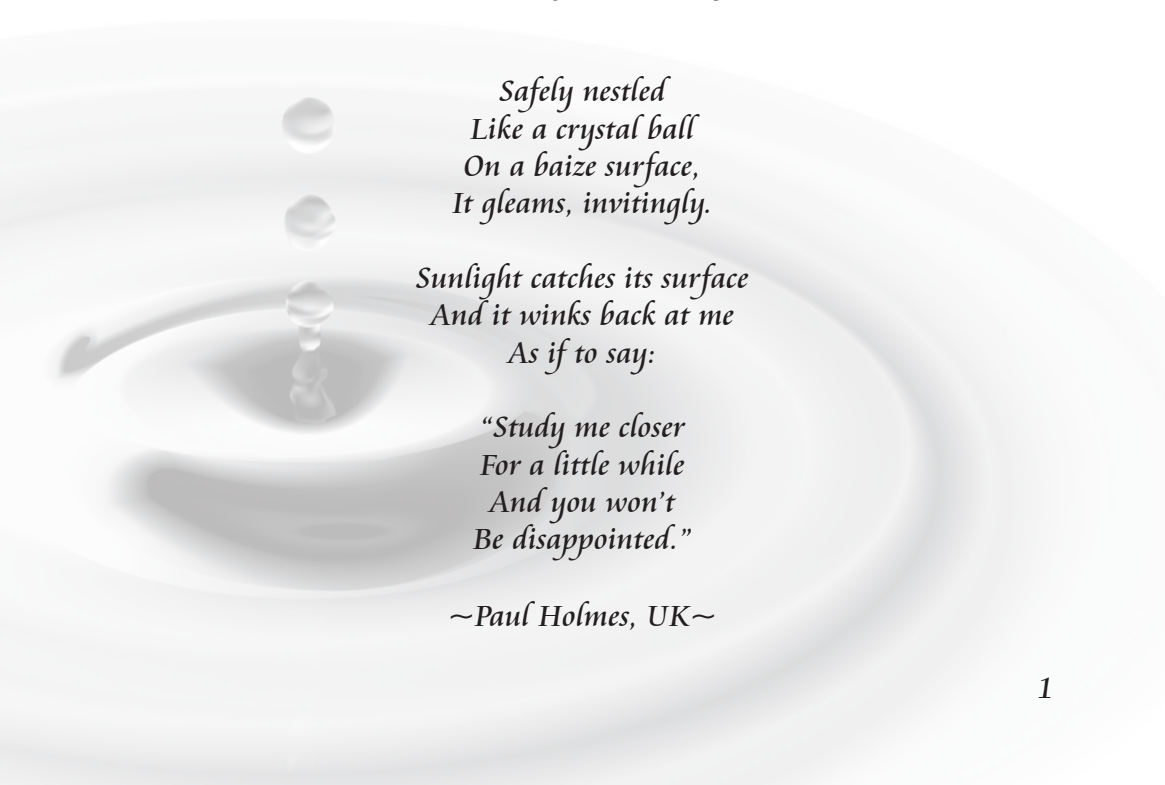


*Water Droplet on a Leaf*



*Safely nestled  
Like a crystal ball  
On a baize surface,  
It gleams, invitingly.*

*Sunlight catches its surface  
And it winks back at me  
As if to say:*

*“Study me closer  
For a little while  
And you won’t  
Be disappointed.”*

*~Paul Holmes, UK~*

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*Never be lazy, never be late*

*cherish our precious age*

*we are always in the fighting state*

*the sun we'll see after the rainy day*

*get out of the shade and stand on the highest plain*

*7A 7A*

*Time to be tough, time to be brave*

*we are on our way*

*time to accelerate*

*try to penetrate and not be suffocated*

*we all can win the long steeplechase*

*7A 7A*

*hip hip hurray!*

7A Cheung Ka Wai, Gary

Dear editor,

*I am writing to express my opinion on the debatable issue concerning whether or not Hongkongers should purchase insurance. In the view of many citizens' eyes, buying insurance is stereotyped as a waste of money. However, it is of paramount importance to join an insurance scheme since it brings an array of benefits.*

*It is not incomprehensible that many people in Hong Kong think the insurance company is a vampire sucking their money dry since there are no tangible and visible benefits being seen in short-term. Prompt benefits are expected by Hongkongers.*

*However, life is unpredictable and unforeseeable. Buying insurance is a way to secure our future. There are many types of insurances, such as medical insurance and traveling insurance. The government distributed medical vouchers to the elderly last year so as to alleviate their financial burden since many of them developed chronic diseases. Medical insurance can provide money for us when there is an emergency. For example, if we need to do a surgical operation, our medical treatment cost can be subsidized by the insurance. Health problems are of the utmost issues we are concerned in our lives. If we don't care ourselves, who else will care?*

*There is a fallacy which should be rectified since many citizens may think it is not worthwhile to spend on insurance as the money they pay cannot snowball as the stock market does.*

*Nonetheless, buying insurances is not only beneficial to our health care policy, but also to our pocket. There is a form of insurance that can help you to save money. This form of insurance can be used as a way to deposit your money and gain interest. Money can be saved and snowballed in this way.*



*Buying insurances can alleviate our urgent difficulties, provide money for us and subsidize us on medication. Yet, will it be a flawless one?*

*Government plays an important role to perfect the insurance system so as to strike a balance between the citizens and insurance company.*

*Regulations should be made by the government so as to eliminate any fraud by the insurance company. Either stringent or stiffer laws should be promulgated to daunt the illegal insurance treaties.*

*Instead of standing away from this issue, the government ought to act as a mediator between citizens and companies in order to attract people to join the insurance scheme. Subsidies or loans can also be provided by the government in order to assist the people who have difficulties in purchasing the insurance.*

*"A little neglect may breed a great mischief." Insurance is purchased to perfect our life and provide an all-rounded protection for our unpredictable future and ourselves. Even a single mistake can be fatal.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Chris Wong*

7A Yuen Yat Ki, Claudia

Dear Editor,

I am a regular reader of your column. I am writing to alert Hong Kong citizens to the importance of buying insurance. Whether we should buy insurances has long been a question in peoples' mind. Whenever we speak of insurance, what immediately springs to mind is the money paid for the insurance company once a month, twelve times a year. However, many people neglect the real meaning of buying insurance. In fact, purchasing insurance is essential, inevitable and unquestionable.

First and foremost, purchasing insurance ensures our families a future. Accidents are unpredictable and they are definitely out of our expectations. From time to time, people have accidents during travel, for example, the tragic Philippines kidnapping incident last year and the car accidents in Japan which killed two people during Christmas. In these situation, travel insurances are of vital importance. Insurance companies will bear the cost and pay for the medical treatments of the victims and their families.

Some people argue that money paid by the insurance company can't replace the person who was injured or killed. Granted, money can't replace anyone, however, it could ensure the families a stable future if they have lost a family member who is the only working member at home.

Apart from ensuring your family member a stable future, purchasing insurance can also reduce the financial burden for you and your family. According to a survey done by the Hong Kong University, many people are suffering from different sorts of diseases or other health problems when they are old. And they need to spend a vast amount of money to consult a doctor or do surgeries. It is not surprising if one needs to pay a million dollars for a surgery. If medical insurance is purchased, most of the medical expenses will be paid by the insurance company. This would definitely reduce the financial burden of the patients as well as their family members.

Most importantly, purchasing insurances can reduce social problems in Hong Kong. Tragedies often happen. People who suffer from physical illnesses as well as financial burden are frustrated with their lives. Patients will resort to suicide if they face too many adversities. If most people buy insurance, money paid by the insurance company is definitely a helping hand for them and a hope for



*these helpless and anxious patients or sufferers.*

*In order to encourage people to purchase insurance, the government has a vital role to play. Something should be done by the government and actions should be taken promptly.*

*The government should step up publicity so as to enhance peoples' attention to the importance of buying insurance. Designing related leaflets, producing insurance-related TV programmes and promoting through advertisement are all within the capability of the government.*

*The government should educate people on how to choose suitable insurances. It has been noticed that many people do not know which insurances are suitable for them and they may know nothing about insurance. The government can set up counters in different community centers and hotlines to assist citizens who need such information.*

*Last but not least, the government can hold talks or seminars in tertiary education institutes such as universities or community colleges. These students are going to graduate and it is the best time for them to purchase an insurance and they can afford buying insurance if they get a job.*

*Insurances are of paramount importance to us. It is a helping hand when people are facing adversities or illnesses. Insurances can ensure you and your families a stable future. Don't hesitate and take action now.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Chris Wong*

7A Lo Wing Tung, Venus

Dear Editor,

*The development of genetic engineering has been rapid in recent decades. This technology is not only applied in scientific research, but is also used in controlling humans' offspring. The news that Mr. Lee, a rich businessman's son. Mr. Lee has produced three sons with the help of a surrogate mother and advanced technology is shocking. The news has become the hottest issue in the society and many people share different perspectives towards this issue.*

*Personally, I strongly believe that it is unscrupulous to employ genetic engineering in controlling our next generations. Originally, genetic engineering is aimed at helping people with inborn disabilities and enhancing the lifespan of people. The basic principle is to improve human life. Nevertheless, the technology has been widely used in other areas. I do not think that the pioneers who developed this technology have ever thought of the destructiveness of this invention to us.*

*Socially, the application of genetic engineering in deciding the sex or other characteristics of babies is inhuman. It is contradictory to the principle of nature. The Chinese put efforts in gaining a balance between human and nature. Everyone is an individual. Why can those selfish parents determine the sex and the intelligence of their offspring simply due to their preference without asking their opinions? How can they project their desire on their offspring and make a great changes in their babies' future?*

*Moreover, if the method of genetic engineering is being misused, the drawbacks will be exceptionally adverse. For example, if parents can decide the sex of their babies, this may lead to imbalance of sex ratio. This may affect our population which may generate a series of consequences. For instance, it may be more difficult to find mates. Besides, there may be sexual discrimination. The society may become disordered.*

*Some people may argue that if the intelligence of their next generations can be controlled, this may bring benefits to our society. There is no doubt that it brings our society more talents and increases the society's competitiveness. However, it will not be beneficial in the long run. The imbalance of sex ratio may affect the labour force. In addition, the method of genetic engineering in controlling the genes of offspring requires a high cost. This means that only those wealthy people can afford the fee. If they control their offspring's intelligence, the gap between the rich and the poor will become larger and larger. The rich may not give a helping hand to help others. Then, the unity of our society may be damaged. This slows down the growth of our economy.*

*Imagine, if all our offsprings shared a similar intelligence, personality, appearance and other characteristics, how would our society be? Variations are needed in nature. People change in their lives. If all the people think in the same way, then new ideas can't be made. People will look like the toys in toy shops, having the same outlook, the same body size and the same functions. Then, no one is distinctive and there will be no role models for others. People may compete for the same kind of food and the same type of mate. The competition will be larger. As a result, the harmony of our society will be destroyed.*

*As mentioned above, I see no advantages to have genetic engineering in deciding our offspring's sex and appearance.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Chris Wong*

7A Ho Chu Fai, Geoffrey

Dear Editor,

Concerning the application of genetic engineering to help people decide the gender of their babies and even take a further step to decide the intelligence and other characteristics of their offspring, I am writing to express my supportive attitude towards such magnificent medical breakthrough which brings plenty of advantages.

Generally speaking, the pressure on land capacity would be largely mitigated through the introduction of the programme. In Hong Kong, flat land is severely inadequate for the local government to carry out further horizontal development. There is only vertical development which could barely accommodate the rapidly increasing population. But once the programme is widely put into practice, the hasty population growth could be put under control which means the reduction of the demand for accommodation. Hence, part of the burden on the government's shoulders could eventually be reduced.

Not only is the programme governmentally advantageous, but it is domestically beneficial as well. The programme could first eradicate the unnecessary financial burden brought on by a baby of unwanted sex. There is no need for the parents to pay more and more expenditure and attention to their babies. Assuming a family only desires a male baby, the therapeutic programme could help them and thus the family could spend their time and money solely on the single child to bring him up. As for the child, he can enjoy having the full attention of his parents. This does no harm to the growth of a child.

Apart from the financial aspect, having a desired baby could keep the family in harmony. Not only a handful of large families keep their traditional concept of having a male baby to inherit their surnames. If unfortunately the baby is a girl, that girl would be more likely be alienated by her parents or relatives. It is a horrible isolation as well as terrible discrimination, which is beyond imagination. Thus having wanted babies

*could help make the family harmonious and avoid the existence of those situations.*

*All in all , this splendid and breathtaking breakthrough in the medical field makes me dumbfounded and I do certainly look forward to further research and other breakthroughs in the future so as to lead the whole society perform better.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Chris Wong*



7A Wong Po Ying, Gladys

Dear senior students,

I am writing on behalf of the conservation club to introduce the “Be an Organic Farmer” scheme to you.

This scheme is organized by a well-known environmentalist group which is called Green Peace. It aims to encourage senior students to protect our deteriorating mother planet. Organic farming helps reduce a large amount of pollutants to the environment and practise a sustainable system that helps improve the man-land relationship. The profit of selling the agricultural products will be donated to charities. Therefore, it is widely promoted on an international scale.

Students who take part in the scheme will take on the duties of being organic farmers. They are to be divided into several groups. Each group is responsible to a piece of 4m<sup>2</sup> farmland, to grow vegetables like cabbage, without pesticides, weedicides or chemical fertilizers. Firstly, participants will be taught all skills and means for organic farming, for example, sowing seeds, ploughing, maintenance and harvesting. Thus, you do not have to worry about how you can do farming. Secondly, the participants are required to visit the farmland twice a month for maintenance and irrigation. The daily duties will be done by the local farmer so that the study of the participants will not be disturbed. Finally, the participants will visit the farmland in the harvest season to taste their fruit. Their products will be sold in the market while part of them can be reserved by the participants to share with their friends and families.

In this program, you can learn the simplest way of farming which is the most environmentally friendly. Pesticides, weedicides and chemical fertilizers contain numerous toxic substances which are harmful to all living organisms, especially we human beings. It can result in water pollution, food poisoning and even death. In order to avoid these hazards, organic farming uses the natural predators as pesticides and the animal excretes as fertilizers instead of chemicals. After joining the program, you will realize



*that the advanced method for production may not bring us a harmonious life but a worrisome one. You will definitely discover the beauty of simplicity.*

*Apart from this, you will be given certificates, which are beneficial to your future study and career, after joining this program. This kind of international certificate is recognized by popular institutions all over the world, such as the Cambridge University and the Warsaw University. Therefore, it is worth participating in this program.*

*Lastly, you can further develop your leadership and communication skills via the cooperation with your teammates. Participants have a vast number of decisions made of their own volition so they can enhance their persuasive skills, which are essential in both daily life and future career.*

*It is a precious opportunity for all of you to experience such a meaningful and wonderful way of farming. Please feel free to come and join us. For details, you can contact Chris Wong in 7A.*

*Yours Faithfully,*

*Chris Wong  
Secretary*

7A Leung Ka Chun

Dear Judy,

*I was shocked when I got the message that you are pregnant. You told me you regret doing the wrong thing. You indulged in the romantic moment with your boyfriend, and unexpectedly a baby was "granted" to you.*

*In your letter, you told me how sorry you were and you're now facing a dilemma. You do not have any ideas what you should do next. Your parents deem that you'd better marry Geoffrey, give up your study and prepare to be a mother bringing up your baby. But, what you want to do is to carry on your school life!*

*I understand that you are puzzled and confused. Judy, you always insist on doing the things you like. As a bosom friend of yours, I think you'd better listen to different opinions and compromise later on with your family and your boyfriend, Geoffrey. I suggest you bring up and nurture your baby.*

*Being the girlfriend of Geoffrey, you may have great pressure as Geoffrey is the most charming boy in our school and has many fans and supporters. However, Geoffrey may not be a caring boyfriend of yours. He always dates with junior form schoolmates and this often makes you heart broken. This becomes a reason why you started to doubt whether you love him. Judy, be strong! What Geoffrey did does not mean that he neglects you. True, he is facing many appeals from the bonnie girls. Now, you are having his child. It is high time you told him to be a responsible partner. When a man becomes a father, his personality may change a lot or this is a chance for him to change and care about you more. I think Geoffrey can do it! Trust him!*

*For your dilemma, it seems knotty to redress and tackle. You need to respect your parents' perspective while your viewpoint is downright different. I know you are an intelligent girl. You did spend a lot of time*

*and put much effort in preparing the arduous public examinations. If the others ask you or urge you to halt your school life and study, it seems to be impossible.*

*What you would like to emphasize is to respect your parents which is an integral part of "Filial Piety". Yet, your parents' idea may not suit you or may not be your priority choice. But we'd better learn to listen. In your case, it is easy to break your relationship with your family. Your mum did not blame you for having a baby at such a young age. She tried to respect your individualism. You need to judge and choose between giving up school and staying at home, preparing to be a good mother in the future. What I can advise you is that you may self-study at home before giving birth to a baby. You'd better stop school for a short period of time. I believe that this may satisfy both parties.*

*Judy, you've done it wrong once. So, you ought to learn from your mistakes. Think twice before you take any action. Always remember, you need to respect and resonate with your parents. Yet, no matter what you choose, I will always support you.*

*Love,*

*Chris Wong*

7A Chu Ho Yan, Judy

### A Dream or a Nightmare?

Marrying their lover is most people's dream. However, more and more people get divorced and some people suggest that we should return to the traditional system where parents guided their children in their choice of a partner. Yet I do not think that modern-style marriage is the reason for the high divorce rate. On the contrary, the traditional system would be a nightmare to the couples.

First of all, traditional-style marriage is not an effective and efficient method to reduce the divorce rate but instead increases it. In ancient times, people would get married even if they did not love each other. I strongly believe that a marriage without love will not be long-lasting as the marriage is not decided by themselves but their parents. The bondage between them is not glued with their love but only a contract. As a result, their relationship becomes a kind of responsibility. When they feel tired about his kind of marriage, they will get divorced. Therefore, the traditional system will eventually increase the divorce rate.

Actually, the low divorce rate in the past is not because of the traditional marriage system. The main reason for this phenomenon is the traditional value. In the past, people used to think that getting divorced with their spouses was a kind of shame. Therefore, they avoided getting divorced although they did not love each other. So, the low divorce rate in the past was not the result of traditional marriage system.

Instead, the traditional system becomes an obstacle for people to acquire critical thinking. Since parents will guide their children in their choice of partner under the traditional system, the whole life of the children will be planned by others. In this way, children will lose their critical thinking as they are just following the road constructed by their parents. They will only rely on their parents but cannot make their own decisions.

*In fact, modern-style marriage has its own advantages. Under the modern style system, most cases of marriage are built on the foundation of love but not other complicated considerations, so the couples will have less burden and lead a more simple and joyful life. They are also able to have a harmonious and peaceful family as their family is full of love and care.*

*Besides, their offspring can grow up with love and become healthier. The most optimistic way to bring up a child is let their lives be full of their parents' love. As these couples get married because of love, they will also love their offspring. Nevertheless, the offspring under the traditional marriage system may find life imperfect if their parents do not really love each other. The children may think that their parents give birth to them is not because of love but only responsibility. Therefore, the offspring under the modern-style marriage will be happier than those under the traditional system.*

*To conclude, the traditional marriage system is only a nightmare to the couples and even their next generation. Hence, traditional system is not an effective and practical method to reduce the divorce rate. On the contrary, modern style marriage system provides freedom for the couple, so I strongly oppose that we should return to the traditional system.*



Should Euthanasia be Legalized for the Sake of the Incurable Sufferers?

In recent decades, euthanasia has sparked a controversy globally due to the fact that many incurable patients can no longer withstand the indefinite therapy with such a great pain. Besides, they are scared when they are left alone in the hospitals to breathe the antiseptic smell all day. Can you imagine that you lie on the bed and cannot move for a long period of time in the hospital where no one will care about you except your family members? This kind of pain and loneliness cannot be experienced profoundly unless you are one of them. Therefore, I strongly agree with legalizing euthanasia for the sake of incurable patients so that they can relieve their distress peacefully and will not burden their families with heavy hospital service charges.

Firstly, patients who are suffering from incurable diseases have the individual liberty to choose life or death as they have their human rights. The reason why many patients decide to turn to death is that they have lost their dignity since they need to lie on beds and cannot look after themselves independently. They may feel that they are parasites and burdens to their families. Therefore, they want to end their lives earlier to ease the pressure of their families. In some extreme cases, patients are unable to speak or are paralyzed. The only thing that they can do is blinking their eyes to express their own viewpoints. Moreover, as they cannot move freely, their family members need to wipe their bodies to keep them clean so as to prevent infections or allergies. It is humiliating to the patients that their whole bodies are viewed by their families or nurses. To be optimistic, ending their own lives willingly may be a pleasure for them as it is the sole way to get rid of the pain. Euthanasia may be a final choice for them to escape from their present misery.

Secondly, implementation of euthanasia may reduce the cost and resources to cure terminally-ill patients. Since the wards are limited in hospitals, other patients cannot use the facility when they are in need if many terminally-ill patients occupy the wards for hopeless treatment. Maximising the use of wards is the paramount thing to do before healing the incurable patients. Besides, the number of nurses working in hospitals is deteriorating due to the fear of SARS in 2003 and other contagious diseases. Hence, there are few nurses handling many patients, who are under great pressure to help the needy simultaneously. It burdens the workload of nurses and doctors. Moreover, with the advanced medical



*technology, many new medicines which may cure the chronic diseases emit a high price. Not many families can afford to pay such a price. In other words, the invention of the new medicines cannot benefit the sufferers. The medicines can only be taken by the sufferers as long as the price is low. The hospital service charges are also sky high, so many sufferers' families endure a living that pay money to hospitals for the cure of the sufferers. It seems that euthanasia may ease the economic burden of sufferers' families although the families have to face the pain of losing a family member.*

*Finally, it is impossible for all sufferers to get well from incurable diseases. It is a kind of miracle when the incurable patient recovers from the diseases. Many people may say "If you think you can get over it, then you can. It depends on the determination and the willpower." However, this may not be true for all people. Your tears will drip sorely and your heart will be torn apart when you see your beloved trying to say something, but the words just dance on their lips and cannot be pronounced. You will blame yourself for doing nothing to help him or her. You will eventually get tired when you always go to the hospitals and home back and forth. Hence, euthanasia may end the pain and sorrow of both cureless patients and their families.*

*To conclude, the government should legalize euthanasia for the sake of cureless patients to relieve their pain and ease the burden of their families. It acts on the premise that patients, families and doctors have reached a consensus with a lot of information and explanations for a long period before terminating the patients' lives. In fact, Netherlands is the first country to permit euthanasia which was implemented under certain conditions on 10th April 2001. Thus, we can learn from Netherlands on how best to legalize euthanasia.*

6A Chan Cheuk Hei

### The Powerful Protest

Recently, an eight-year-old boy, who took part in the anti-budget protest, was sprayed with pepper foam by the police. The mother of the boy condemned the police in the way they did to control the protestors. However, the police said that they were forced to use the minimum level of force due to the violent actions of protestors. Some people think that the protestors should voice their opinions in a peaceful way while some think that it is a must to be aggressive in protests. I think protestors must launch demonstrations in a peaceful way because of the following reasons.

To begin with, the actions done by the protestors may affect people's safety. Nowadays, in many cases in Hong Kong, we can see many demonstrations turn out to be physical conflicts. Attacking the police, damaging public facilities and throwing stones at the government buildings can easily be seen in Hong Kong. These kinds of actions may adversely affect people's safety in Hong Kong and cause unnecessary injuries. There is no doubt that some of the protestors are peaceful and do not want protests to become conflicts. However, other protestors do not think in this manner. Actions like pushing police and climbing on barriers are seen on TV frequently. In other countries, violent conflicts often happen. If the protestors keep on using violent actions, the protests will come into the conflicts like other countries'. Therefore, protestors should be peaceful in order to protect people's safety.

In addition to the safety of Hongkongers, the effectiveness of launching protests should also be considered. The aim of launching a demonstration is to voice protestors' opinions. However, with the physical conflict, they cannot express their view effectively. These violent actions can only worsen the situation rather than solve the problems. Take the 1st July demonstration as an example. There were many people who went to the street to express their view against Mr. Tung Chee-hwa, the former Chief Executive. The march was peaceful with no unnecessary injury. Finally, protestors achieved their goal and Mr. Tung stepped down. It is easy to

*understand that the more peaceful the protest, the more powerful the effect.*

*Apart from the drawbacks of violence used in protests, some people argue that the government does nothing to follow up the public opinions voiced. However, it takes time for the government to meet the people's needs. People need to wait patiently to see the changes done by the government. Moreover, it can be a problem of inadequate public pressure. Therefore, people should group together and launch large-scale protests to voice opinions in a peaceful way.*

*To conclude, the most powerful protest is the most peaceful one since violence cannot solve problems but only worsen them instead. Therefore, I think protests should be moderate and peaceful so that public views can be expressed effectively.*



### Valuable Memories

*For those who had been to Lee Tung Street, also known as the famous Wedding Card Street, you might have purchased products like wedding invitations, lai see or fai chun. But in the year of 2008, the Hong Kong government and the Urban Renewal Authority carried out a project to demolish Lee Tung Street in order to favour future development in Wan Chai. Some people thought that the reconstruction on Lee Tung Street could solve the problem of traffic congestion in that area. However, some thought it was a pity since Lee Tung Street was one of the more significant parts of Hong Kong's history. Thus restoring the historical buildings and backstreets have both benefits and drawbacks to Hong Kong society.*

*To begin with, preserving historical buildings and backstreets means protecting the collective memories of Hongkongers. Collective memories represent scenes, photographs, music, places and significant objects that carry the common recollections of a group of people. They are also known as historical affairs or heritage generally accumulated from time to time. However, some of these important memories of Hongkongers disappeared since some historical buildings and backstreets were destroyed because of modernization by the government. Demolishing Wedding Card Street and tearing down the Queen's Pier are typical examples of destroyed historical buildings and backstreets that account for the loss of Hongkongers' collective memories. Therefore, some conservationists thought that the preservation of these historic properties should be done to protect the collective memories of Hongkongers.*

*Another benefit of restoring historic properties, in addition to the protection of collective memories, is to enhance tourism in Hong Kong. Needless to say, Hong Kong tourism is declining nowadays since most Hong Kong tours, especially those for mainlanders, encourage tourists to go shopping and bring the tourists to jewellery stores and food stores to buy costly food or expensive stuff of different kinds. Despite Hong Kong's reputation for shopping, tourists come here not only for that, but also for visiting places that represent the history of Hong Kong. In fact, preserving and restoring historic properties can increase the number of heritage sites in Hong Kong. These historical buildings and backstreets, which effectively display the old Hong Kong, will attract more tourists to visit. There is little difficulty in understanding why conservations of historic properties enhance the development of tourism in Hong Kong.*

*Apart from the advantages of preserving historical buildings and backstreets, there are some flaws towards the modernization of Hong Kong.*

*The first drawback is that protecting historic properties hinders the modernization of Hong Kong. As we all know Hong Kong is a developed city. High level of modernization is needed to show that Hong Kong is an international, well-developed and modernized city. Moreover, the reasons for modernization are not only its international status, but also the necessity of renewing the old sites. As a result, most of the old areas such as Wan Chai, Sheung Wan, Chai Wan do have the same problems like traffic congestion. Most backstreets are narrow and most old buildings lack open space and infrastructure. Therefore, reconstruction of old sites is needed in order to raise Hongkongers' living standard in these areas.*

*Another drawback, along with hindering the modernization of Hong Kong is that, preserving historical buildings and backstreets costs a large amount of capital. Nowadays, inadequate investment is put into other different social aspects such as education, medical care, sports and social welfare, etc. This leads to complaints made by people from different walks of life, about the insufficient input of fundings to maintain the social developments, especially in social welfare. For instance, some members of the Legislative Council complain that there is only a small amount of Old Age Allowance for the elderlies, which is a perfect example of inadequate investment from the government to society. However, conserving historic properties demands a large amount of money. In other words, this action may slow down other sorts of developments, including those that might be more urgent.*

*To conclude, despite the disadvantages of restoring and preserving the historical buildings and backstreets, I still think that the action of conserving historic properties is valuable and should be done immediately. When historical sites are destroyed, they lose their historical value. I believe it is high time we protect our old but valuable memories.*



### Make a Wise Choice

Recently, due to the changes of medium of instruction imposed on primary and secondary schools by the Education Bureau, many parents send their children to international schools rather than the government schools to learn better English. From my perspective, this trend is an epidemic.

Being an international language, English plays a significant role all over the world and the decision to send children to international schools seems reasonable. Yet, this phenomenon actually unveils lots of negative influence to the society, parents and students.

Let us first focus on the students who are seen by many as the benefited ones. This group of students can gain long term exposure to English, which directly enhances their English level that will lead them to a brighter future, according to a commentary from one of the supporters. However, is the fact as ideal as the said comment? The answer is certainly not. While on the one hand, students are upgrading their English level, which is deemed by many as a priority, our mother tongue, Chinese, on the other hand is being ignored, making the students lack interest in the Chinese culture in the long-run. Furthermore, students may not adapt when studying in an international school since the teaching pattern, students' behaviour and so forth there are totally different compared with traditional government schools, which may affect their learning attitude or have a negative effect on their Chinese cultural virtues.

Costly as it seems, the school fee is surely a burden for the parents. For government schools, the school fee is relatively lower and there will be a subsidy for those in need, which can relieve the financial pressure of the students' families. But studying in an international school, one may need to pay school fees which can be a double or even triple that of a government school because some international schools are running in the form of a company in which the fee paid by the students is seen as a kind of profit.



*This carries apparent implication that not all school fee is contributed back to the students. In contrast, the government schools put the students as the first priority in terms of funding and consider the progress of both languages and put utmost effort in helping students to get satisfactory academic results.*

*Finally, for the society, as China booms substantially in these years, the status of the Chinese language on the international stage is getting more important, whereas the preponderance of international school students is relatively downgraded. With such a current situation, students may lose their motivation in studying and possess a negative attitude to the future. But for the students in government schools, as most of them are bilingual, their competitiveness may be enhanced.*

*In this ever-changing world, things differ every moment. Parents need not knit their brows when there are changes in the medium of instruction. Instead, they should be more open-minded and try to accept the new education system, which would benefit the students. When the parents are looking at the reform through a new light, they will find that this education mode is actually taking a favorable turn in Hong Kong. Hence, the parents should not send their children to international schools to escape from the changes. On the contrary, they should accept it instead since I believe this would bring the students a more promising future.*

6A Ip Lai Shan, Esther

### The Competition between Chinese and English in Education

The medium of instruction changed from English to Chinese a decade ago. The Education Bureau claims that the aim of mother-tongue teaching is to promote effective learning through a language that students are familiar with. Nevertheless, some parents are dissatisfied with the change and begin to send their children to international schools.

In fact, there are countless advantages of mother-tongue teaching. In my opinion, parents in Hong Kong should take these into consideration before sending children to international schools.

Firstly, mother-tongue teaching brings better understanding to students, and critical thinking of students can also be cultivated. Using students' mother tongue to learn, they will better understand what is being taught. This helps to motivate Hong Kong students' participation in discussion during lessons since analyzing problems and expressing views in Chinese are easier than in English. As time goes by, critical thinking of students can be developed through the processes of analyzing problems and expressing views in Chinese. Eventually, the ability of students to express themselves would be enhanced. Therefore, using mother tongue is beneficial to students' learning.

Secondly, graduates, who are bilingual in Chinese and English, will have the priority to get a better job. Since the present international status of China is on a dramatic increase, her influence never fails to be taken into account by other countries. That is to say, the Chinese language has become more crucial in the world and is turning into one of the most important international languages. Undeniably, mother-tongue teaching helps us to be proficient in Chinese while the scheme of employing Native English Teachers proficient in English helps students to improve in English. As a result, if more students are bilingual in both Chinese and English, it will be easier for them to find well-paying jobs and be more competitive in society.

*Some parents in Hong Kong may think that mother-tongue teaching will only lower children's English standard, so they send their children to international schools. Thinking the situation in depth, you may find that studying in government schools may not lower our English ability as there are native English teachers in the school campus that students can freely talk with in English. English Association in each school will organize extra-curricular activities like "English Week" regularly to help raise students' interest in English. In fact, there are several schemes implemented to increase students' English standard, so parents in Hong Kong do not need to worry too much.*

*Yet, studying in an international school increases the financial burden of parents, and even hinders children's talents cultivation. The education fee of international school is expensive, and would place a financial burden on parents without any government subsidy. Parents who are less well-off may not have the ability to afford the fee. Other than that, children's talent cultivation will be hindered as less money can be invested in extra-curricular activities, like learning music and dancing, so children will become less versatile in skills.*

*We cannot deny that studying in government schools has numerous advantages. In other words, studying in international schools brings more harm than good. Being a smart parent, you have to think twice before you send your children to an international school.*

## 6A Yau Ka Shing

Putonghua is Playing a Crucial Role in Hong Kong

As you all know, Putonghua of many Hong Kongers is not up to standard. Even Mr. Donald Tsang, the Chief Executive of HKSAR, was advised that he has room for improvement in speaking Putonghua. This indicates that enhancing Putonghua is tremendously paramount for Hong Kong people. In fact, being proficient at Putonghua can bring a good many advantages to Hong Kongers.

One of the advantages is that the competitiveness of Hong Kongers will be boosted through the ability to speak Putonghua fluently. Putonghua is now raising its international language status as the economy of the Mainland is getting more and more prosperous. The significance is that the economic relationship between Mainland and Hong Kong is closer than before. In addition, more and more Hong Kongers work in Mainland as the economic situation in Mainland is better than Hong Kong. People have no choice but to learn Putonghua if they want to get a well-paying job easily in Mainland. For example, if you and your friend have the same ability but your Putonghua is better than his, employers will be more likely to employ you. Therefore, mastering Putonghua well can help you increase your competitiveness when you want to work in Mainland.

Many Hongkongers think that being proficient in English is enough if they work in Hong Kong. Nevertheless, I think their point of view is inaccurate. First of all, more and more Mainland people come to Hong Kong to go shopping and so most employers will look for candidates who can speak Putonghua fluently when they recruit new staff. Therefore, Putonghua is extremely fundamental for the employees in Hong Kong as well. Moreover, lots of undergraduates said that they lack experience and have not enough competitiveness compared with other competitors. As a result, they have no alternatives but to study Putonghua to compensate for their disadvantages. This can help them to get a job in Hongkong.

*Last but not least, Putonghua can help Hongkongers increase their sense of belonging as Chinese. Hong Kong has been a colony of England for many years. It explains why there are plenty of differences between the Mainland and Hong Kong. The language difference is a typical example. It is essential to enhance the sense of belongings of Hongkongers. If Hong Kong people can master Putonghua well, they can know more about their country and also feel more recognized as Chinese.*

*To summarize, an obvious point of view is that, it is necessary for Hong Kong students to better equip themselves with Putonghua. In spite of the fact that learning Putonghua might be difficult, mastering it will not only help them increase their competitiveness when hunting for a job, but also nurture Hongkongers' sense of belongings to China. It is of fundamental importance to learn Putonghua well since we are not supposed to be indifferent to the advantages of learning Putonghua.*



5A Hui Wai Man, Vivian

BOC CREDIT CARDS

MEMO

*To: Employees of BOC Credit Cards*

*From: Mr Chang*

*Date 15th August 2010*

*Subject: Activities celebrating Mid-Autumn Festival*

*Our company will be celebrating Mid-Autumn Festival on 23rd September. We have devised some activities to celebrate this festival.*

*There are four options. First, we can visit mainland for two days. There is a new theme park and we can play some interesting and exciting rides. I think we can have a lot of fun there. Secondly, we can hold a gathering at a café. There is a café which is very cozy in Causeway Bay. The decoration of the café is beautiful and the view is spectacular as you can see the amazing night view of Victoria Harbour. We can have a barbecue and might even see the full moon. We can chat together and play some games. Another option is a singing competition. We will invite some celebrities to be guests. Finally, we could sing karaoke. As I know, a lot of staff like singing. We can have a big singing party. We will have a lucky draw as well.*

*Could you please let me know which activity you prefer by 9th August 2010? Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your attention.*

*Mr. Chang*



5A Tong Yin, Danice

*Is it better to travel alone than to travel with friends?*

*Traveling provides us with one of the greatest opportunities to attain unforgettable and invaluable experience, especially traveling alone. You can put aside your work temporarily, relax and enjoy the holidays without anyone disturbing you. When some people suggest traveling with their friends or partners, others may insist that they should go somewhere alone. Personally, I prefer to travel alone.*

*To start with, it is always leisurely and carefree to travel alone. When people travel on their own, they always enjoy their trip more than traveling with friends. They can change their itinerary whenever they want without the need of considering others' feelings, which implies that they enjoy more freedom and liberty. In contrast, when traveling with companions, people need to compromise with others about what to do next. People have to relent because their partner is tired, hungry or thirsty. For instance, you may feel disappointed if your friends want to sleep once they arrive at the destination while you want to take photos with them immediately. In other words, it is uncomfortable and inconvenient to travel with friends. So, traveling alone is better than traveling in groups.*

*Furthermore, individual travelers can learn how to take care of themselves. If people travel alone, they can enhance their organizational skills and problem-solving skills. They will be more mature as they cannot depend on their parents. Besides, those who travel alone often choose to stay at youth hostels and they have more opportunities to get acquainted with someone coming from different countries. They can share their life experiences. Therefore, traveling alone contributes to personal growth.*

*Besides, individual travelers can save more money during the trip. For example, budget travelers can always choose cheap transportation to economize traffic fees. They can even travel by bicycle. In contrast, traveling with friends, you may need to spend more money because you have to follow their decisions. For example, if your friends choose to have dinner at an expensive restaurant, you will have to pay more for your dinner. So, there are more economic benefits if you travel alone than with friends.*

*It is claimed that traveling alone may deprive the joy of sharing the joy with others. There is no doubt that people need someone to share their delights and memories with. However, Internet is a good friend when you travel on your own. Individual travelers can chat with their friends via e-mail and MSN. They can still keep contact with their beloved ones. So, traveling alone does not mean you are isolated.*

*To sum up, enjoying your trip alone has more benefits than traveling with friends. It is more flexible and you definitely experience more. So, I bet you know what to do when you plan your trip next time.*



*David fell in love with Amy the first day he saw her*

## 5A Yung Sin Yi, Queenie

Puppy Love

David fell in love with Amy the first day he saw her. Amy was a beautiful girl who had long black hair and big brown eyes. David bravely asked, "Amy, would you like to go to the cinema with me on Sunday?" Amy was so surprised and answered David, "I'd love to." Actually, Amy loved David too. However, she did not have a chance to reveal her feelings before, so she kept it in her heart. But now, she could express her love again. Amy thought about her new style for that date. David felt so nervous because he had never invited a girl on a date before. He felt so excited waiting for Saturday to arrive.

On Saturday morning, Amy got up early and went to a boutique to buy new clothes. She picked two pieces of clothes and one handbag. After that, she went to a salon and had a new hair cut. Although it used up all her pocket money, she thought it was worthwhile.

That evening, Amy put on make up and dressed up in the new clothes. This was the first time she had worn make up. She didn't look pretty because she didn't know how to put on make up, and her clothes didn't match her new hair cut. When Amy was going out, her mother reminded her "Have a nice time, Amy! Don't be home late!" Actually Amy's mum was quite worried about Amy because she was with a boy.

David was waiting for Amy at the cinema. Yet, when he saw Amy from a distance, he did not recognize her. Poor Amy kept waiting in vain but it was too late for her to learn that David appreciated her inner beauty, not her outward look.

5C Jimmy Wu

Travel Blog

Saturday, 18 July, 2009

*School's finally over! I'm so overjoyed at my holiday to London and Paris. This is my first time travel overseas. I have joined a package tour. I'm so excited!*

*After having a delicious brunch, our tourist coach took us to Hong Kong International Airport. Our plane took off at about 3p.m. (Hong Kong Time). The flight was unbelievably long and boring. It took us 12 hours to get to London! Although it was a bad experience since I haven't got anything to do, I could see the sun rise during landing. It's crimson, unlike any others I've seen.*

Sunday, 19 July 2009

*At the second I got off, I saw the azure sky! It was so strange since the sky in Hong Kong was always grey! I like it here so much cause the air's fresh! A lot of people were feeling sleepy. The reason was mainly jet lag- a temporary physical condition caused by crossing time zones during flight. But I wasn't as I was asleep during most of the flight.*

*The first thing we did was eating breakfast with bacon and fried eggs. Even though it was greasy, I think it is nice to try something new once in a while. After breakfast, a lot of us were full to the brim. Next, we took a ride on the tourist coach to get to the hotel. The tour guide was showing us London's history during the ride.*

*We had a light lunch. After that, we went on a tour of Buckingham Palace. It was huge with beautiful paintings in it. There were also lifelike sculptures and some of the finest English and French furniture in the world. I think the tour was a bit short, but it's an eye-opener, especially watching the sunset on the top floor of the palace.*



Finally, we got some time to rest while riding the Tube- London's underground railway. Our final tour of the day took place at night- London Ghost walks. It was really spooky and mysterious!

Monday, 20 July 2009

I had so little sleep yesterday because of the scary tour last night. I'm glad that it wasn't really haunted! By the way, today's the last day in London for us. We'll ride to Paris tonight.

After breakfast, we went on a speedboat tour of London. Not only was the tour thrilling, I also got to get a look of London's great views! Also the turquoise water was so clear that I saw schools of fish swimming around us.

The lunch we had today was great! It's unlike the traditional cuisine. It's very healthy and full of carbohydrates! Perfect for the jogging tour which was a nice experience for me, since we got to do exercise while visiting the London Eye, the House of Parliament and the Big Ben Clock. We took a ride on the tourist coach to our hotel that night. What I loved most was seeing the sunset while I was on the London Eye!

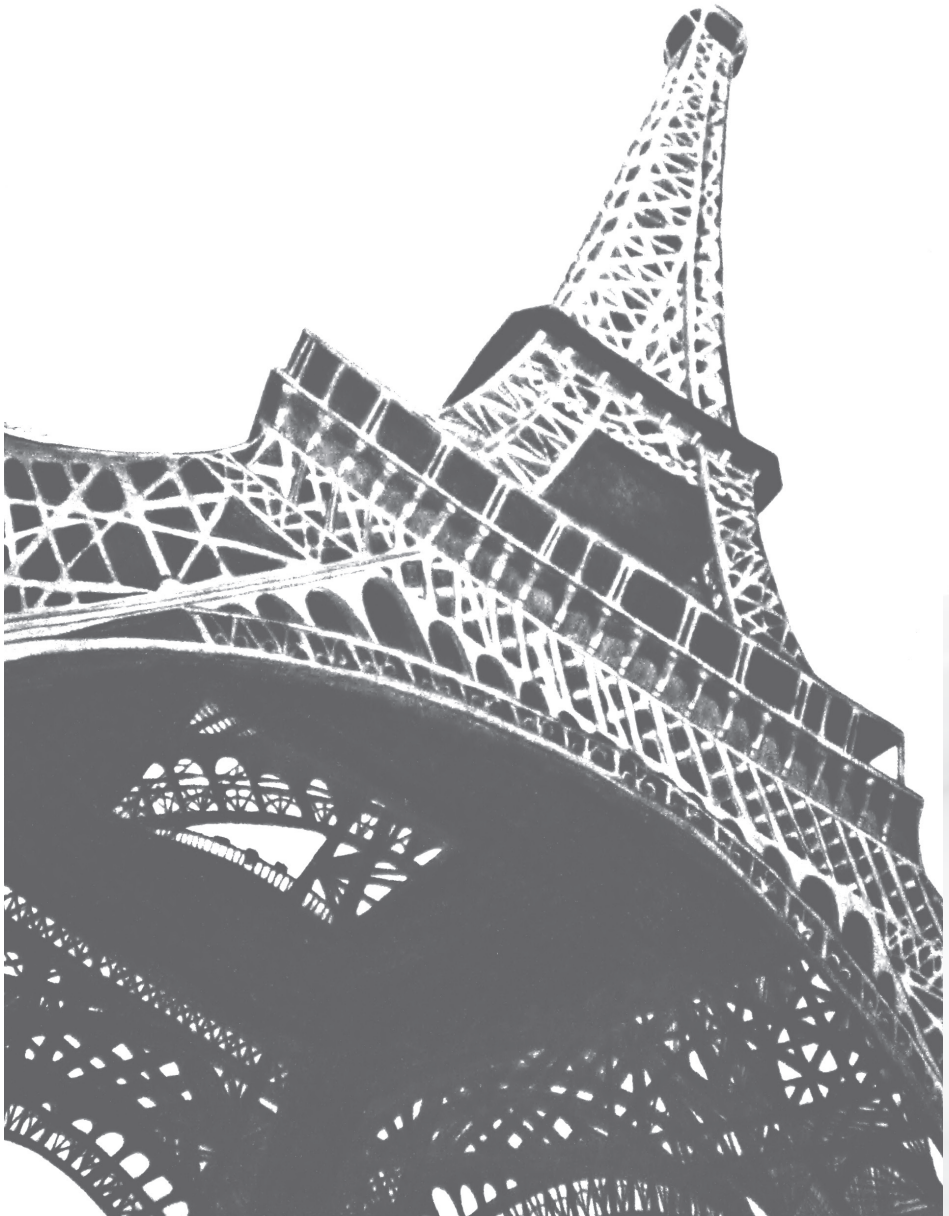
Tuesday, 21 July, 2009

At midnight, all of us got up and went on the tourist coach so that we could get to Paris. During the ride, all of us slept (except the driver of course!) The tour guide was snoring loudly. It's so funny! After six hours of sleeping, we finally got to Paris.

We went shopping after breakfast! I bought a lot of local handicrafts and souvenirs! After grabbing lunch, we went to the Eiffel Tower to see the stunning sunset and we had dinner in one of the restaurants at the top. A lot of us went to bed early since we were exhausted.

Wednesday, 22 July, 2009

We went to see the replica of the Flame of Liberty. It was so life like that it seemed to be a real torch. We visited the other replicas of the Statue





*of Liberty that afternoon. It wasn't fun and I felt bored! Our whole day was wasted on these statues!*

*Thursday, 23 July, 2009*

*Today is the last day of the package tour. We all wanted to see the sunrise from the Eiffel Tower before having breakfast in another restaurant located there. Our last stop was Carnavalet Museum, which is dedicated to the history of Paris. After we had had lunch, we went to the airport and flew back to Hong Kong.*

*Friday, 24 July, 2009*

*It was already 8pm when we arrived in Hong Kong. We said farewell to each other and went our own way home.*

*I think this trip was a great experience. Not only was it an adventure, it was also terrific. The thing I loved best was the cozy seat of the plane. It's so fluffy!*

*I hope everyone likes my travel blog. This is my first time I have written one so I hope I did well. Leave some comments!*



4A Chan Hiu Yi

26 Dec 11

Hi Joe,

*How's everything? My English teacher has shown us a very inspiring movie in class. I highly recommend it to you.*

*The film title is 'Chicken Ala'. It is set in a poor country in South East Asia and it is a dramatic film. The story is about hunger.*

*The story begins with two teenage girls eating the fried chicken rice cheerfully. Next, the poor man gets the leftovers from the fast food shop. The poor man goes home and gives the leftovers to some lovely children as they feel very hungry. Since they do not have enough food to eat every day, they have to eat the leftovers from others. Yet, they feel happy and enjoy the food. Finally, in a warm family, the poor man brings the leftovers home for dinner. They enjoy their dinner and feel thankful for the food they have! The music of the movie is full of sadness. It is absolutely touching. Besides, the lyrics are exceptionally moving. When I listen to this film's music, I feel upset. The director is excellent. The film is extremely brilliant. I like this film very much!*

*Don't miss it! It is well worth seeing! I highly recommend it because this film is true to life. I will recommend it to all my friends. After I had seen this film, I learned to cherish food because there are so many people who die from hunger every day. Therefore, we should treasure what we have.*

*Hey! Are there many good movies in the USA? Can you recommend some to me? It's time to do my homework. Please help me say 'Hi' to your parents! Write back soon. Take care!*

Best,

Chris

4A Choi Ka Man

27 Oct 10

Hi Vincent,

How's everything? I joined an international training camp in Shanghai for one week last month. I met a lot of friends and learnt a lot of things. I would like to share my experiences with you.

At the camp, I played a lot of sports such as badminton, volleyball and basketball, etc. I love volleyball the most because that was so interesting to me! We held a volleyball competition at the camp on the second day. That sport could cultivate our team spirit. We played badminton very happily. You know what? Our team won! This made me feel so excited! It upgraded my sportsmanship too.

In addition, I met a lot of friends from different countries. Mary and Peter became my best friends. Mary is a pretty girl who comes from USA. She was in the same team with me in the volleyball competition. Also, she is very keen on playing volleyball. Peter is a funny boy who comes from England too. I hope you can meet him one day. Peter is good at playing table tennis. So, I asked him to teach me some skills about playing table tennis. Now, I am a skillful table tennis player too. Let's play it together next time. I think I am lucky to meet Mary and Peter because they were very kind and they always made me smile very often.

Well, it's time to get back to my studies. Say 'Hi' to your family. Write back soon.

Bye for now.

Chris

4A Chan Yi Man

26 Dec 11

Hi Joe,

*Oh, how I missed being with you during Christmas holiday this year! Your spring break is coming soon. Have you made any plan? Recently, I have watched a movie recently called "August Rush". Although it didn't get the Golden Globe Award 2010, it is an inspiring movie to me.*

*"August Rush" is a story about a gifted child who lives in an orphanage. He believes that his parents are waiting for him and he goes to New York to find them. In New York, Evan's music gift leads him to success but also gives him some troubles. A monger uses Evan to make profit and prevents him from success. Therefore, he runs into a church and people are surprised by his gift. The priest sends him to the best music school. It changes his life forever. At the same time, the family gets together finally.*

*The most touching scene is when Evan is granted an opportunity to play his music in the Central Park in front of thousands of people. He concentrates on playing his rhapsody and he performs well. When I listen to the music, I feel that I find my life's passion again.*

*Don't miss it! It is well worth seeing! I highly recommend it because it's a realistic portrayal of life. After I had seen this film, I learnt that we cannot lose our hope in life. Despite the fact that there are obstacles, it always gives us a surprise. It is deeply inspiring, isn't it?*

*Hey! Can you tell me more about the USA school life? I am always envious of an amusing school life. I must start my homework for my English class tomorrow. Please write soon and tell me all the news. I miss you.*

*Take care,*

*Chris*

4C Mak Kwok Fung

5th Jan 11

Hi Joe,

*Haven't been in touch with you for quite a while. How's everything?*

*Hey, our English teacher showed us an absolutely inspiring movie in class last week. It's called X-men, the genre of which is fantasy and science fiction. It's suitable for teenagers.*

*Do you know what the story of X-men is about? It is mainly about the war between mutants and ordinary people. Some mutants want to kill all the common people out of hatred. Therefore, the common people fight against them. On the other hand, some mutants don't detest the ordinary person. They want to stop other mutants from killing all the common persons. In the end, mutants and ordinary people can get along with each other peacefully. The story conveys the message that we should live in harmony even though there are different races of people.*

*By the way, my favourite character is Magneto, who can control all sorts of magnets. The reason why others are afraid of him is that he gathers other mutants to kill all the ordinary people. He's so dangerous that the common people want to catch him. Though some mutants want to stop him, he never gives up his idea. When he loses his ability, he stays in a park. He feels lonely and so he misses his best friend. I like him because he learns from his mistakes. I also learn that there shouldn't be hatred in our society.*

*You know, after seeing the film, I learnt lots of things. We should try to get into each other's shoes so that we can understand each other better. In the same way, we should respect and love our classmates. Besides, we should care about people who lack love.*

*In think this movie is thoroughly inspiring. When you watch it, I believe you can gain a lot. More importantly, visual effects used in the movie are extremely spectacular and so you won't feel bored.*

*Would you watch it? Write and let me know. Give my regards to your parents.*

*Stay in touch!*

*Chris*



## 4C Chau Yan Tung

The film review of Kung Fu Panda

*Kung Fu Panda, which was released in 2008, is an animation. It was produced by Mark Obonre. This interesting movie is suitable for everybody.*

*The plot of Kung Fu Panda is about a bumbling panda named Po, who is clumsy and overweight. Although he usually works in his father's noodles restaurant, he wants to achieve his dream and becomes a kung fu master. One day, master Shifu holds a kung fu tournament. Fortunately, Po becomes the Dragon Warrior and protects the valley by defeating Tai Lung. I was truly surprised when Po becomes the Dragon Warrior. Tai Lung, who is one of the apprentices of Shifu before, has turned crafty and greedy. Shifu promises to train Po with the Furious Five every day. After a few days, Shifu finds a way to defeat Tai Lung with Po. Then one day, Tai Lung wants to snatch the treasure. Po delays Tai Lung as long as possible with a fight to the death. In the end, Po becomes a true Kung Fu master and he saves the valley.*

*My favorite character is Po. Even though he is a lazy and rapacious panda, he is talented. For instance, Po's kung fu is not skillful enough to defeat Tai Lung before. But he does not give up and practices every day. Then he becomes a true Kung Fu master. The reason why I admire Po so much is that Po is an optimistic panda.*

*I will recommend Kung Fu Panda to everybody. Its background music is cheerful and exhilarating. It is an educational film. We can learn that we should not give up easily when we face a difficult situation. You should not miss this movie.*



The film review of 'Le Petit Nicolas'

'Le Petit Nicolas', which was released in 2009, is a comedy. Furthermore, it is directed by Laurent Tirard and is suitable for kids.

The plot of the movie is about Nicolas, who is the only boy in his family with many cute but stupid friends at school. He is the main male character in the film. At first he thinks that he will have a younger brother. However, he does not want a new member to join his own family. He thinks his parents will ignore him and his friends tell him that having a brother is not so good as others believe. Therefore, he is extremely upset. His friends think of a lousy idea to find a kidnapper to kidnap his younger brother. Yet, since the fake kidnapper wants Nicolas to pay him for the act, Nicolas and his friends begin to earn some money. One of the ways is selling medicine which makes you strong. Eventually, they get enough money to kidnap his brother. Suddenly, one of Nicolas's friends who has a brother appears and tells Nicolas that having a brother is not such a bad idea. Then Nicolas decides to change his mind and tells his parents what he wants. At the end, his mother gives birth to a baby, but Nicolas is still upset because the baby turns out to be a girl. Finally, Nicolas is happy for having a new sister and decides to make others happy when he grows up.

My favourite character is the stupid boy because he is extremely ignorant and he is a foolish person. He always sleeps during the lesson just like I did before. I have similar feelings with him. He thinks of a password to his club but forgets it just after one day. I think the actor playing him has the best acting skill in that film.

I will recommend this movie to my best friends, because the film character is very much like us. Although the film setting is in elementary school, I think we are still as foolish in high school as we were in elementary school.

I love this film so much!



## 3A Law Ka Ling

A Movie Review on Twilight

*This movie is adapted from a renowned vampire love story Twilight. The story is about a seventeen-year-old girl, Isabella, who moves to a tiny town, Forks, to live with her father as her mother has just remarried. She finds herself drawn to a mysterious classmate, Edward Cullen, who is revealed to be a 108-year-old vampire. But he is physically seventeen. They soon fall deeply in love. With the arrival of other vampires, Victoria and Laurent put Bella's life in danger. Edward and his family put their lives at stake to save her.*

*After I had watched this film, I went to buy the book Twilight. After reading the book, I watched this film again and again. This is really a fantastic film. You will be envious of Edward and Bella's love, and you can't take your eyes off due to the stunning action scenes. You may also wonder how much they love each other. How much can they do for each other? Bella is a vulnerable teenage girl but everything changes as she meets Edward. Edward has lived for over 108 years but he has never loved any girl before. How can he fall in love with Bella so deeply? What will happen between them?*

*I love this romantic, mysterious and brilliant movie. Certainly you will love this movie after you see it too! So, don't wait! Go and buy a ticket and enjoy 120 minutes of romance and thrills!*

3A Leung Ka Ho

A Movie Review on Twilight

*Twilight is a movie adapted from a novel "Twilight". This film's director is Catherine Hardwicke. The main actors and actresses are Kristen Stewart (Bella Swan), Robert Pattinson (Edward Cullen) and Billy-Burke (Charlie Swan), etc. It is a mixture of horror, romance and science fiction. The duration is about 2 hours. I think this is the best movie I have seen in recent years.*

*In this movie, seventeen-year-old Bella moves from sunny Phoenix, Arizona to rainy Forks, Washington. In her new school, Bella makes some friends but one mysterious classmate- Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) gets Bella's attention. In an accident, Edward uses some mysterious power to save Bella. After that Bella asks him about the mysterious power. Edward tells Bella he is a 108-year-old vampire although he is physically seventeen. Soon after they fall in love.*

*Unluckily, the evil vampires, Victoria, James and Laurent are attracted to Bella too. They want to kill Bella for her blood. Edward and his family want to save Bella. Those evil vampires find Bella very easily. They pick a fight with them. Finally, Edward kills the bad vampire, Jones and saves Bella. Yet, Bella gets hurt. Luckily, it is not a serious injury for Bella. At the end of the story, Edward goes to a school ball with Bella. I think this is the most romantic part in this movie. You may also see the bad vampire, Victoria, who appears in the ball. I think this is a hint to the next film in this series.*

*I like this story very much. It is because the director made this film 100% based on the novel. Everyone knows this story comes from the novel. The best actor and actress are Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart. It is because their love is very real and challenging. The story has been added some mysterious elements. I think this is a brilliant movie of our time. This movie's plot is also unpredictable. I would recommend it to my friends. This movie is so gripping and everyone will find it exciting. There is no doubt that everyone should go and see it!*



3A Leung Wai Lun

A Movie Review on Twilight

The title of the film is *Twilight*. The director of the film is Catherine Hardwicke. The actors and actresses are Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Billy Burke, Peter Facinelli, Elizabeth Reaser and Cam Gigandet. This film is a fantasy romance film. It takes place in a small town called Forks.

This film is about a seventeen-year-old girl named Isabella Swan who moves to the small town of Forks to live with her father. Bella meets a mysterious classmate, Edward Cullen. She later discovers that Edward is an immortal vampire, but is physically seventeen. They soon fall in love, but a rival vampire, James wants to kill Bella. Edward and his family, Alice, Charliise, Esme, Jasper, Emmett and Rosalie, put their lives at stake to save her.

The portrayal of love is really powerful in this movie because Edward can't resist Bella himself. He protects her and does not harm her because of his love. That is what I learned from the film.

I like the character of Edward Cullen, who is played by Robert Pattinson. He is an immortal vampire. He can run faster than a leopard and he has super strength like Superman. I think it's awesome!

I dislike the character of James played by Cam Gigandet. He is the main antagonist and wants to kill Bella. He is a very evil character.

I like the part where the Cullen family is playing baseball because they are extremely good players and run very fast. They made it an exciting game.

The love between a human and a vampire is the most attractive and makes the movie a good story because it's unrealistic and imaginative.

I will recommend this film to my friends because they love vampires and super heros. I think they will love this film as well as the whole series. I will recommend my friends to read the original novel version written by Stephenie Meyer.

3B Kwan Ka Yan

My Trip to Hong Kong

*I had a wonderful trip to Hong Kong with my family last week because it was a holiday. We got there by plane.*

*On the first day, we travelled from Shanghai to Hong Kong and arrived at 10 a.m. After unpacking our luggage, we went sightseeing at Tai O fishing village. We ate special Chinese snacks and dried seafood. They were so yummy. Then, we visited Ngong Ping 360. We took the Ngong Ping 360 cable car to the Big Buddha. It was the biggest Buddha statue in Asia. I had never seen such an amazing statue before. I also tried the vegetarian dishes there. It was far more delicious than I expected. After that, we went shopping in Mongkok and Tsim Sha Tsui.*

*On the second day, we went to Disneyland. We tried exciting rides and saw the cartoon characters. We took a lot of photos with Mickey and Minnie. Then, we went to Causeway Bay and Stanley Market. We bought lots of souvenirs there. Finally, we went to The Peak to admire the spectacular night scenery. It was deeply unforgettable.*

*On the third day, we went to Sai Kung. We felt so relaxed in the countryside. We went fishing and hiking. Furthermore, we ate a special seafood lunch there. It was really tasty even though it was quite expensive. Finally, we went back to Shanghai in the evening.*

*After the trip, I found that the most memorable thing was the local foods in Hong Kong, for example, dim sum, egg tarts, curry fish balls and pineapple buns with butter. We liked the curry fish balls most because they were mouth-watering.*

*Hong Kong is a beautiful city. I'll definitely visit it again!*



3B Ng Cheuk Hung

Let's Go Green!

*I have recently taken part in a fun charity event-a fashion show. The aim was to raise funds for "Friends of the Earth" and raise awareness of students on environmental protection. The fashion show was held from 2 to 5 p.m. on 24th December, 2010, at the school hall. Over 700 students joined the fashion show.*

*There were four activities, namely, a costume design competition, a catwalk show, special highlights by TVB stars and a second-hand fashion sale. Popular singers such as Andy Lau, Eason Chan and MC Jin performed in the fashion show. I was so lucky to be invited by my idol, Eason Chan, to sing a song with him on the stage. I think their performance was wonderful.*

*I think the fashion show was fun and amazing. Each student sponsored the show by buying the admission ticket which costs \$30. Students raised \$21,000 in total and the money was donated to "Friends of the Earth" for environmental protection.*

*Taking part in this fashion show has made me realize that we need to protect the environment. Doing voluntary work makes me feel good and benefits society too. So, do what we can do. Let's go GREEN!*



# Teachers Appreciation Poems

1A Rai Arian Kimberly

Acrostic Poem: Miss Choi

*M*iss Choi is my English Teacher

*I* really enjoy her lessons

*S*he is the kindest teacher I have ever known

*S*he helps us with our problems

*C*elebrating this Teachers' Week

*H*er positive attitudes

*O*pening up doors that lead us to our dreams

*I* thank her very much

1A Lam Ying Ki

Acrostic Poem: Miss Kiki Choi

*My English teacher is always cheerful*

*I appreciate her because she is helpful*

*She always makes us feel wonderful*

*Sunny and rainy, she will be with us*

*Kiki teaches us with her heart*

*If we are naughty, she will be angry*

*Kind and patient is Miss Choi*

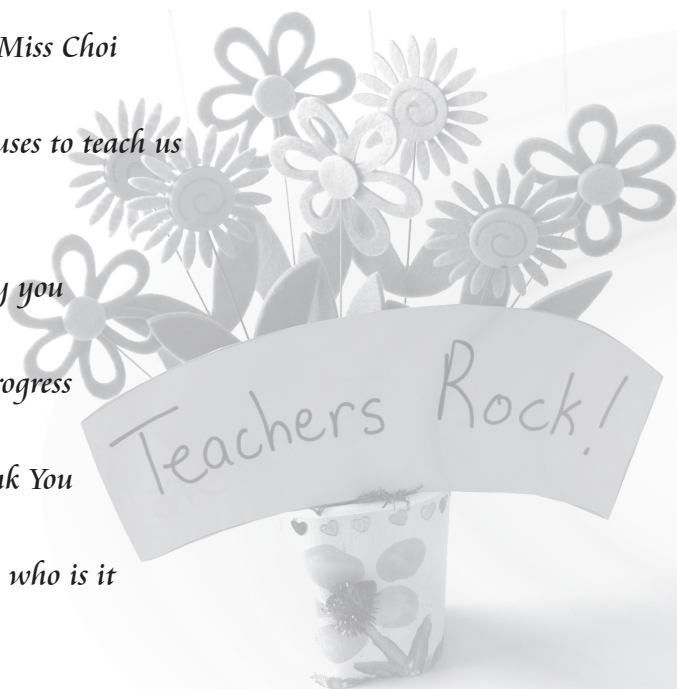
*Interesting ways she uses to teach us*

*Cheerful teacher, only you*

*Help our result to progress*

*Oh, Miss Choi! Thank You*

*If you aren't the best, who is it*



*1C Cheung Man Li, Mimi*

*Acrostic Poem: Ms Cheung*

*My favourite teacher is Ms Cheung*

*She is funny and nice*

*Caring and beautiful*

*Helpful and cheerful*

*Elegant and kind*

*U are so tall, Ms Cheung*

*Now, I will say thanks to you*

*Good teacher is you*

2A Chan Pui Wai

Acrostic Poem: Miss Ng

*Miss Ng is my English teacher*

*I like to learn in her lessons*

*She loves her students without reasons*

*Smile is always on her face*

*New knowledge can be learnt in this place*

*Girls and boys love her so much*





2A Ip Kwun Yin

Acrostic Poem: THANKS

*The man who is funny and nice*

*He is a good teacher who makes me feel happy*

*Anything is fine in his lessons*

*Never gets angry but smiles all day*

*Keeps teaching us until we know everything*

*Say thanks to you, Mr Cheng*



Teachers Appreciation Poem

*I am so smart*

*Because teachers teach me with their heart*

*Before the test*

*We do not rest*

*Because we want to do our best*

*And all I want to say is thanks*



3A Hau Wing Yan

*A Biopoem: Mr. Shay*

*Mr. Shay*

*Cutie, fatty, happy and funny*

*He is like our mother and father*

*Lover of coke, chicken and fries*

*Who feels unhappy when there is no coke, sad when fast food shops have no  
chicken to buy and despaired when students are sleepy or lazy*

*Who needs sleep, food and sweets*

*Who gives money, love and care to his beloved, you and me*

*Who would dream to have a lot of money and a lot of chicken*

*Teacher of Wai Kiu College*

*Mr. Aiden Shay*

3A Lam Ngoi Ting

Teachers Appreciation Poem

To Ms. Cheung,

Happy, kind, responsible and cheerful

Teacher of 3A class

Lover of penguins, hermit crabs and our class

Who feels afraid when she sees cockroaches, unhappy

When we do not hand in homework and when we

Are noisy

Who needs curry, money and love

Who wins over naughty and noisy  
students

Who gives worksheets, workbooks and tons of  
homework

Who would like to see 3A class improving year by year

Teacher of Wai Kiu College

Ms. Mandy Cheung

*3C Chan Hiu Naam*

*Acrostic Poem: Miss Kwan TY*

*M*iss Kwan loves 3C

*I* love her and you can see

*S*he always takes care of me

*S*o, I know she loves me

*K*eeP studying science week by week

*W*e won't forget what you teach

*A* great teacher here you are

*N*ever give up here we are

*T*eaching science is Miss Kwan

*Y*EAH, I hope she will love 3C class



Acrostic Poem: Mr. Ho Ka Lung

*Mr. Ho's smiles are so sweet*

*Remember he taught me Chinese*

*He likes to talk with me in Putonghua and Cantonese*

*Our Chinese lesson used to be weak*

*Keep making progress every week*

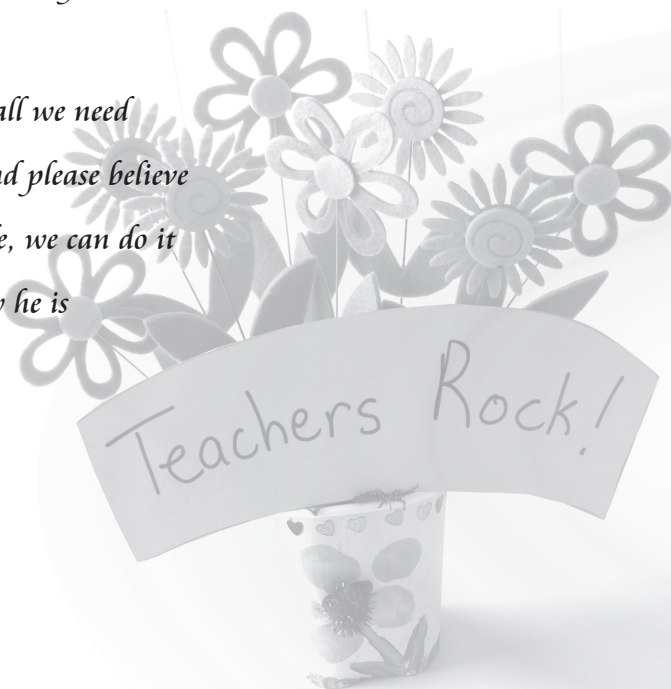
*Although he gives us lots of worksheets*

*Learning, I know is all we need*

*U must remember and please believe*

*Nothing is impossible, we can do it*

*Great teacher, I know he is*



*4B Chow Wai Kin*

*Teachers Appreciation Poem*

*If you give me a test*

*I will do my best*

*Please teach me English*

*Cause I always speak Chinglish*

*Your English lessons are cheerful*

*Your personality is wonderful*

*You know how to cheer students up*

*And we know how to cheer you up*

*Your lessons are never boring*

*Cause we are always learning*

*I give my thanks here*

*Hope you can teach in Wai Kiu forever*

Acrostic Poem: Sebastian

*S*iu Siu is a teacher working in WKC

*E*very day, he teaches us ABC

*B*esides this, he is modest and gentle

*A*t free time, he likes taking photos

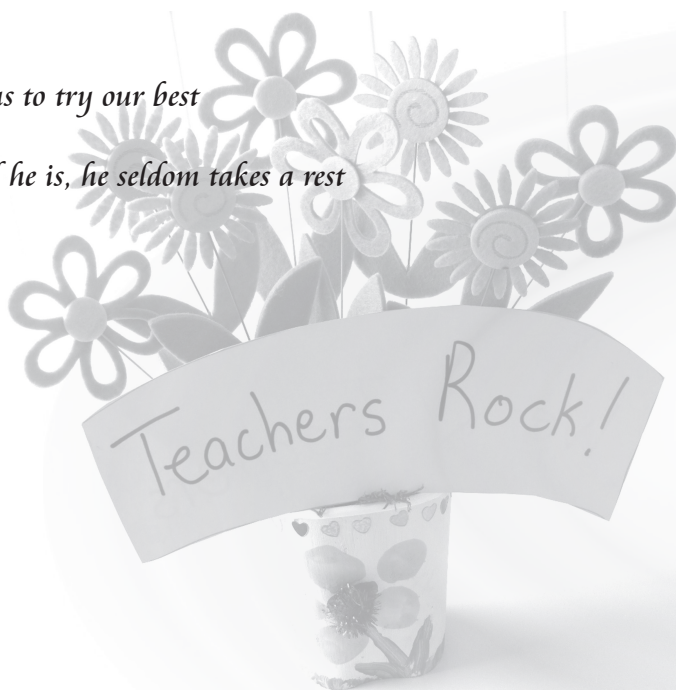
*S*tudious, generous and talented

*T*ruly warm-hearted

*I*ndeed, he is the best

*A*lways encourages us to try our best

*N*o matter how tired he is, he seldom takes a rest



5A Chan Wing Ki

Acrostic Poem: Miss Liu

*M*odest teacher all students respect

*I*mpressive lesson you can expect,

*S*uperlative skills of teaching

*S*urprising quizzes make lessons exciting

*L*eading us on the road of winning

*I*mpassioned speeches are really enlightening

*U*nbounded energy encourages me to be hardworking

5A Chan Hoi Tung, Lillian

Acrostic Poem: Ms. Chui Siu Ting

*My favourite teacher is Siu Ting*

*She is graceful when she's teaching*

*Caring about all of us*

*Hoping to guide us with happiness*

*U made me feel like I'm not the least*

*I love the way she sensibly teaches us*

*Showing us how to reach the peak*

*Infinitely present when we are weak*

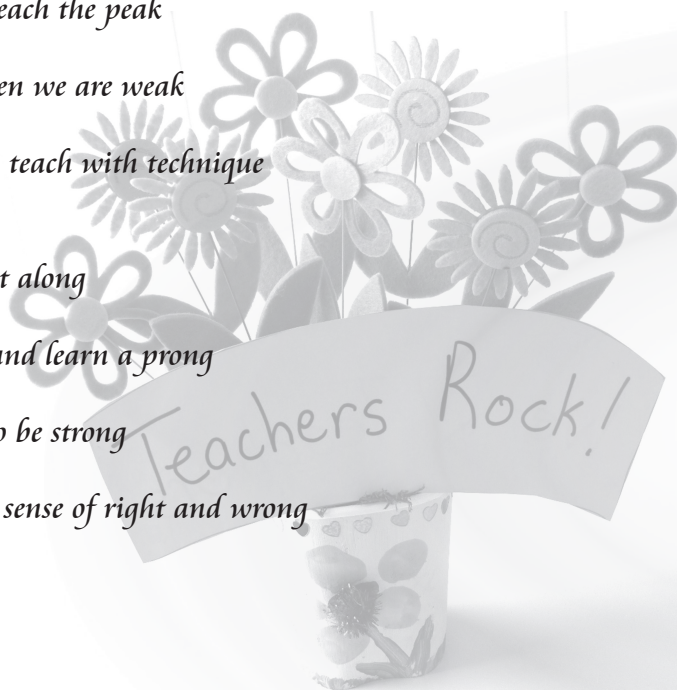
*Using her passion to teach with technique*

*Talk together and get along*

*Improve our studies and learn a prong*

*Never give up and to be strong*

*Guiding us with the sense of right and wrong*





5C Jimmy Wu

Acrostic Poem: Thank You Teacher

**T**eachers never stop teaching

**H**aving no rest

**A**nd they have to keep us thinking

**N**' keep being the best

**K**indly say thanks

**Y**ou are the best

**O**nly you are bright

**U** never rest

**T**hey never rest, being a guiding light

**E**veryone says thanks

**A**ll of us should say thanks

**C**ause' they never need to rest

**H**ow can we not say thanks

**E**veryone says they're the best

**R**eally say thanks



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