest and growing conflict that threaten to unravel her seemingly perfect society, and she also learns that her secret might help her save those she loves . . . or it might destroy her.

"While the movie was pretty bad, I can assure you that the book series for this trilogy is a must for any fans of dystopian novels. Once I picked it up, I couldn't put it down!"

Mr. Martin Middleton

The Odyssey follows the Greek hero Odysseus, king of Ithaca, stranded on the island of Ogygia, where he has been detained by the nymph Calypso. The majority of the story unfolds as Odysseus faces numerous challenges, encounters mythical creatures, and battles both the forces of nature and divine intervention on his way back to Ithaca, his beloved homeland. The setting of this epic poem by Homer spans the Mediterranean and includes mythical realms such as the Cyclops's island, the land of the Lotus Eaters, and the underworld. The poem is not only an adventurous tale but also a reflection on the complexities of human nature, loyalty, and the consequences of one's actions. Its themes of cunning, divine justice, and the importance of home resonate across cultures and ages makes it a must-read!

"The Odyssey is not your typical boring literature. It is a work of art that was the inception of the fantasy genre! I too would like to explore the worlds as Odysseus had. And where might they be, you ask? Read The Odyssey and find out!"

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