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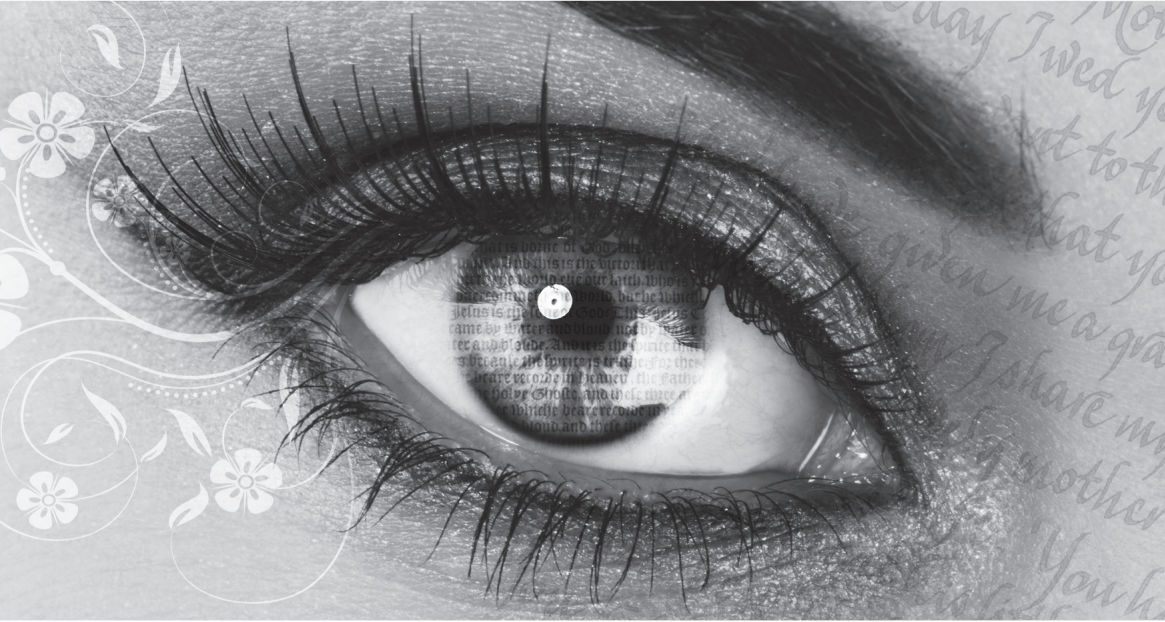
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Creative Writing

1A Arminder~ Drama Script~ No School Bullying

Characters:

Bryce (The victim)

Amun (Victim's friend)

Fahad (The bully)

Jimmy (Fahad's friend)

Manvir (Fahad's friend)

Fat Chan (Discipline Teacher)

Students

Narrator: Bryce and Amun are chatting happily, both talk and talk without end. But Fahad is jealous of Bryce so he starts to bully him.

Scene 1: In the classroom

Bryce (happily): Hey Amun!

Amun: Hey Bryce how was your holiday? Did you have fun?

Bryce (excited): I surely did! We went to Japan; we also went to China and visited the ancient wonder "The Great Wall".

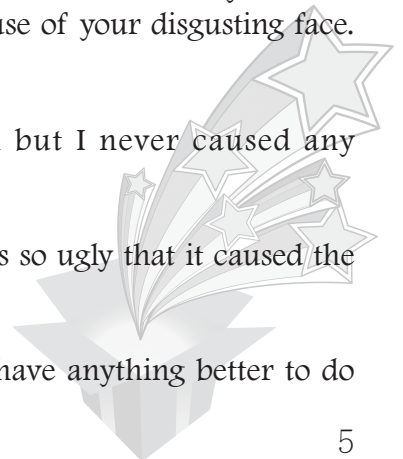
Fahad looks at Bryce and gets jealous.

Fahad (evil): Nice, did you go to Japan? Never in a million years. No wonder there is radiation in Japan! It is because of your disgusting face. Your face is the cause of the radiation.

Bryce (angry): No I didn't. I did visit Japan but I never caused any radiation.

Manvir (laugh): Of course it's you! Your face's so ugly that it caused the radiation, ugly rice!

Amun (angry): Knock it off guys, don't you have anything better to do instead of bullying him.



Jimmy: Get out or we will hit you.

Amun runs away.

Fahad: So now what Bryce? You don't have your mother here now!

Bryce (stutter): He....He is not my mother.

Suddenly Fahad holds Bryce's collar.

Fahad: Oh no! Bryce's mother went away!

Bryce starts to lose control.

Bryce (angry): Stop it! (punches Fahad)

Students: Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight!

Narrator: Both of them are fighting, then Amun joins, then Jimmy, and Manvir. They actually start a fighting competition in their classroom. Suddenly, Mr. Fat Chan comes in!

Fat Chan: Stop NOW!!!!

Narrator: Fahad, Jimmy, Manvir, Amun and Bryce continue fighting. Next Mr. Fat Chan tries to separate them and calls for assistance. Mr. Fat Lee is twice as fat, bigger, and stronger than Fat Chan. But he can't handle them alone. Finally, Mr. Fat Lee successfully separates them and pulls them to the discipline room.

Scene 2: In the discipline room

Narrator: They still continue to fight. When one of them goes for interrogation, others start to fight silently outside the room. Later, all of them are sent to the room together.

Fat Chan (seriously): Who started it? No lies, only truth!

Jimmy, Manvir and Fahad (Sadly): They started this!

Amun and Bryce: No sir, do not believe them!

Amun: First, Bryce was playing happily with me and then Fahad started calling him names. He even punched Bryce.

Fat Chan: Ok fair enough! Wait outside you two and call the three musketeers in.

Jimmy, Manvir (crying): Bryce attacked us. We were only playing.

Fahad (crying): Yes, Bryce hit me everywhere. I did not know what is up with him. He has gone crazy these days.

Narrator: Fat chan is puzzled.

Fat Chan: They just blame each other.

Narrator: Fat Chan then asks the other students to help him solve this case, but unfortunately Fahad is a rich guy and he bribes the students!

Student A: Fahad is innocent!

B: Bryce did it!

C: Fahad was playing.

Narrator: Although Fahad tries to bribe all the other students, there are still some honest students.

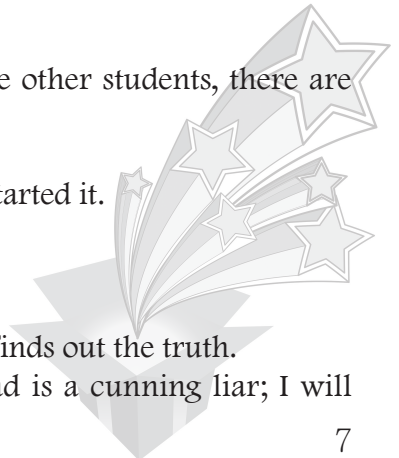
Student D: No sir, Fahad was the one who started it.

E: I totally agree with D.

F: Bryce is the victim.

Narrator: Fat Chan sees the CCTV footage and finds out the truth.

Fat Chan to himself: Now I understand, Fahad is a cunning liar; I will



handle him and his friends tomorrow. Fat Chan then shows the footage to Fahad and his friends with student A, B and C.

Fahad friends & Students: Yes sir it was us!

Amun: You wouldn't have gotten away with it! The truth always comes out no matter how much you hide it.

Fat Chan: I hereby announce your punishment. Jimmy, Manvir, Fahad, you all will need to clean the toilets during the holidays and student A, B & C stand in the discipline room for the whole month.

Narrator: Upon hearing the punishment, Fahad, his friends and students try to apologise and say they will never do this again. Bryce and Amun feel sorry for them.

Bryce: We know it is their fault, but please do not punish them. They are our classmates so we can't punish them.

Amun: Yes Mr. Fat Chan, please stop this punishment. If you cannot, please punish me.

Fat Chan: Okay! They are off the hook this time.

Narrator: Fahad thank Bryce and Amun.

Scene 3: In the classroom

Narrator: They all are now friends.

Fahad: Let's play, Bryce!

Bryce: Sure! My pleasure!

Amun: Yeah! C'mon! Join us, Jimmy, Manvir.

Manvir: Oh Yeah!

Jimmy: My pleasure!

Narrator: They all are friends, because Bryce and Amun forgive Fahad. He is touched and changes completely and never bullies anyone again. Bullying is never good. It is for losers. People don't realize what permanent effects it leaves on the victim. Please stop bullying.



1A Arminder– The Everlasting Robot Dog

Are you tired of house work? Or even some of the petty stuff that you need to do? Well, the solution of these troublesome problems is “CJ7”. Our office, which is in New York, has created the all new CJ7. It is a brand new dog. It is not just a dog, but a super robot dog. It is a companion who will stand right by your side. It’s also a 24/7 bodyguard.

The appearance of this dog is simple, but do not fall for its face. It is a super advanced robot. It has a tiger’s body and an egg-shaped head with super fast running legs that can run up to 2000km/h. It is the fastest runner on the Earth.

The moment you have been waiting for: its features. Its eyes have a spy system. There is a rectangular hole at its back which serves as a piggy bank. It can shrink to any size you command it to or even enlarge itself. This gadget can be charged and recharged using different energies, such as wind energy, solar energy and so on. This robot can also play different sports such as basketball, football etc. It can do your homework for you and remember it. Anything you say to the robot will be stored in its permanent memory so it can remember everything. Its eyes act as a projector and you can surf the Internet through it. It can be a Wifi hotspot and it can communicate in 100 different languages. It can even speak Siri.

After hearing all this, you must be tempted to buy it. It is cheap and portable, and it can transform into a car as well. You can buy it anywhere from Toys R Us and Amazing Toilet. Go fast! They are limited!

1A Asid Ali- If I Had 7 Days Left Living in the World

If I had only seven days left in the world, I would treasure it. I would live well and die peacefully.

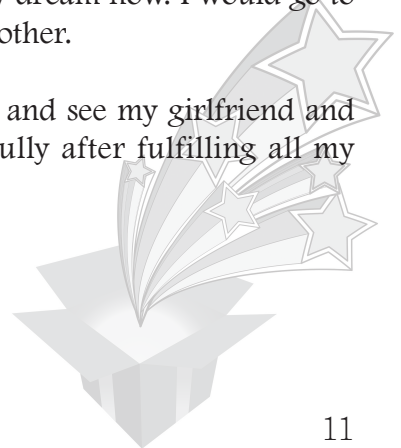
On the first day I would spend some time with my family since I never spent a lot of time with them. I did not treasure them, but since it is my last 7 days, I must treasure them. I would do several things with them such as having dinner with them. I would also spend some time with my brother so that he would miss me when I was gone forever.

On the second day I would spend some time with my friends as they have helped me study English and so much more. I would take out all my money from the bank and treat them with a free trip to Ocean Park. I would have such a wonderful time with them. I would even ask my family members and their family members to come along so that we could have a remarkable trip together!

On the third day I would visit my primary and secondary school teachers. They have taught me so much about life and how to face society in the future. I would buy them huge presents and take photos with them so they could remember me in the future as a happy and loving person.

During my last days I would take all my toys with me and travel around the world because travelling around the world is my dream in this life. I might not be able to fulfill my dream in this life but in my next life I will! At least I could still fulfill half of my dream now. I would go to Pakistan and visit my grandfather and grandmother.

Finally, I would go back to Hong Kong and see my girlfriend and my parents. Then finally I would die peacefully after fulfilling all my desires in this life.



1A Lor Ka Hei- If I Had 7 Days Left Living in the World

If I had 7 days left in the world, I would spend a lot of time with my family. I would do so because they are the closest thing to my heart. I believe my family is a gift from Heaven. They bring joy to me by celebrating my birthdays. Most importantly, they really matter to me and for this I love them so much.

Apart from family, friends are important too. They often spend time playing a special chess game with me. My best friend is Jerry. I would share all my happy memories with him. Sometimes we have arguments and fights, but our relationship is never affected for long. I would give my most precious belongings to him.

Thirdly, I would be mindful to help those in need because I want to make good use of my time left. I would pray for the people who need our help. Finally, I would donate my pocket money to them and hope that it would bring mercy.

On the fourth day, I would publicize an advertisement. I want to express my feelings of not being able to survive for more than seven days. I would make people reflect upon their use of time. I would do this so that they know how to cherish the people around them.

On the next day, I would use the money earned in the advertisement to travel to Singapore to visit Universal Studios and Legoland. In the afternoon, I would go to the Villa and then have dinner with my family. I would eat vegetarian dishes as one of my last meals. At night, we would take the flight back home and we would eat dinner on the eve of Chinese Lunar New Year.

On my final day alive, I would spend the whole day with my family. I would go to their favorite tea house to have dim sum. In the end, I would reveal the secret that I would die soon. I would be grateful as I had 7 days to prepare for my departure. No one has such an opportunity and what I would have gained during my final days would be invaluable.

2B Lam Sin Yi- Shopping Centre

Yesterday, I went to New Town Plaza with my mother. In the morning, we went to the shopping centre by taxi. First, we went to buy some new clothes and shoes from a boutique shop because Chinese New Year is coming soon.

We went to a toy shop afterwards. There were many different kinds of toys there. The toys were so expensive because no two toys were alike in the shop. The toys were unique and special.

Next, we went to a book shop, which is the only shop that is open 24 hours a day in Hong Kong. The book shop was having a special promotion: you can 'buy one get one free' now.

Later, we went to a CD shop. My father likes listening to music very much. The first 200 customers got a special gift : a \$50 coupon. I was so lucky and I bought a lot of CDs.

Finally, I went home with my mother. It was a happy day for me!



2C Lau Tsun Him- Shopping Centre

Yesterday, I went to West Dragon Shopping Centre with my friend Tony. There are many different kinds of shops in the shopping centre, e.g. book shops, toy shops, electronics stores, CD shops and clothes shops.

First, we went to a book shop and I bought a book. The book is about making birthday cakes. Then we went to an electronics store. Next, we had lunch in a fast food restaurant. After that, we went to a toy shop and I bought a teddy bear for my sister. Later, we went to the ice-skating rink. Finally, we had dinner in a western restaurant.

I had an interesting day yesterday. I want to go to the shopping centre with Tony again.

3A Faraz ~ My Wonderful Trip to Macau with My Family

Last week, we had National Day and Mid-Autumn Festival holidays. So we had a great trip to Macau with my family. We went there by ferry and had nice sightseeing.

On the first day, we visited the Five Green and White Houses in Taipa Houses Museum. Then, we went to a wonderful place – Macau Tower. It is the 10th tallest tower in the world and the best place to see the city. We took a lot of photos. Flower City Garden was our last stop that day. It is a modern garden with traditional Chinese elements.

On the second day, our first stop was the Museum of Macau. There were a lot of exhibits and we learnt about the history and traditions of Macau. Then, we went to Hac Sa Beach. The sand on the beach was of black color. None of us wanted to leave before sunset. At last, we went to Senate Square, a paved pedestrian area for shopping. I bought some souvenirs for my friends.

We tried lots of the best food in Macau such as egg tarts, pork chop buns and peanut sweets. I liked pork chop bun best because the fried pork chop inside the bun was really delicious and it was cheap. I love Macau very much because it is a gorgeous place. It was really a nice trip for me.



3A Fung Wing Hung - My Unforgettable Trip to Hong Kong and Macau

I went sightseeing in Hong Kong and Macau with my family last week since we had a holiday. I would have had nothing to do if I had stayed at home. Hence, we decided to go on a three-day trip to Hong Kong and Macau.

On the first day, we went to Wan Chai to visit Golden Bauhinia Square. I chose this spot because my teacher told me that it was a good tourist attraction and everyone should visit it once in their lifetime. I felt very curious. The Golden Bauhinia Square is very magnificent! In addition, I learnt that the flag raising ceremony is held every day at the square, so I observed some culture of Hong Kong. The scene has left me with a long-lasting memory.

On the second day, we went to Tsim Sha Tsui to enjoy the sea view. When we had arrived, we heard a rustle of wind. It made us feel very comfortable. Then, we looked over the opposite shore. There were so many splendid buildings and landmarks. I wanted to jump into the harbor and swim across it.

On the last day, we went to Macau for sightseeing. There were also many things to eat. I bought some snacks in Macau, including Portuguese egg tarts, almond cookies and pork chop buns. These foods were very delicious! Finally, I bought some souvenirs for my friends.

Macau and Hong Kong are so good! Hong Kong and Macau have many wonderful tourist attractions. I will definitely visit them again!

3A Ho Ka Po ~ A Joyful Trip to Hong Kong and Macau

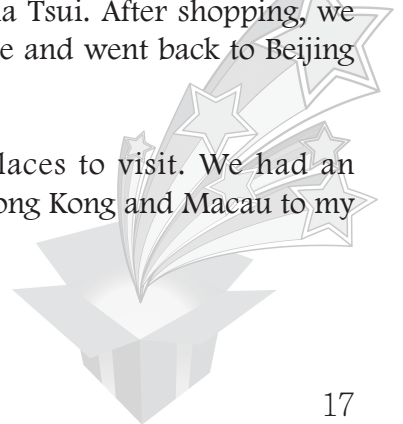
I had a long holiday from school, so I decided to visit Hong Kong and Macau with my family for three days.

On the first day, we took a flight from Beijing to Hong Kong. After we had arrived, we went to the hotel to put down our luggage and started our sightseeing. We went to the Tai O Fishing Village first. There were lots of special Chinese snacks and dried seafood and all were very yummy. After that, we went to the Ngong Ping Village and the Big Buddha by the cable car. We took many photos with the Big Buddha and tried the vegetarian dishes too.

On the second day, we went to Macau by ferry. Macau is a beautiful place that is full of culture. We started at the Ruins of St Paul's and took lots of photos with it. After that, we went to the Museum of Macau. We now know more about the history and culture of Macau. It was really interesting. At last, we went to the Lord Stow Bakery to try the Portuguese egg tarts that were mouthwatering before we went back to Hong Kong.

On the last day, we decided to wake up early to try the Chinese tea and dim sum in the Chinese restaurant. The dim sum in Hong Kong was very special and totally different from Beijing but I loved it very much. Then, we went to Mong Kok and Tsim Sha Tsui for shopping. There were lots of things which were cheap but nice in Mong Kok, so we bought some souvenirs for our friends. We also bought lots of beautiful clothes for ourselves in the shopping mall in Tsim Sha Tsui. After shopping, we went back to the hotel and packed our luggage and went back to Beijing at night.

Hong Kong and Macau were nice places to visit. We had an unforgettable experience. I will recommend Hong Kong and Macau to my friends. If I have time, I must visit them again.



3B Lee Wan Yi ~ My Three-day Trip to Hong Kong and Macau

Last weekend, I went on a trip to Hong Kong and Macau with my family. I stayed there for sightseeing. I had a great time in these two cities because that was a National Day holiday. We went to Hong Kong by plane.

On the first day, we went to Lantau Island. While we were on the island, we went sightseeing at Disneyland. We saw cartoon characters and took photos with them. We tried exciting rides. We also went to the Great Buddha. I felt excited because the Big Buddha was very magnificent.

We went to Mai Po in Yuen Long on the second day. We saw beautiful scenery and watched many kinds of birds. We also went to Sai Kung. We went hiking, camping and fishing. I felt very happy.

On the last day, we went to Macau by ferry. Macau was a good place to visit. We went shopping in Senate Square. I bought some souvenirs and postcards for my friends. I like the food in Macau. I tried a lot of local food on our trip – dim sum, curry fish ball, almond cookies and egg tarts. My favourite was egg tarts because they were tasty.

It is an amazing trip. I can't wait to go travelling in Hong Kong and Macau next year.



3B Wong Ying ~ My Trip to Macau

My family and I had a great time in Macau last Sunday because it was my dad's birthday. We went there by ferry.

On the first day, we went sightseeing in Ruins of St. Paul's. A fire destroyed this famous church many years ago, but one wall still remains. We also took photos there. Then, we went to Macau Tower, the 10th tallest tower in the world. This is certainly the best place to see the city. Coloane Village was the last stop that day. The village was full of the culture of old Macau. We also found the famous egg tart bakery, Lord Stow's Bakery.

On the second day, the first stop was the Museum of Macau. It taught us the history and traditions of the city. We didn't miss any of the exhibits! They were all fascinating! Then, we went swimming and sunbathing at Hac Sa Beach. There wasn't anything interesting to see except for the black sand. Next, we went shopping in Senate Square, a paved pedestrian area in the centre of Macau. We bought a postcard for my grandmother.

We tried many kinds of local foods in Macau, for example, pork chop buns, almond cookies, peanut sweets, Portuguese egg tarts, egg rolls and serradura. We liked pork chop buns best because they were tasty and the pork chop was juicy.

Macau is a really wonderful place to visit. I'll certainly visit again with my parents or friends when I have time.



4A Ip Kwun Yin - A Horrible Experience

It was a horrible experience, and I'll never forget it! Last week, I brought my pet dog, Yumi, to walk around the area which was near my house. The weather was nice and we ran together. While we were running around the club house, Yumi's leash broke, and that did not make sense! I tried to run and catch Yumi, but I absolutely couldn't run as fast as her since my leg got hurt during the race before. I shouted at Yumi for her to stop her from running but it wasn't worth it. I felt very sad but I still needed to follow Yumi.

Suddenly, a huge green snake came out from the grass, and it seemed like it wanted to attack Yumi. Yumi was very frightened as she had never met this kind of terrible animal before. I planned to use the leash to hold the green monster but it was a very silly idea.

While the huge monster opened its mouth and tried to attack Yumi, two men who loved to play with snakes stopped its actions and saved my Yumi. Finally, those two men took the monster back home and were never seen again.

After all that happened, Yumi never wanted to walk around or join any outdoor activities anymore. For these reasons I hate snakes!

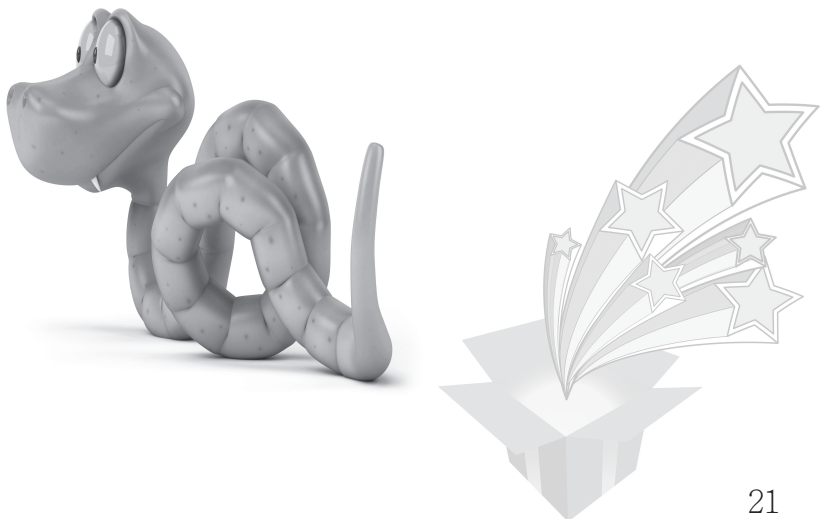


4B Fung Ka Fai – A Horrible Experience

Today's weather is better! Mary took her dog and went to the park to buy something. They walked in the park, and there was grass and flowers. Strange sound came from the grass and Mary's dog went there. She wanted to stop her dog but the leash broke and her dog went into the grass.

There was a large snake in the grass and Mary was very horrified. Her dog attacked the large snake and it attacked back. Then Mary's dog ran out of the park. Mary called the police to tell them that there was a large snake in the park, but when the police arrived, Mary's dog was dead. Mary was very unhappy and sat on the ground to cry. The police went to catch the large snake. After one hour, the police caught the snake.

Later on, another snake appeared in the park. Mary was very unhappy and got angry at the snake, so Mary used a baseball bat to beat the large snake. Finally, Mary killed it, but she was very unhappy. When this was over, Mary missed her dog because her dog protected her. She would never forget this incident.



4C Chan Pui Wai – A Horrible Experience

Today is Sunday. In the morning, the weather was good, so I decided to take my lovely dog “Happy” to the park which was near my home.

On my way to the park, Happy was joyful. Sometimes he walked fast and sometimes he walked slowly. Suddenly, Happy saw a large snake behind the grass. Both of us were really afraid. Happy started barking at the large snake and I shouted “Happy! Stop barking! Stop barking!”. Happy and I got the snake’s attention. The large snake wanted to catch Happy and eat him. Happy was very frightened, so he ran away. As Happy ran too fast, I couldn’t catch Happy and I was afraid that I would lose Happy. My tears started to flow as I was frightened.

I called the police and put Happy’s photo on the social website facebook to request my friends to help me find Happy. Two hours later, my phone started to ring. The policemen said that they had found Happy. I was really delighted when I got this message, so I went to the police station and took Happy back home. It was an unforgettable day.



4C Zhou Zhen Zhen ~ A Horrible Experience

Lily is my dog. She is nice and clever. I go walking with her in the park near my home every day.

One morning, I went walking with Lily in the park. Suddenly, Lily started running quickly. I didn't know what happened. Lily ran to the grass and barked loudly. I could not run as fast as Lily and the leash broke. Lily came to the grass and barked louder and louder.

I arrived and saw a large snake coming out of the grass. It came to Lily. Lily didn't stop barking and it ran away. I screamed loudly when I saw that.

People who lived near the park heard the sound, and they went out to have a look. They were afraid and called the police. Lily stopped running. She looked at the large snake. I was worried that the large snake would hurt Lily. "Don't touch it! Run quickly!" I shouted.

After a few minutes, three policemen came. Lily kept looking at the large snake. They wanted to fight. I was afraid and began to cry. A policeman told me that I did not need to worry as they would catch the large snake and save Lily.

The policemen brought the tools needed and they went behind the large snake. At this moment, Lily stopped barking. The large snake didn't move. The policemen caught it quickly and took it away.

Lily ran to me and the policeman said: "Thank your dog for helping us catch the snake. She is very brave!" After that, everybody gave her a big hand of applause.

What a smart dog! I am proud of her!



5B Chow Wai Hang- If I Had 7 Days Left Living in the World

If I had seven days left in the world, I would first say thank you to my parents, for looking after me for so long. I would thank them for giving me love and supporting me by working and earning money. They always wanted me to think before I said or did anything in order to show concerns for others. They cooked good food, washed my clothes, made my bed and worried about me a lot especially when I was sick.

I would hug them, kiss them and apologize to them for neglecting their hardship and being rude to them. I would tell them although I don't have anything to repay them except serving a simple meal, I would cuddle them to show they are the best parents ever.

Next, I would ask my friend for forgiveness and confess to him that I had stolen his hundred dollar bill to buy my favorite robot model and TV games. After that, I would invite my best friend to fly with me to England to watch the football match between Liverpool FC and Manchester United FC, because I have never been on a plane and travelled abroad.

Furthermore, since I love Japanese food and Kimchi very much, I would eat Japanese food and Kimchi with my friends who were my primary school classmates. We would talk about our lives after being promoted to secondary school. I would like to know more about them, I would also ask if they had difficulties in their studies or anything else. I would also encourage them not to give up.

Moreover, I would like to try something exciting before I left the world. I would want to fly high on a plane and jump down with a parachute to break the Guinness World Record, so that I could leave something on Earth and my name would be remembered. In addition, I would invite my favorite teacher to fly with me to the Caribbean Sea to go scuba diving. This is the world's most famous diving paradise. I have never tried diving before and I believe this would be my greatest adventure.

Finally, I would leave the world peacefully without any regrets.

5B Chu Ka Chung- If I Had 7 Days Left Living in the World

If I had 7 days left in the world, I would do the following things because I want people to remember me forever in the hope that the next generation would have a more comfortable, advanced and beautiful living environment.

Beginning with the political system in Hong Kong, I would call for the overthrowing of the Chief Executive, Leung Chun-Ying. I would do so because he doesn't listen to the views of the public. He ignores public opinion and continues to implement unfair plans. I would organize a group that dislikes the current administration and I would choose a lawyer representative. I would then hold a press conference asking the chief executive to withdraw his plan and give us a reasonable reply about the illegal structure at his home.

Next, I would focus on the economy of Hong Kong. I think the wealth gap between the rich and the poor is too wide. Many poor people have to pay high rent for housing. As a result, I would ask someone to help me steal Li Ka Shing's property. After that, I would distribute \$5000 each to the poor. Moreover, I would provide financial aid for those in need so as to balance the gap between the rich and the poor.

Regarding Hong Kong's social issues, I think our society is not harmonious because of the conflicts of the public. For example, Hong Kong people dislike Mainland people due to cultural differences. Consequently, Hong Kong people think that mainland people are not educated and civilized. I would encourage the mainland people to learn Hong Kong culture so as to better understand each other in order to help our society to become more peaceful and harmonious.

Finally, I would address the environmental issues Hong Kong has to face. I would like to reduce the pollution problems because the air and noise pollution levels are serious in Hong Kong. The world recognizes that this causes Greenhouse effect which increases global warming. So I would ask the government to set up laws to protect the environment. For example, they should stop using air-conditioning during winter. I would

also ask social organizations such as Greenpeace to plant more trees so as to absorb the excessive carbon dioxide. Moreover, I would hold a talk for the children to let them know that protecting our environment is very important.

If I had 7 days left living in the world, I would do all of the above. I would be famous after that and everyone would remember me forever since the things I have done would be meaningful whereas this could help people and act as an encouragement to Hong Kong.

5B Fung Ho Long- If I Had 7 Days Left Living in the World

As I looked at the calendar, I was suddenly aware that I had only 7 days to live in the world. My doctor said my condition was serious. Time is gone and life is short. I have so many things and dreams I want to achieve, but I know that I have no time to finish them all. So I want to do something meaningful and important in these 7 days.

The first thing I would want to do is to apologize to the people I have hurt before. Back in Secondary 3, I was a very bad, naughty, irresponsible and rebellious teenager. I broke the school rules and told lies to my teachers and parents. I broke their hearts and disappointed them. They thought I was a hopeless person. Now I would want to tell them I have changed. I work hard on my studies. I always get high marks in dictations and exams. I want to tell them I regret what I have done and that I have changed.

The second thing I would want to do is to help the poor in Hong Kong. The poor in Hong Kong face a lot of problems. Some poor children can't join activities in school because they have no money. Some poor elderly need to pick bottles, cans and paper on streets and sell them to make money. I met an elderly person at midnight during the summer holiday last year. Her son and daughter had left her so she lived alone. She was pushing a trolley on the street, I felt very sad at the sight of this. She worked so hard when she was young and took care of her children but was living a tragic life in her old age. I would want to be able to help these poor people. I would want to give my fortune to them when I leave the world so they could have money to maintain their daily lives.

The third thing I would want to do is to try every exciting game in the world. I have never been on a roller coaster because I was not tall enough to play when I was young. I only watched animals and enjoyed the view of Ocean Park, so I would like to try these rides and regain the part of childhood I have lost. I would go there with my friends and I would have a fantastic time with them. I would leave with a wonderful memory, having no regrets and enjoying every last moment. However I do think it would be great if I had more time to live in this world.

In these 7 days, I would do all the things I want to do. I would accomplish meaningful things and I would not have any regret.

5C Lam Lap Man~ If I Had 7 Days Left Living in the World

Dear Mummy and Daddy,

How have you been? I may have arrived at Paradise by the time you read this letter. I have left home for five years since I chose to study in England. I have eventually graduated from the University of Oxford. I had originally prepared to come back to Hong Kong before I received this news.

A few days ago, I felt unconscious on the street. Fortunately, I was saved by some sympathetic people. When I woke up in the hospital, I got an “enormous surprise” from the doctors. They said I was confirmed with brain cancer which has already deteriorated to the terminal stage and I could only live for 7 days at most. I have never imagined that my life will reach its destination and this message came too sudden for me. I therefore felt extremely frustrated and had a gathering with a big sister called Kiki.

Having been inspired, I resolved to be brave enough to defeat my negative emotions and face death optimistically. Here, I would like to share my last life experience with you, my dear parents.

After realizing my situation of suffering from cancer, Kiki took me to do some voluntary work. I was responsible for taking care of some patients who were getting ready to access the world of hell. However, they were not in despair. Thanks to this experience, I befriended a patient there, whose disease was similar to mine. His attitude of facing difficulties was totally different from mine. He would not give up any opportunity to play with his friends, accompany his family and do something meaningful. On top of that he was fearless and bold to fight against the virus in his body. “The true value of living should not be measured by quantity but by quality.” he said. So far I still remember his impressive story clearly.

What’s more, do you remember what my favorite job was when I was small? The answer remains the same: “A teacher”. In order to achieve my dreams, I decided to return to my old secondary school, American Talents’ College to work as a tutor. This job was not as easy as I

thought. Not only did I have to cram lots of knowledge into the students' mind but I also had to guide them to be disciplined and honest citizens. Some of them were innocent, some were energetic and some were gentle. Although their academic results were not the best, I still put all my effort into educating them. Every time I saw an improvement in the performance of their homework or discipline, I felt a huge satisfaction. It was an unforgettable memory for me even though I was only their teacher for three days.

During the last few days of my life, I planned to travel to New York city around where I live. I was regretful that I never got to go anywhere on a trip due to the uncountable homework and projects piled on me. I finally chose the Statue of Liberty as the last stop of my journey. Standing on top of it, I could appreciate the scenery of the whole city. This memory will be forever imprinted in my mind and it was the best symbol of New York. When you retire, you should spare some time to visit this place and experience the local western culture.

Daddy and Mummy, I deeply apologize for the fact that I cannot look after you in the future. As your son, I am no longer able to fulfill my responsibility and duty to take care of you. I hope you will forgive me!

Indeed, death has brought upon me a strong fear. Nevertheless, I can enjoy the rest of my life after receiving encouragement from you and my friend "Kiki". I want to express my most honest gratitude to all of you. Dad and Mum, I am proud of being your son. I hope you will have an extraordinary life just like I did!

Love,
Chris



5C Liu Chi Wa- If I Had 7 Days Left Living in the World

“Get up, Chris”. I could vaguely hear the shouts from the nurse, I woke up and followed them to do chemotherapy. I am Chris Lee. I have stayed in hospital for over 3 years due to cancer. Due to this constraint, I cannot be a typical kid that can study, play or run. I also have to accept some treatments that are cruel tortures every day. I really wish that I was a bird so I could escape from this birdcage, yet I can’t. Despite some happiness in the past, I have been depressed ever since I heard the death bell ringing from the doctor: “You will die after seven days.” Why me? My spirit flew in a deep pool. I covered myself with the bed sheets in the ward and did not want to see anyone, including my parents.

The following days even the nurses dare not give me a morning call. In this silent environment, I was afraid and lonely. “I don’t want to disappear from the world, I still have many things I still want to do!”, I yelled out the window. I started crying afterwards when I recalled my childhood dream of becoming a scientist, but now it is impossible for me to achieve that dream. Even the birds fell silent for me, the flowers sagged for me and the sky darkened for me. “Why was I chosen?!”. I stood up and ran. The jail was further and further behind me. I saw cheerful students on the street, so I decided to follow them to school.

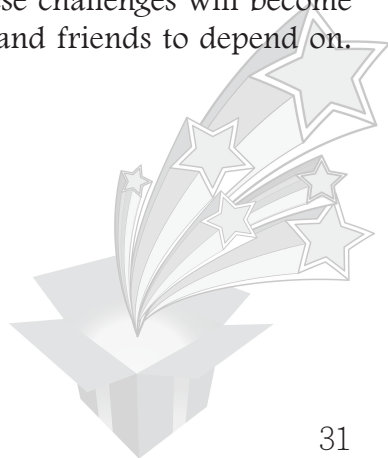
“Bump! Bump! I heard from afar, the sound came from the playground. It felt like yearning. “Ma, what should I ask my schoolmates first?” I thought as I entered the school. Unfortunately, school had ended and everyone had left. So I sat in my classroom feeling lonely. Suddenly, I heard a familiar sound behind me “Chris, are you Chris?”. Oh! It was Mr. Chan, my chemistry teacher. He has always been an insightful teacher. He can read my mind whenever my emotion changes. So I talked to him about my escape. He didn’t blame me but welcomed and encouraged me. Surprisingly, he also suggested I should join a scientific experiment tomorrow. I was concerned that I would not be able to keep up as I haven’t studied for a long time. “Oh! I can’t!”, I assumed, but he patted my shoulder and said “I will teach you”, and then I accepted. Finally, he brought me home and explained everything to my parents.

Even though it was my last 3 days in this world, it was the best time of my life. Thanks to Mr. Chan, I had a chance to use test tubes to carry out a chemical experiment by myself. First, Mr. Chan carefully helped me to wear safety equipment and taught me the process step by step. I started the experiment as a scientist holding the fate of humans in my hands, only by exploring and discovering medicines we can help patients to defeat this demon. Although being a scientist is impossible for me now, I was thankful that I got to have this experience.

After taking a day to rest, my weak body felt invigorated. My family decided to travel with me, but due to my disease, I could not accompany my mum and dad for a long time. We went to The Peak and we took a photo at the observation deck, where I smiled my widest smile. We also went to Ocean Park. I went on all the rides and left with many memories. Although my life is short, I can prove my worth in this world.

In spite of having only two days to live, I learnt to live meaningfully. I was invited to give a speech for all the students to share my experience on how to accept my short life. I hope they can be encouraged to be energetic and enthusiastic about their life. It is because I feel that no matter how long your life is, you can make it meaningful as long as you want it to be. Therefore people should not waste time complaining!

This is the last day of my life. Despite my powerless body, I am still writing, “We will encounter various challenges in our lives. It may cause despair, but you should face it positively. These challenges will become easier over time and you have your parents and friends to depend on. They will pull you back from the deep pool...”



5C Tsang Hing Hung- If I Have 7 Days Left Living in the World

"That's all for my presidential speech and thank you for your attention. Bless you all my sons and have a good 7 days". I read the last line of the speech carefully and gently, then I walked down from the stage amidst acclaims and claps that pervaded the atmosphere. Every corner of the White House was packed with citizens and they gave me cheerful grins, anticipating my hand to the whole of America. "I am just a mortal person with the crown of the President of the United States! What do you expect me to do for ya?" I whispered my complaints, the pressure of over expectation from the audience and the desiring eyes directed towards me have made me weary.

"Pop!" Suddenly, someone fell onto the rough road. I was surprised and tried to find who the unfortunate guy was. What made me curious was that they all showed terrible faces to me, more seriously, their faces became pale after seeing what happened to me. "Mr President, your head..." I forced myself to use my hands to feel my back, what I saw was sticky red liquid. At this moment, I felt my pupils contract and my brain went unconscious...

When I opened my eyes, a beam of bright white light was shining on me and woke me up immediately. In this strange environment, I was infused in a soft texture with the smell of felicity. "Isn't this paradise? Am I dead?" I poked at my skin. "You are dead, the head of the American division of the Earth. Welcome to my paradise". Oh Jesus, is he Jesus? I promptly crawled up and made a humble bow in front of the Lord of the universe. "Mr President, your diligence in contributing to the people of the world has been recognized by my father and I. Therefore, I give you permission to relive in the world for 7 days. You are free to do anything you like, after 7 days, I will destroy the world. Nowadays, human beings are polluting my treasure to them and the destruction of nature has angered me greatly. If they intended to protect the Earth, then happiness could be maintained eternally. Anyway, I hope you will cherish this limited time of leave as a president and I will see you at the end of your life."

Jesus left, and I was placed in the silent paradise again. This time, lines of tears streamed from my wet eyes. I abandoned my ordinary life and lost the Earth in the process. Not only did I suffer from the pressure of people's criticism, I ignored the affection of my family and a short break for my life. Therefore, if I had another chance, I would clearly understand what I have to complete as an ordinary person.

On the first day, I would stay back in my house at the White House. However, this time I would stay away from the harshness of my job and give this woman the tightest hug I can give her as well as a smile, this woman is my wife. She started supporting me when she was 20 with no complaints after our marriage, yet I didn't treat her she deserves. Every night I was surrounded by trivial jobs but she still waited for me to come back, in the end all she got was a night of silence, accompanied by sterile TV programs. So, during these 7 days I first would take a short trip to Japan with her. I could learn more about having breaks between work and most importantly, cherishing the time to enjoy a relaxing stay with my only soul mate. During this journey, I would wholeheartedly feel happiness and bliss around Japan. Despite how natural everyone's life is, they get satisfaction from their life merely by going to hot springs and drinking bottles of milk. Also, a wife's smile is far greater than being a supreme president, billionaire or celebrity.

From the third day to the fourth day, I would go to Africa. I would bring my private professional doctors with me and let them treat the victims suffering from diseases like lung cancer and starvation, some of these victims include teenagers, children or even babies. Developing a resistance to illness can help these Africans live a life they deserve. For me, having a large amount of money certainly brought many admirers from the world around. However, behind happiness there is always sadness coming from developing countries. In these two days, I escape from the troubles of the economic driven life and put myself into "organic" nature, which offers me a serene environment. Living using my bare hands without "building forests" can surely bring me closer to paradise. On top of the dirtiness of money, a clean "nothing" is a valuable treasure to every workplace in the world, isn't it?

The next two days, I would spend at my parents' home and I would cook them meals. Since I was born, the people who contributed to me without asking anything in return were my handsome father and beautiful mother. They offered me their wages but what I responded with was just repeating requests for money. Therefore I would try my best to cook a meal for them. Even though I don't know much about cuisines, I think they would be very happy to taste and enjoy my delicious masterpiece as it would be a surprise to them. I also invite every person who has treated me well and who has helped me overcome challenges in the past to have a meal. During the dinner, I would bring my 1856 French wine to share with them. At the end of the fifth day, I would have a short trip to Egypt with my dearest friends, travelling on my private 747 airplane using up my excess money to contribute to the local Pharaoh mummies preservations because I was always deeply fond of the history of the ancient stories. I was obsessed with every part of God and the revolution of civilization. Nowadays, destruction of the world is everywhere and I spend my time to know more about why God was enraged and intended to destroy the Earth.

At the end of the seventh day, I would stay in my little room and pray to Jesus, hoping he will not crack this elegant human paradise so that innocent humans will not suffer from an irreparable disaster. Although pollution, conflicts between humans and dirty thoughts are everywhere on this Earth, some of them still desire to make the world better in either social or technological aspects. I wholeheartedly begged Jesus not to jeopardize humans' future because all of them are his hand-made citizens, his irreplaceable treasures. If Jesus still intends to remove us from the Earth, I truly hope that I will be purified in the next life and stay a cleansed world forever.

6A Cheng Ngai Mui- What a Wonderful Performance!

Yesterday, a pop music school led by students, held a concert in Hong Kong. It was simply amazing. Everyone was enchanted by the wonderful performance. As a member of this group, I know it is not easy to hold a good concert like that, so I want to share my experience with all of my fans.

Before the concert, we prepared for almost two months, including choosing songs, decorating the venue, preparing clothes, and so much more. We had so many things to handle and faced many difficulties.

Our chairperson, Peter, was a really good leader. We decided to choose five people to solo on two songs and two bands to perform on one song. It was a good chance for everyone in the group to have such opportunities to get on stage. But the problem was the choice of songs. We wanted to show the audience the best performance of ourselves, but if all the songs were pop music, it might not show the different sides of our group. Luckily, Peter invited his friends to help us fuse classical and pop music together. It was a great creation as it satisfied both the needs of our group and the audience.

Also, because we did not have a huge budget, we had help from one of the group members – Mary, who is a graduate from a famous primary school. We contacted that school, and they were willing to lend us their school hall to hold the concert on Saturday. It helped us save a lot of money. The clothes were prepared by the performers, and we decorated the hall together. It was a happy experience working with these people, as they were so nice and helpful, and we were just like a big family.

As we were looking forward to the date of the concert, we were still afraid that our performance was not good enough to please the crowds.

We checked all the equipment before the show, and soon many people started to enter the hall. We were so excited to see so many supporters. The first group came out wearing long dresses, which were

so beautiful, and they gave us a splendid opening. Then one by one, things started to come to life. Our group was the last to perform, but the moment before we were supposed to go on the stage, the guitarist had a sudden headache. He was in so much pain and his face turned pale. We were concerned because there was no one that could replace him.

We were so nervous and got into a mess. Some members even cried. Thank God our leader Peter replaced the guitarist and he learned the part immediately. He did very well even though he was not familiar with it. Finally after we finished our songs, we all could not help crying, with all the audience clapping and cheering to support us.

We ran down the stage and hugged the audience. All the band members came out to thank the supporters. After taking a photo with all the members and the fans, we had a celebration too.

To celebrate, we went to a popular all-you-can-eat restaurant. A number of members had tears of joy from the success of the concert. My emotions were filled with feelings of delight and relief. We faced so many troubles, but eventually we succeeded. I am so proud of our pop music performance. During the celebration, Peter also gave a short speech to thank everyone and I was so moved. Having a great leader makes all the difference in being able to succeed.

This was the best performance that I have ever taken part in. I'm so glad to have participated in our pop music group, thanks to the combined efforts by all the members as well as all the supporters. Of course we cannot forget the school that Mary graduated from for providing such a good venue for us. It was truly a wonderful experience that I will never forget.

Articles

4A Lam Ching Lun – Movie Review

I am not a fan of comics, and I don't understand the humor behind comics, like 'Superman' 'Batman' 'Spiderman'. All of my knowledge about superheroes actually comes from comics. 'Batman' and 'Superman' are the only movies I have watched. Even though these two weren't my kind of movies, 'Spiderman' has given me a surprise. After I watched it, I totally think it's a surprisingly exhilarating movie, so I would like to talk about this movie.

'Spiderman' is a science fiction movie. The movie is directed by Sam Raimi. The main characters are Spiderman, Mary Jane and Green Goblin. The running time is 121 minutes. The story begins with Peter Parker, who is a shy person who studies in high school. He lives an ordinary life, but one day, during a school trip, he is bitten by an extremely strange spider. After that, his life changes. One day, his schoolmate is in danger, Peter Parker wants to save her. Luckily, he can use his ability to save her. This is his first time discovering his ability. After that, he trains his skills so that he could be a hero. He didn't use his ability to damage. Instead he uses his ability to fight crime. He saves the unlucky girl Mary Jane many times, and they begin to fall in love. At the end he meets the most dangerous criminal of all time, named Green Goblin. This movie has an extremely touching part that you must watch to find out!

The movie has a great plot. Spiderman gives us all we need in a movie: romance, a real life story and action. In addition, 'Spiderman' is presented exceptionally well. Since 'Spiderman' captures the essence of great movies, you absolutely need to watch the movie. After you watch the movie, I think you will feel the same as me.

I learnt something after watching the movie. Peter Parker is pure at heart. After he gains new powers, he acquires spider features and can climb over walls. Although he has these hugely powerful abilities, he uses them to fight crime. At the end, he meets the most dangerous criminal and Spiderman fights against him and he doesn't give up despite losing so many times. It's all because he has justice in his heart. This is the positive message that we should understand: "a heart of justice". Spiderman's heart has remained pure to justice despite his enormous powers, so us ordinary humans should follow suit.

Li Lok Yan 4A ~ Movie Review

The movie I have watched is called *Alice in Wonderland*. I called it 'Adventurous Alice', because this is a magical and fictional story. This movie is adventurous and it is a musical as well.

The director of this movie is Tim Burton. The movie was taken using a 3D digital model shooting system. The main characters are Alice Kingsleigh (Mia Wasikowska), Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter) and the White Queen (Anne Hathaway).

The movie is about Alice's adventures after she falls into the rabbit hole leading her to the animal world. She meets a lot of animals that speak. The main event of the story is about Alice killing the huge dragon, and the white queen regaining control of Wonderland once more. Alice finally drinks the blood of the dragon and returns home.

In this movie I learnt that we must have courage to solve everything because courage can help us solve problems more quickly. We must also have a calm heart to solve problems so we can think of the right method clearly.

I will recommend this movie to my friends because it has amazing 3D effects. It made me excited to follow the movie. I can learn many things from this movie, for example, courage and a calm heart, so I will highly recommend it to my friends.

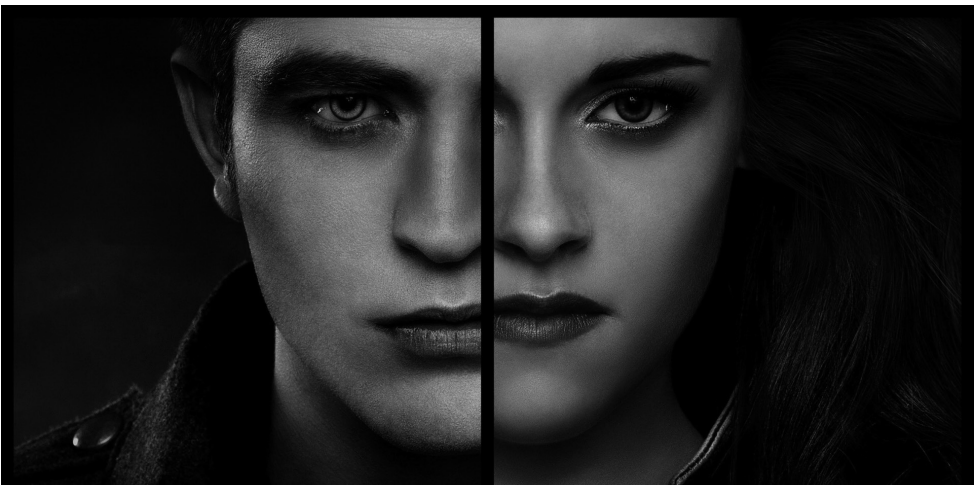


4A Liu Wan Kai ~ Movie Review

“Twilight” is the name of the movie and I call it “Thrilling Twilight” because it makes me feel excited! It’s a mystery, romance and horror film. The director of this movie is Catherine Hardwicke. The main characters are Bella Swan (actress: Kristen Stewart), Edward Cullen (actor: Robert Pattinson) and Edward’s family. The plot is written by Mark Lord and Rosenberg.

The story is about Bella meeting Edward in high school, and falling in love at first sight. Edward likes Bella because she is a little bit different from the others. Later, Bella finds out that Edward is a vampire so she is shocked and can’t accept it. So, Edward tries to make her accept him. In addition, Edward takes Bella to meet his family, and holds a family activity in the forest. At the same time, there are three bad vampires. One of the vampires, James, smells Bella as a human, so he attacks Bella. James wants to suck her blood and kill her. Bella, Edward and his family overcome many adventures.

In summary, I love “Twilight” because the movie can make me want to watch it again and again. Besides, the movie can show us what love is. Some parts made me feel deeply touched. The main point is that all the characters are good at acting and the movie’s special effects are perfect, so I highly recommend this movie.



4C Zhou Zhen Zhen – Movie Review

"Up" is an adventurous computerized 3D animation movie. It talks about an elderly man who uses helium balloons to help him fly to Paradise Falls. During this adventurous trip, he sees many things and learns many things.

Carl is one of the main characters. He is a grumpy old man. After his wife dies, he doesn't trust anybody until he meets Russell. I learn if people do not talk to others, they will not know how to get along with others and express themselves. Although Carl is a grumpy old man before, he becomes a kind elderly man and gets along well with Russell at last.

I learnt many things from Russell. He is a kind hearted boy. He wants to help Carl achieve his dream. He also takes care of the huge bird who meets Russell in Paradise Falls. When the villain hurts the huge bird, he saves the bird even when the villain wants to kill him. This teaches me to face danger. He does not only think about himself, but also how to save himself. Russell also thinks and cares about others, so Russell is my favorite character in this movie.



5B Fung Ho Long- Environmental Protection

Dear schoolmates,

Do you know our Earth is sick? 10000 years ago, our Earth was beautiful and healthy, but now, this is not the case anymore. Do you know why?

Nowadays, our Earth is facing a lot of serious environmental problems such as overfishing, global warming and air pollution. These kinds of environmental problems are caused by people. We build the factories and release CO₂ into the air. We chop down a lot of trees from the forests in order to make paper. We catch fish from the sea in order to enjoy a seafood meal. Do you think this is right?

You may think that these kinds of problems are not a big deal, but allow me to tell you that The Polar ice caps will disappear in 30 years. The ice will melt due to the effects of greenhouse gas. We will not see any more fish in 50 years because by then they will have all been consumed. Our Earth will no longer be green because the trees will have all been cut down and made into paper.

We have to solve these problems immediately. Even though we are still students, we can do a lot of things for the Earth. Let me tell you the things we should do.

First, we should use the recycling bins in our school. There are tons of soft drink bottles, coffee cans and used paper that we throw into regular bins. Let me tell you that these things can be recycled and reused. We will not need to deal with extra waste if you can dispose of these things into recycling bins. There are recycling bins next to the toilet of each floor. What you can do is to put your bottles, cans, and used paper there and the Earth will thank you for doing so because you are protecting her.

Apart from this, there are other ways to protect the Earth. You can turn off the lights, fans, and air-conditioners when students attend

morning assembly, weekly assembly, and P.E. lessons. The Earth will be happy to see that you are not wasting electricity. To provide electricity, the electrical companies need to stop burning coal. The burning process produces a lot of global warming gases which will pollute the air. So please remember to turn off the lights, fans, and air-conditioners when you are not using them.

“Do not waste your food!” said our class teacher. A lot of food will be thrown away into the bin during recess and lunchtime. I suggest you think before you buy food. Ask yourself first: “How much can I eat?”. Don’t buy too many fish balls or chicken wings if you are going to end up wasting them when you become full. To save our Earth, the most important thing is not to waste food.

I hope to see that all of you will do something for the Earth after reading my article. Let us protect the environment and build a beautiful world for our future.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong
The Chairman of Geography Club



5B Law Sum Lok- Environmental Protection

In the 21st century, all life on the Earth is at risk of global warming. Therefore, the Hong Kong government has started to raise concerns about the natural environment. However, our living environment has seriously deteriorated in these past decades. I agree that the government of Hong Kong is not doing enough to improve the natural environment.

First of all, the government does not strictly enforce the policy of controlling car exhaust for the public. The biggest pollutant in Hong Kong is air pollution. The government has not enforced the policy that cars must turn off their engines when they are parked for a period of time. There are still many drivers who do not turn off their car's engines after stopping for a while. For example, some taxi drivers like to take a nap in their taxis. They keep the car engine on so they can use the air-conditioning. There are also many truck drivers who use illegal petrol such as carbon monoxide which produces exhaust gases.

In addition, the government focuses on economic development more than environment protection. Hong Kong has an exclusive Geopark despite it being such a small place. The government, however, promotes the Geopark as a travel attraction. The rocks in the Geopark are special, hence they should be protected. However, since the government puts its emphasis on economic income, the Geopark is made up to be a tourist landscape. As a result, its habitat will be destroyed by the sightseers and this is not the way to conserve the natural environment.

Last but not least, there is not enough development of environmental protection. Hong Kong people produce a disproportionate amount of waste and this is due to our lifestyle, which focuses on convenience but at the same time wasteful. We buy a lot of clothes we hardly wear and we throw away a lot of food. Landfills in Hong Kong are almost saturated and we cannot use an incinerator. Thus the government should concentrate on educating the next generations.

In conclusion, the environment of Hong Kong is deteriorating by our own doing. The government and citizens must act quickly to ensure that we provide our future generations with a healthy environment.

5C Lam Lap Man- Environmental Protection

Have you ever spent some time to observe the changes in our environment? What do you think of Hong Kong's natural areas? In the 21st century, in order to boost the local economy, each country has placed much emphasis on developing heavy industry. Nowadays, Hong Kong is a city of advanced technology. However, some think that the quick development of industries is the root cause of the increased pollution problem in Hong Kong, and the government has not implemented effective policies to solve the issue. Henceforth, I am absolutely in favor of the Hong Kong government still needing to work harder to improve our natural environment based on the following three points.

To begin with, the administration of Hong Kong has not successfully cracked down on the imbalance of air pollution so far. According to a related investigation, the pollution index of Hong Kong was consistently at a high level, with the level of some places including Causeway Bay, Mong Kok and Central even reaching as high as 500. This value is three times higher than the recommended level set by the World Health Organization. An authoritative biologist, Dr. Wong said that when the pollution index reaches 500, the concentration of pollutants such as suspended particulates and unburnt hydrocarbons can damage our lung tissue, irritate our respiratory system and at most can even cause death. The report of the investigation was launched in 2008 but still we cannot see any concrete measures taken by the government to counter the problem.

Also, the officials of the Hong Kong government only focus on commercial progress. Hong Kong is indeed an international financial centre, and we should build up a good image regarding the finance field. However, we must not turn a blind eye to the protection and conservation of the natural environment. An example of this was in 2010, when the Hong Kong government resolved to extend the area of Disneyland at the expense of environmental protection. This eventually led to sacrificing an enormous place to extend the theme park. Needless to say, Disneyland will have amazing scenery to brush up local tourism. However, it is unacceptable that the government does not think twice before taking any

action which can harm nature.

Last but not least, the Hong Kong government has refused to conserve the ecological value for commercial profit. They have planned to construct an artificial beach at Lung Mei near Tai Po. This will push through despite opposition from environment groups. Although they promised to relocate marine life from Lung Mei to Ting Kok coast, an area 3000 meters long southwest of Lung Mei, it will still put all marine life in jeopardy. In the hopes of making the beach a wonderful attraction, officials have decided to neglect millions of marine animals and deprive them of their habitat in favor of commercial purposes. How can the government sacrifice marine life in pursuit of money? It reveals that the government still needs to put more effort into improving our natural habitat.

Some claim that the government has been attempting to conserve our natural environment. For example, regarding the wetland park as a legal protected area. This is right. Nevertheless, it is not enough. It is an undeniable fact that we cannot give up enhancing Hong Kong's international competitiveness. However, under no circumstance should we throw the importance of environmental conservation into the rubbish bin.



5C Leung Ka Ho - Environmental Protection

Nowadays, Hong Kong is growing at an extremely high speed. Thanks to rapid development, the environment in Hong Kong has become much better than the past. Recently, the Hong Kong government has decided to build an artificial beach at Lung Mei near Tai Po, which was pushed through despite opposition from environmental groups. On one hand, the man-made beach can provide an entertainment area for all citizens. On the other hand, the habitat of the marine creatures there will be affected. From the perspective of a student currently studying Biology, I am inclined to think that the government in Hong Kong is not doing enough to improve the natural environment.

To begin with, the decision to build a man-made beach at Lung Mei is damaging to the environment. Without a doubt, this decision will damage marine life. For example, seahorses, crabs and jellyfish will be hurt. During the construction of the man-made beach, a large amount of pollutants such as dust, carbon monoxide and sulphur dioxide will be released. As a result, the quality of sea water will decrease and the pH value of Lung Mei will increase. The sea water will become acidic and marine life will die out because of it.

Apart from the decision of the man-made beach, the practical values of certain green scenic spots are suspicious. For instance, Hong Kong has one of the best national geoparks in China. Although the promotion of the geopark itself is enough, the supporting resource of the geopark is lacking, such as the public education in common geography, the general awareness of environmental protection and the resources for developing geoparks. Moreover, some of the green scenic spots are becoming a place for entertainment rather than a place for improving the natural environment. Hong Kong Wetland Park is full of electronic devices for educating and entertaining the visitors, but the park itself lacks protection for the Wetland, which is hardly a practical investment in terms of environmental preservation.

Last but not least, the supervision of dumping pollutants by the government is not strict enough. In fact, some construction companies

will abandon excess construction waste at the natural environment. For example, bricks, glass and metal are the most common material thrown away in nature. Unfortunately, insufficient regulation from the government cannot stop them. The officials have also not recruited new personnel to patrol the natural environment constantly, as a result, the problem of the natural environment destruction is becoming worse. Can we accept a polluted city?

Some critics may point out that all citizens should be forced to protect the environment, but if you look closer at the issue, you will realize that the initial purpose of the actions and policies the government enforces are leading all citizens to become greener. The officials have played an important role in improving the natural environment. Unfortunately, the end results are often not satisfying as the government has failed in its role and lacks effective implementation to carry out the policies.

In a nutshell, the decision and implementation of the man-made beach at Lung Mei and the green scenic spots have demonstrated the government's insufficiencies. As a result, the officials should do more to protect the natural environment, since only by doing this can a green life come sooner in Hong Kong.



5C Liu Chi Wa ~ Not the Best, But Better!

If you can do an assessment for the improvement of the natural environment by the Hong Kong government, what marks will you give? If I were you, I would give it a pass. Recently, passing became a highly controversial issue – The Lung Mei man-made beach policy was vigorously opposed by the environmental groups. They said that marine life and nature in Lung Mei were sacrificed in order to develop the beach. Admittedly, the planning is not the best. I think that their endeavors should not be denied. However, I advocate the fact that the government does enough to improve the natural environment.

First of all, the government is very proactive in establishing more ecological areas in Hong Kong. The department has also discovered more places that have high ecological value. Because of this discovery, other places apart from the Mai Po Wetland Park can be protected by professional ecologists, for example, Geopark. Besides, being an ecological area, it can have various aspects of legal conservation like international law protection. Therefore, thanks to the government, more animals can have a comfortable home.

Apart from legal conservation, officials also promise to enforce a long term follow up plan for different supervised areas. For instance, the affected marine life in Lung Mei will be relocated to a suitable place. After that, the government will follow up in a couple of years to make sure that its ecological value can be preserved. In addition, not only does the government pay attention to nature, urban areas are also not to be neglected. Presently, more green areas can be found in Hong Kong, for example, near public housing and on the streets. This is how we can improve our natural environment. Therefore, we can harvest better crops due to careful farming.

Finally, more enthusiastic advertisement can educate the public about nature preservation. Some countries do not have protected nature areas. When visitors visit these places without guidance, the different causes of pollution to nature can be easily seen. But developing conservation areas takes time, as the government needs to survey

information about the area, such as the habits of animals of the area. These findings can reveal to the public about things they should not do there and things to pay attention to in order to protect the environment. Moreover, the data collected can be used as a reference to educate Hong Kong students. Only by these means can we enhance our natural environment.

In conclusion, “Not the best, but better!” Mr Leung, the Chief Executive of Hong Kong said. Although the government cannot protect the environment completely, they have fulfilled their promises based on previous experience. Only with continued progress can our features improve. Therefore, I support the Hong Kong government to protect the environment.



5C Tsang Hing Hung- Development or Conservation?

In the 21st century, advanced technology and business skyscrapers have been distributed all over the world, especially in Hong Kong, a city that is standing on top of world business. People in Hong Kong often focus on the benefits of making profits and conversely ignore the importance of maintaining a natural environment. The destruction of the ecosystem has increased since 1997 when Hong Kong transformed from a manufacturing society to a financial center through structural reform. For example, the excessive emission of toxic gases and the occupying of countryside. Because of this direction, there is no doubt that the Hong Kong government does not have a practical policy to protect and improve the natural environment.

Since 2003, the problem of land filling in Hong Kong has worsened. In order to arrange more dwellings for the excess population, the government has built more flats following the successful land filling projects. Other than flats, financial companies are also located on the land filled area. Most of the large scale companies invested lots of money to buy the land. As they cleared out the natural habitat, animal life like birds are negatively affected. As a result of land filling, Victoria Harbor has been covered with concrete since 2001. Most of the buildings in Central are actually standing on water and corpses of marine life. Isn't it showing that the Hong Kong government is the murderer of nature?

Apart from land filling, the inappropriate use of land is also evidence that the government has not done enough to protect the natural environment. Although Mai Po Inner Deep Bay Ramsar Site is an environment that contains lots of artificial forests to offer birds a living area, the result lacks effectiveness. Also, the artificial forests and trees cannot provide suitable nutrition for all kinds of birds as they may come from other countries. Not only does it waste valuable space in Hong Kong, the government also wastes their money with efforts in vain. Organization Green Sense chairman Roy Tam Hoi-Pong has stated that it is inconsiderate of the government to sacrifice the opportunity for all Hong Kong people to see marine life just because Tai Po residents want a beach. Compared with Hong Kong's ecological activities, the American

government has provided a huge area for environmental friendly organizations to build up conservative trails. Therefore, the scale of expanding natural environments is just a dot on the paper.

Last but not least, the incorrect method to remove excessive rubbish is the most fatal problem against the natural system. The emission of gases and harmful material contains bacteria harmful to both marine life and animals. According to the data recorded by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, animals are dying because of the effects of pollution rising at a high rate. Behind the beneficial policy the environment is worsening. The government is destroying the order of nature. This fact makes improving the natural environment seem like a joke.

In conclusion, I do not agree that the Hong Kong government does enough or implement suitable policies to give a hand to nature conservation. To offer our next generation a pure and peaceful environment, everyone in Hong Kong is responsible for changing one's own lifestyle.



6A Chan Wing Ho- Say No to a Breeding Ground of Gambling

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about the introduction of the gambling industry in Hong Kong to enhance the economy. I do not think that this is a suitable solution for Hong Kong. After the financial tsunami, Hong Kong needed a helping hand to improve the economy, but I do not think gambling is a suitable answer.

Gambling depends on how lucky you are, but do we win each time? Beyond doubt, we cannot always win. Sometimes we will win a lot of cash, but this habit is just like drugs, and many people become addicted to gambling.

Perhaps, gambling might be able to help the economy a bit for Hong Kong. However, the problem of gambling addiction can cause disastrous consequences to the society of Hong Kong.

First, people who are addicted may spend all their savings on gambling. When they often lose money, they might borrow money from other people. Yet, they may lose again, and this becomes a vicious cycle. As a result, it becomes a poverty problem. The government may have to spend the money earned from the tax of the gambling industry to help get rid of this serious problem. What is most worrying is that they treat gambling as a hobby and a habit. Constantly betting their luck and losing is a vicious cycle that never ends if untreated. This is one of the reasons why gambling industry is not a suitable way to boost Hong Kong's economy.

Secondly, when the number of gambling addicts increases, the number of the impoverished increases too. The government should spend money to help them as well. Lack of money may cause social problems like social unrest, as the poor may do illegal things to survive. The crime rate may increase. Intergenerational poverty is a concern too. Since parents who spend their money on gambling will have children born not free from poverty either. This causes far reaching consequences for

We can see the disastrous results of introducing gambling in Hong Kong, namely the vicious cycles an addict has to go through, the problems of poverty, intergenerational poverty and social unrest. The best way to avoid these is to avoid gambling.

Introducing gambling in Hong Kong to enhance the economy is not an acceptable method. The government should employ other initiatives to do so, such as developing our creative industry.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong



6A Chan Yi Man- Planning Gambling Industry in Hong Kong

Dear Editor,

I am concerned about a group of people suggesting developing the gambling industry in Hong Kong. I am a local resident therefore I would like to express my opposed points of view. It will not enhance the economy but harm it instead.

First, the gambling industry is not helpful to our economy. Hong Kong already has an organization to provide gambling entertainment. Many people are addicted to gambling. The Hong Kong government has set up a phone hotline and has provided heaps of resources to get them out of the drain. Developing the gambling industry will provide more opportunities for loan sharks. The gambling situation will become worse than ever, where more of our tax money will be flushed down the drain, and our crime rates will rise as well.

Second, gambling is well known in Macau and Singapore. Hong Kong lacks land supply and our planned gambling kingdom is small compared to the other two countries; it is not as attractive to visitors, so it cannot help at all.

Third, the gambling industry is teetering. The financial tsunami affects every country, even the United States. People will prefer to save money for food. Gambling is a hobby but not a necessity, therefore, the gambling industry has a misty future. We ought not to risk putting millions of dollars in bets.

Saving our cliff economy requires an immediate action but not a long-term plan. Building a gambling industry takes a long time to complete. I suggest we should cut some slacks for the Chinese visitors, as they can enhance our tourist industry instantly. Our people can survive this struggle.

I hope our government will consider my suggestions. There are other solutions that can save our economy. I strongly oppose the development of the gambling industry in Hong Kong, which brings more disadvantages than advantages.

Chris Wong

6B Lam Wing Nam- My Career Path

In light of recent worries about the future of students, our school has organized a “career week”. A research on what they want to do when they leave school has been conducted. The results are as follows.

Some schoolmates may want to provide services in hotels, restaurants or shops. In choosing jobs, you need to know at the same time, your personal behavior and which jobs are suitable for you. It is important for schoolmates to know very well what jobs are suitable for them.

If you are interested in dealing with customers and providing services to them, I suggest you should work as a waiter in a restaurant or work in a hotel. These jobs are suitable for all students to enhance their work experience, and also an opportunity for them to improve whatever ability you lack.

If you are good at speaking, I suggest you should go into sales. In Hong Kong, there are many type of jobs that deal with sales, for example, real estate agents, stock market brokers, and popular clothes sales. The job prospects are quite bright.

If you are good at speaking and interested in dealing with customers, as well as enjoy working in different places, you should consider the tourism industry. Although you may not earn much money, the sense of success cannot be found in other jobs.

Some students may be interested in economic and financial jobs. Doing these jobs, however, means you that you often need to spend a lot of time on stock markets and trading. Also, you may need to promote products to customers and to improve your knowledge. Although it may be difficult, as they say, "No pain no gain."

Someone asked me about government work. It is a nice job if you want stability, but you will need to work for 9 hours a day. And you need to stay in the office for the whole day, so think first if you are really suitable for this kind of job.

Though many schoolmates want to end their school life early to start work, be careful when you are choosing jobs. Many jobs require a high level of education. So, in my view, I think studying more is essential, no matter what your choice of career is.

6B Wong Sze Ching- Volunteering? Not interested!

These days, most newspapers have similar headlines like “Hong Kong 90s are not interested in volunteer work”, “No helping? Hopeless Hong Kong”. The fact that teenagers are not interested in volunteering has become the most popular discussions in our homeland.

Someone might ask “Why are Hong Kong teens lacking in passion for charity?” I must tell you teens might not want to become a monster like the public has said. Sure, some of them are computer-holics, who are addicted to using the computer. In a cosmopolitan city like Hong Kong, everything is high-tech, everything needs efficiency. Thus, this leads them to be indifferent to the needy. This is one of the reasons why they are not interested in volunteering.

Another reason that discourages them to be a volunteer is the public exams. The public exams put stress on teenagers, and so, some of them only focus on the exams and ignore charity work.

Beyond any doubt, those reasons I have stated are just a part of the problem, so we must draw their attention back to volunteer work. Now, I will suggest several ways to get teenagers interested in volunteer work.

First of all, we must educate the child, and let them know volunteering is a good thing as they can help the needy. It can also correct the teen’s thoughts, let them change their mind, train them to be all-rounded person. That is a win-win situation.

Moreover, as the old saying goes “Giving is better than receiving”. So we should encourage them to do more volunteer work; the schools can build up a policy to encourage them, for example, “One work, one prize”. This not only helps the needy, but also encourages teens to do more volunteer work either for their self-growth or for society. These are all positive effects.

Furthermore, the school may organize activities that make them

interested. For instance, a fun fair, an inter-society game day, or an inter-school competition can arouse their interest in doing voluntary work and at the same time release their stress. Teens are like a horse. If the society teaches them well, they will race better.

No doubt, money is a big part of our life, but should we do everything for money? Sure, money can buy medicine but it cannot buy health; money can buy a car but it cannot buy happiness. Take time to pause. If we can think in details, teens will recognize that money is not as important as helping others.

These are a few problems that prevent teenagers from being interested in volunteer work. If we can do something, this negative phenomenon will be eradicated. It might shoot down something bad for example “Kikikomori”, compensated dating. Most of them may actively take in voluntary work. If this can come true, it will be good for Hong Kong’s future.



6C Chan Siu Fai- Nuclear Power Should be Banned

Good morning adjudicators and fellow students. Today the motion is “that Nuclear power is the best source of energy for the future”. Being a speaker on the opposing team, my teammates and I strongly believe that nuclear power should be banned in the future. We will support this claim by examining the effects of nuclear pollution, dangers posed by nuclear energy, and unsustainable development.

First of all, nuclear power has created many problems and pollution is one of the major problems that affects us adversely. After the uranium rods are used, the remnants of uranium, which are toxic, cannot be decomposed by environment. It will cause serious land pollution. If a nuclear plant leaks, the radiation released will cause terminal illness like cancer. Uranium pollution is a major catastrophe that would slowly unleash horrible death for thousands.

Apart from the pollution problem, nuclear power is exceptionally dangerous. Being clearly exposed, a nuclear power plant is an easy target of terrorists. Besides this, the nuclear plants can destabilize and meltdown, spreading radiation across long distances. This possibility is a disaster we all know too well. For example, we only need to recall the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster, which is still an ecological disaster. How can we allow this calamity to happen again?

Some people said that “In face of energy shortage, we must develop nuclear power in order to deal with the energy problem in the future”. However, this is not appropriate since the nuclear power is non-renewable energy which relies on industrial mining to obtain uranium. A better solution would be for nuclear power to be substituted by renewable energy such as wind energy, solar energy and energy from biomass. These are becoming very common in modern cities and do not have the dangers that nuclear energy processes.

Considering all the facts presented by our team, we truly believe that nuclear power should indeed be banned so as to protect our future generations. Thank you for the opportunity to present our arguments.

7A Liu Tak Ching- Cosmetic Surgery

Nowadays, owing to the advanced medical technologies, cosmetic surgery has become a common sight. Some people do not support it as they think that we should not alter the characteristics we are born with. However, I am delighted with this medical advancement since people can become more beautiful because of it.

First, outer appearance is essential for certain careers. If you are an artist, beauty is in the eyes of the fans. Beauty would also be an essential part of your success in your future career. Take Andy Lau as an example, he is one of the most famous artists in the history of the Hong Kong entertainment industry. He is one of the “Four Heavenly Kings” in Hong Kong pop music. He also has many award nominations in the films he has taken part in. Since Andy has a handsome face, he has become successful and his success continued for 30 years and counting. It seems that, a beautiful face is an important element for artists to gain support from fans. Hong Kong artist Angelababy as well as many pop stars in South Korea use cosmetic surgeries to alter their faces and bodies. This heightens their chances of making it onto the performance stage or filming since most audience love to watch pretty things on screen. As such, cosmetic surgery helps people to change their appearance to gain support.

No doubt, not everyone wants to become an artist. Normal people have normal faces, but everyone likes to see pretty things. For example, if you are a salesperson or a public officer who needs to work face to face with clients, a beautiful face can attract people. Nowadays, when you take part in job interviews, apart from job experience and and performance, beauty is also one of the aspects that needs to be taken into account. Therefore, many people like to go for cosmetic surgery to alter their face to gain more chances and confidence in taking part in the jobs they want. Cosmetic surgery can give people more chances and improve their standard of living.

It seems that cosmetic surgery can bring us many advantages. It can change our life and bring success by changing our appearance.

However, it is still not a desirable thing to do, since our face and our physical features are determined at birth; We have our own characteristics inherited from our parents. If we need to alter our face, we would need to be concerned about the ethical values and how far we should go.

From my point of view, I think people should be themselves. They can put on make up to alter their face but not permanently change all the features they have. Just like the South Korean pop stars, all of them have beautiful faces and perfect bodies, but it seems that they all look the same. Many of the female singers have common physical features and they look like clones of each other. Therefore, although I think it is fine for people to alter some parts of their face, they should still keep their special features instead of altering everything.

To conclude, cosmetic surgery can help people gain support, get more chances, gain more confidence and also improve their standard of living. But when people choose to do so, they should consider the ethical values carefully. Do not become copies of others, be yourself, we should be proud of the face we are born with.



7A Ip Lai Shan- A Multi-Cultural City

Hong Kong culture seems to have been merging with Korean culture. Likewise, Korea seems to be successful in spreading its influence among Asian countries. Yet, an in-depth look into the situation of Hong Kong in-depth, Hong Kongers are not that crazy about Korean culture. Indeed, it is well recognized that Hong Kong is a multi-cultural city where residents are raised to have tremendous acceptance of different cultures into their daily lives. In other words, not only does Korean culture influence Hong Kong tremendously, but also Chinese, Japanese and Western cultures.

Undoubtedly the Chinese culture plays a crucial role in the daily life of Hong Kongers. Despite the fact that Hong Kong had been administered by Britain for 99 years, its Chinese customs do not fade away. As a traditional Chinese festival we celebrate Lunar New Year every year; visiting relatives and friends' home, congratulating each other by saying "Kung Hei Fat Choy" and giving and receiving red packets are some ways of new year celebration. What is more, we celebrate other traditional Chinese celebrations like Mid-Autumn Festival, eating moon cakes and appreciating the full moon with family members. Besides celebrating traditional festivals, the Chinese proverbs are also the maxim of many Hong Kong people. In my family, we use one of the scriptures from "Analects of Confucians" which is written by Kong Zi, who was a famous philosopher in China. My family maxim is "What you do not wish for yourself, do not do to others". My friends and I also consider the Chinese idiom of "A ledge between keeps friendship green" as the principle of our friendship. Undoubtedly the high position of Chinese culture influences the daily lives of Hong Kongers.

In addition to the irreplaceable role of Chinese traditions, Japanese entertainment and cuisine play a major role in the leisure time of Hong Kongers. When it comes to discussing where to eat, youngsters in Hong Kong always prefer Japanese restaurants over others. Sushi, tempura and sashimi are the most popular Japanese dishes among young people in Hong Kong. One of my friends who was born in Hong Kong love Japanese food and always tell me that sushi must be served with wasabi otherwise

it is not delicious. As well as the enjoyable Japanese cuisine, Japanese drama series and music add colors to the leisure time of Hong Kong people. My friend and I attended the concert of the Japanese pop star named YUI at the HK Expo, whose music touches my heart deeply. My sister, who is a movie lover, besides loving Chinese movies, is also in favor of Japanese movies in addition to Chinese films. What you can take from people around me, is that not only do Chinese customs have an influence in Hong Kong, but the Japanese entertainment and cuisine do as well.

Western fashion, religion and electronic products are also prevailing among the youngsters of Hong Kong. You may be astonished by the prevalence of western electronic devices like Apple in Hong Kong when you look around the people who are holding an iPhone or iPad in the MTR compartments. Apart from the smart phone designed by Apple, which is an American company, most people are using Nokia mobile phones which was also founded in the west and well known especially for its reliability. It is unarguably clear that Western electronic devices are prevalent in Hong Kong. Thanks to the British influence, Hong Kong was opened to the western religions which were brought to Hong Kong at the same time. During the colonizing period, Christian and Catholic churches were built on Hong Kong Island, crowded by countless Christians and Catholics in Hong Kong every Sunday. Even my parents who converted from Buddhists to Christians insist on going to church every Sunday morning. Western brands are also welcomed by trendy Hong Kongers for the sake of the fashionable design and high quality. You will discover LV and Gucci are the favorites of office men and ladies when you walk around Central and Tsim Sha Tsui. It is no wonder that the west has spread its vital influence among Hong Kong people in different aspects.

As I have mentioned before, Hong Kong people naturally have the ability to blend different cultures from different countries into their daily life perfectly. One example is the Korean culture which has been blended into the life of Hong Kong people recently. Besides the Japanese variant, Korean Barbecue is one of the favorite cuisines among youngsters. Apart from being a sashimi lover, I also cannot help praising how delicious Kimchi is after putting a small slice into my mouth. According to what my brother and sister have claimed, Wonder Girls and Big Bang, the famous

groups of pop stars in Korea, are marvelous in singing and dancing. Hardly can we deny the existence of the Korean influence on Hong Kong.

To conclude, Hong Kong is renowned for being international and multi-cultural as the people in town know the superiority of each culture from different countries and merge them into their own lives, which means that Hong Kong people have not only fallen in love with the traditional Chinese culture, but many other cultures as well.



7A Ip Lai Shan- What is the Panacea of Domestic Violence?

Recently, domestic violence has become the heated issue in Hong Kong. Recent statistics show how serious the problem of domestic violence is in the city. As an old saying goes “When there is smoke, there is fire”. I believe there must be some reasons that gave rise to the problem. Through an observation at the districts where domestic violence is serious, there are some obvious root causes for men to take violence against their wives and women who choose to stay in an abusive environment rather than leaving.

To begin with, the habit of playing violent computer games plays a crucial role in causing domestic violence. Male Hong Kongers are fond of playing computer games which contain violent scenes. More seriously, playing these computer games is a habit in their childhood. As a result, growing up while submerged in a violent environment has caused violent behaviors to become impressive to them. What is worse is that they are convinced that fighting against discontented people is the only way to settle conflicts and problems. Obviously, without the correct attitude or critical thinking to realize that violent scenes in games are just unreal, men are then easily subjected to violence in their families, especially against their wives.

The second root cause is pressure from work and life. It is prevalent to everyone in the world that Hong Kong people are highly stressed. According to the recent universal survey conducted about the happiness of citizens in each city, Hong Kong is ranked last. As you can see, the life of Hong Kong people is full of stress. Therefore, if men in Hong Kong, especially those from poor districts like Sham Shui Po and Tin Shui Wai, lack the knowledge to seek correct ways to relieve their stress, then they might use incorrect and unsuitable behaviors to release their pressure such as enacting violence against their wives.

Not only should the men bear the responsibility for giving rise to domestic violence in Hong Kong, women in Hong Kong are also responsible for causing domestic violence as well.

Being submerged in Chinese traditional values, women lack the

knowledge to recognize the human rights to leave a violent family. For those women who migrated from China to live in the poor districts of Hong Kong, they are especially indoctrinated by the concept of obedience. In that sense, due to the source of obedience and Confucianism, women do not know they have the right to report the problem of domestic violence to the relevant departments but to tolerate and stay in such a family. Therefore, domestic violence is allowed to happen.

On the other hand, women who suffer from domestic violence have low working capacity. Deprived by the phenomenon of migration from mainland China to Hong Kong, these people are often illiterate or have low education levels. In a community such as ours which is international and cosmopolitan, it is difficult to find better jobs if you are not highly educated. Besides, women are unlike men who are more muscular, they cannot find a job that requires physical labour since they are not as strong as men. As a result, low educated women like those who are suffering domestic violence cannot depend on themselves to earn a living. This financial dependency is another reason why they choose to tolerate domestic violence.

Domestic violence poses a menace of a problem in Hong Kong and is hoped that it can be solved as soon as possible. Community centers in each district of Hong Kong should bear the responsibility to give regular talks for residents and to teach them on the serious consequences in domestic violence. Moreover, during the talks, the correct ways to release pressure should be taught to them as well. Individually, men should learn how to endure the discontent they encounter in their daily lives while women should be confident to voice out their grievances.

To conclude, as a Hong Konger, I really hope that Hong Kong can be the most harmonious city in the world where people learn to love one another. Therefore, I sincerely advise everyone to learn endurance so that not only can domestic violence be solved, but other problems can be tackled as well.

7A Fong Chun Kit- The Disaster of Adopting Pets

The fertility rate has long been dropping in Hong Kong after the city has become a world-class financial centre. The critics say that the root cause of low fertility is owing to the late marriage rate. The highly educated ones are unwilling to have babies at the expense of their well paid jobs. Recently, some statistics revealed the fact that there is a growing number of families deciding to keep pets rather than having offspring. Ironically, how can they replace the role of own children with domestic pets? That is the reason why I will not be in line with their unwise decisions.

The advocates and pioneers choosing pets over children are mainly out of personal interest, ignoring the disastrous and catastrophic social and economic outcomes. They think that giving birth to children is considered a lifelong commitment, bearing the responsibility of about 4 million dollars as the average cost to raise a child. As these short-sighted supporters do not want to be bonded by this commitment, they will not choose to have babies in order to escape from this supposed nightmare. What we need to know is that their short-sighted choices will bring the community undesirable social and economic side effects. Our Chief Executive Donald Tsang encourages Hong Kong people to give birth to offspring by raising the relevant taxation allowances. It indicates that the low fertility rate will be the ultimate downfall of Hong Kong.

The most important point is that the Hong Kong economy will be weakened by the low birth rate. The financial sector needs to be supported by our future generations. The only way to keep our competitiveness is the steady supply of professionals, so that our productivity can be maintained when the fertility rate remains high. If more and more families adopt pets to be their children, then our financial development in Hong Kong will collapse eventually. This proves that rearing pets is an unwise choice.

In social dimension, the social structure in Hong Kong will waver. Our society needs to be led by the future grown up adults in the future. They will be the only ones taking care of the community, and they will be the only ones providing for the elderly in the society. The quality of life

can only be maintained and enhanced by a large pool of future pillars. Sadly, we can imagine the undesirable effects of having pets as family members. Those pets cannot understand the meaning ‘Blood is thicker than water’. They are fed by others and not able to give back to the family members in return. Hence, the cohesion of our society will be affected. Let us imagine the situation of the Lehman Brothers mini bonds scandal. Those elderly citizens have lost their life savings and investments. At that moment, they need help from their sons and daughters in order to get out of this nightmare. It shows that the importance of having children overrides the the desire to keep a pet. This illustrates that the role of children can never be replaced by pets.

Most of us know about the intrusion of mainland mothers into the Hong Kong hospitals. They compete for the Hong Kong Identity Card in order to enjoy the rights in Hong Kong such as free education. Recently, it has drawn the discontent from the general public, causing mutual conflicts between the mainlanders and Hong Kongers. The only way to prevent these conflicts is to raise the Hong Kong domestic birth rate. When that happens, we are then no longer confined to receiving mainland babies. Choosing to have pets will only worsen these conflicts.

Above all, adopting pets rather than having real offspring is viewed as a selfish decision and not responsible to our society. As citizens of Hong Kong, we need to take the whole of society into consideration. We should never put personal interests first at the expense of social development. Therefore, adopting pets as family members is not and should never be encouraged.

7A Fung Yiu Hang- Causes of Domestic Violence

Everyone would like to have a beautiful family, with each family member living together peacefully and happily. However, in reality, not all families are living happily. Recently more and more domestic violence incidents appear in the newspapers. To stop domestic violence, we must find out the reasons behind it.

First of all, one of the major reasons for men using violence against their wives is pressure. Pressure can come from many areas, such as from work. Some men need to work for more than twelve hours per day and long working hours can be very stressful. The economic environment in Hong Kong is deteriorating and unemployment is a rising concern. Men should play sports to release stress so as not to let women and children become victims of abuses related to stress.

Moreover, economic problems are also a cause for domestic violence. Nowadays, the inflation rate in Hong Kong is rising rapidly but the salaries of workers remain unchanged. It is more difficult to maintain a quality lifestyle and most families that suffer domestic violence are financially poor. This economic problem will cause relationships to dwindle in families and arguments will rise. Finally, more men will use violence to deal with such arguments.

The responsibility of domestic violence belongs not only to men but women as well. The tolerance of women to these unacceptable behaviours only encourage the rise of domestic violence.

First, why do women tolerate violence? The main reason is that they love and respect their husbands. The wives think their husbands are affected by alcohol. They think their husbands will have their own reasons for acting up. Usually the man will apologize to his wife afterwards and promises he will not use violence anymore, but the incident usually repeats itself.

Besides, the women who choose to stay in an abusive relationship are relying on their husbands financially. They don't have financial

dependence so they cannot even support a living themselves. Most of the victims in domestic violence are new migrants, who usually come from mainland China and some of them cannot speak Cantonese. They don't have the required education and they think that no one will hire them, therefore they choose to stay with their husband as they are not financially independent.

Finally, to give their children a complete family, the women will stay in an abusive relationship, they will think of their children and want to give them a healthy family. They feel that their children should not grow up without a father or a mother, so for the sake of their children they will stay with their husbands.

On the aforementioned topic, these are the reasons of domestic violence. To deal with domestic violence, there are many methods.

First, the couples can seek help from social workers. Social workers will give them a chance to talk about their problems and let them know more about each other. If the situation is serious, the social worker might even provide a place for the victims to live. Social workers are helpful in cases of domestic violence.

If the domestic violence still continues, the victims need to call the police. Domestic violence is illegal and the criminals can be sent to jail.

To conclude, the reasons why men use violence is because of great pressure and economic problems. Women choose to tolerate it because of the children, love and financial reasons. No matter what the reasons are, no use of violence should be tolerated. I hope every family can live happily and be free of domestic violence.

Formal Letters



4C Chan Hiu Ying - Complaint Letter

Flat 5B
Marion Building
12 Young Ku Road
Shau Kei Wan
Hong Kong
30th October 2012

The Kowloon Bookshop
25 Nathan Road
Tsim Sha Tsui
Kowloon

Dear Sir/Madam,

Unhappy experience in the Kowloon Bookshop

I am writing to complain about the books I ordered from your bookshop. The books arrived late, there was a book missing and the bookshop refused to resend the book or refund the money.

On 14th October, I ordered a set of books from The Chronicles of Narnia box set, and I paid \$383 for it. The delivery date should have been on the 21st October but I didn't receive the books until 29th October. Volume 4 in the set was also missing. In addition, I called and requested an exchange but I had to wait for a month because they were out of stock. When I requested a refund, they didn't accept it. They said the 7-day refund policy is effective for 7 days from the requested delivery date, that is, from 21st October to 27th October and the information is different from the website.

I am really disappointed with the service provided by your shop and I would like a full refund. If this matter is not dealt with by 5th November, I will report this case to the Consumer Council.

Yours faithfully,
Kristy Sun

5A Kong Kwai Ping – Application Letter

Human Resources Division
ABC Limited
Human Resources Division
Room 1, 2nd Floor, AAA Building, Central
Hong Kong

5th December 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for the post of Clerical Assistant

I am writing to apply for the position of Clerical Assistant which was advertised in SCMP on 3rd December 2012.

I am a graduate of Wai Kiu College and I have completed the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education examination, with a Level 5 in English and Chinese language. I have performed well especially in Computer Studies.

As the chairman of the English Society in the school for two years, I have gained valuable experience in co-ordinating great functions such as English Week, English Drama, and English Singing Contest, etc. Moreover, I participated in the English Speech Festival. I was the champion in the solo verse division, so I am confident that I have the English communication skills required for the job. Furthermore, I have been an English assistant in school since 2010 to assist in the promotion of exchange tours to foreign countries. This experience gave me a chance to learn how to communicate with different kinds of people and widen my horizons.

In addition, I have joined voluntary work in various elementary schools. I taught English to young kids. Besides, I visited some students in Hui Zhou during the summer holidays and showed them my care and love through English teaching.

Apart from that, I have one year part-time clerical working experience since I have been a part-time clerical assistant in a large local IT company, I have hands-on PC knowledge and I am familiar with MS Word and Excel. As such, I help my colleagues to deal with computer problems and provide clerical support for the staff in the administration department. Also, I get along well with my colleagues so I think I will work well with your staff. I believe my clerical experience would be a benefit to your company.

I think that my experience and personality are also suitable for the job. I am responsible and I would do my best to fulfill the job duties. I am hardworking and friendly. I can also work in shifts with overtime. I am immediately available for work with an expected salary of \$18000 per month.

Enclosed please find my resume. I would be grateful if an interview could be arranged. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

5A Kwok Kin – Complaint Letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Complaint about the school tuck shop

On behalf of the president of the student union, I am writing to complain about the school tuck shop and express the dissatisfaction of students since most students are not satisfied with the food, the service and the price.

The service and food in the tuck shop were truly frustrating. First of all, the meat was often overcooked but there were never any apologies, staff was also very rude and impolite. We were very upset about the service of the tuck shop. Also, the food was tasteless and there were not enough healthy snacks and drinks. The tuck shop had too many unhealthy snacks such as preserved food and soft drinks. The preserved food and soft drinks can cause obesity and poor appetite. Moreover, the proportion of meat and vegetables were not suitable to students because there were too few vegetables and too much meat. There were too many oily and fried foods which cause many health problems, for example, weight gain, heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. These types of food are low in nutritional value but high in calories.

The prices were very high and shocked me very much. Furthermore, the portion sizes were either too big or too small. If the size is too big, there will be a lot of waste in terms of money and food. In addition, the food quality, cooking method and proportion of meat and vegetables do not comply with a balanced diet which is essential for good health.

Something must be done to rectify this unpleasant situation. First, I suggest that the chef and staff should be retrained so that they can be more polite to students. Secondly, the variety of food should be increased and lunch provided should comply with the balanced diet and food pyramid. More healthy food such as vegetables and fruits should be provided since they contain dietary fibre, vitamin A and C and minerals

to prevent constipation and increase body resistance. Thirdly, more healthy snacks should be provided such as yogurt, tomatoes, carrots and cucumbers. More healthy drinks should also be provided, for example, low-fat milk and natural pure fruit juice. In addition, the chef should use better and healthier cooking methods for example, baking and boiling. Finally, the price should be lowered as it is too high.

I hope these suggestions will be implemented as soon as possible to put things right. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

5A Leung Lai Yee – Complaint Letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Complaint about the poor service in the new tuck shop

I am writing to complain about the poor service in the new tuck shop because most students are not satisfied with the food, the service and the price. Yesterday, I went to buy some snacks but the experience was extremely disappointing.

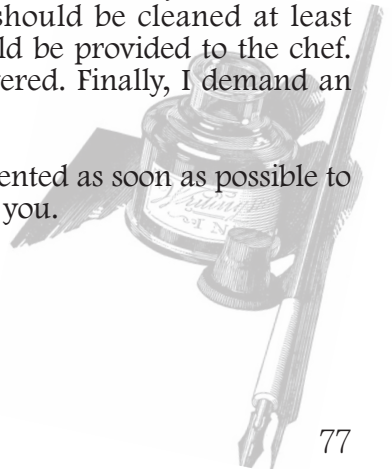
The situation in the new tuck shop was truly terrible. The shop was very dirty and the floor was flooded. People could slip on the floor easily and this is so dangerous. I went to tell the staff to handle this situation and waited for a long time but the staff did nothing about it. I was truly angry.

The service in the new tuck shop was truly frustrating. When I told the staff what I wanted, he started talking with another member of staff and paid no respect to me. Also, the food quality was shocking. The soup smelt like old socks, the vegetables were overcooked, the meat was too dry, the food was tasteless and the apple juice tasted like old boots. When I was eating, I found a mouse and a cockroach and it caused me to lose my appetite. This was extremely dissatisfying. Moreover, the price was very expensive. Take the set lunch as an example, it was \$45. In fact, most students could not afford a highly priced set lunch. After I had finished my lunch, I felt sick and had to see the doctor. I was very disappointed.

Something must be done to rectify this unpleasant situation. First of all, more training should be given to the staff so that they can be more polite, helpful and efficient. Also, the shop should be cleaned at least twice every day. Furthermore, retraining should be provided to the chef. In addition, the food price should also be lowered. Finally, I demand an apology from the shop.

I hope these suggestions will be implemented as soon as possible to set things right. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong
The President of the Student Union



5A Tang Yuen Ying– Application Letter

Dear Principal,

Re: Application for the post of Part-time Educational Assistant

I am writing to apply for the position of part-time education assistant as advertised on your school website on 6th February, 2011.

I am a graduate of Wai Kiu College and have completed the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education examination, with a Level 5 in Mathematics and English Language. I have performed well especially in English.

I have taken part in many extra-curricular activities such as the English Club and Student Union. I am responsible for organizing many kinds of English activities such as English announcements during the Morning Assembly, English Day Camp and teaching English to junior form students, etc. I am very confident that I am the right person who possesses all the qualities of an educational assistant.

I have also been a committee member of the Student Union. I often promoted and co-ordinated lots of activities, for example, fashion show, talent show and Christmas party, etc. I believe my experience would be helpful to your school.

I think that my personality and qualities suit the job. I am enthusiastic about working with students and I always do my best to fulfill the job duties. I am hard working as "Diligence is the pre-requisite for success". I am friendly and I like getting along with people so I think I could work well with other colleagues as a team. I believe my cheerful personality, experience in teaching junior form students and the enthusiasm to do this job make me a very suitable candidate for the post. I am eager to provide my best to contribute to the role and to the school.

I would be very interested in discussing my qualifications and experience in person at any time that is convenient to you. Enclosed please find my resume for your reference. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,
Regina Tang

5C Lam Lap Man – Application Letter

Smart IT Company,
Room 1, 2nd Floor, AAA Building
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sir,

Re: Application for the position of Clerical Assistant

I am writing this letter to apply for the position of Clerical Assistant, which was advertised in South China Morning Post on 3rd December. Having browsed the website of your company, I was attracted by the working environment of your company regarding new technology.

I am a graduate of Wai Kiu College and have finished the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Examination with a level of Five double star in the subject of Information Technology (I.T.) and level four in English. Henceforth, I am exceptionally confident in coping with the work related to the IT field and the usage of IT. I have regarded IT related work as my dream job since I was a primary school student.

During my secondary school life, I was the chairperson of the IT club, which was an exciting and impressive experience. I am very interested in gaining knowledge about computers, which can be classified into two types, hardware and software. Thanks to my position as the IT club chairperson, not only could I get more opportunities to gain access to computers but also build up my sense of belonging in my study of IT. I therefore could handle everything thoroughly about PC knowledge. For example, MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint, etc. Hence, I would like to get this job to continue to sharpen my competence in IT.

What's more, I have won championship in the program designing competition, which was a critical success for me. The name of the competition was “The Competition of Designing Creative Education Program”. The objective of it was that we were required to create an online game involving videos, words, and pictures for teenagers to play.

On top of that the game should assist them to think outside the box and guide them in realizing the knowledge of IT by playing games. I joined hands with my teammates from the IT club to face the difficulties, overcome obstacles and strive for victory. Therefore, I believe that I could cope with the work of being a Clerical Assistant.

In addition, I have three years experience from my part time job as an IT assistant of the Hong Kong Examination and Assessment Authority. In my part time job, I was responsible for collecting and analyzing data from various investigations. Besides, I assisted the team to create different pie charts, bar charts and even reports in English because I am rather competent in statistics and English. Henceforth, not only can I provide clerical support to the report team, proofread the test reports, but also guide my workmates to deal with all the machine imbalance problems, for example, break downs of computers, attacks from hackers and internet viruses, etc.

I personally regard myself as an extroverted character and I believe that I could become good friends with my teammates. Never will I mind that I need to work overtime as I consider working as my interest. Working in shifts is absolutely no problem for me as well.

I will be very interested in discussing my qualifications and experience in person, and I will be free on all Sundays. I hope to have around \$20,000 a month as my salary. My resume and HKDSE report card have been attached with this application letter.

Thank you for your attention and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,
Chris Wong

5C Leung Ka Ho- Application Letter

Room 6
7/F
Wai Kiu Building,
Central, Hong Kong
Chris Wong

Room 1,
2nd Floor,
AAA Building,
Central,
Hong Kong
The Human Resources Devision
ABC Limited

Dear Manager,

Re: The application of Clerical Assistant

I am writing to apply for the position of Clerical Assistant at your company, which was advertised in SCMP on 3rd December.

I am a graduate of Wai Kiu College and I have completed the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination with 5** in Chinese, English, Information Technology and Mathematics. I also passed the IELTS exam last week attaining a level of 8.5.

As a Clerical Assistant of English Club in my secondary school, I was responsible for providing clerical support and proofreading test reports of the club's articles. In this position, I was required to manage the work of each teammate every day before school. I also had to type those documents using MS Word and Excel. After the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, I had a four-month holiday. Thus I have worked as a part time Clerical Assistant in BoBo Company for half a year. In this job, we always needed to work overtime, but I think it was valuable, because I learned how to be more responsible and focused when doing any job.

I also joined the Hong Kong Road Safety Patrol and was the captain of my team during my senior secondary school years. During my time there, I needed to promote the message of road safety to my schoolmates and to manage my teammates. During that period, I gained a lot of experience in social communication and team management. I learned that it is important to have good communication with my teammates in a workplace.

I also got a qualification of IELTS last week. In this exam, students had to finish some tasks, e.g. reading, writing and speaking etc. I achieved a level of 8.5 out of 9 possible levels (the highest level) and I constantly try to find more courses to improve myself. Last year, I joined an overseas training trip in America. In this trip, I was encouraged to learn a lot of local English, including the skills of clerical support and proofreading texts. Thus, I think my English level is suitable for this job. I think my responsible and cheerful personality can encourage successful teamwork, thus I think I am suitable for this job.

I would be extremely interested in discussing and presenting my qualifications and experience in person with you and am available for an interview at any time that is convenient for you. I also sincerely hope that I can have a salary of \$10500.

Thank you for your kind consideration and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

7A Chu Hin Wai- Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to comment on a series of problems that have happened frequently during these months in my housing estate. Recently, some criminals found old people as targets and tried to trick them of their money. As our housing estate has an ageing population, some of our residents have already lost their savings because of these incidents. After a discussion among the Owners' Association as a vice chairman, I would like to raise awareness of this issue and appeal to aid the elderly.

Criminals most likely are working in groups of 2-3 people. They often find their targets during evenings when old people go home after going to the market. At first, one of the criminals will approach their target and help him/her with the bags of food. During the journey, another criminal will join in and pretend to meet a friend. At this time, they will try to acquire some background information about their target. After a while, the criminals will ask their target to provide a loan to them since they have lost all their savings through gambling and they have to use money immediately. From the sympathy of the old people, they will trust that these criminals will return the money on time as promised. However, they disappear afterwards.

One case involved these criminals using the above methods to trick a 80 year old lady in our housing estate. The property loss included \$50 thousand cash, a gold ring and also a pearl necklace. Since she lives alone, we only knew of this incident when she told her neighbor months later that she doesn't have enough money to spend. Besides losing cash, some victims have also lost jewellery, mobile phones or even some rare ornaments.

Since this type of crime is becoming more frequent in these months, we held an emergency meeting among the Association committee members last week to discuss the measures to tackle this problem. After the meeting, a series of measures have been planned and are in progress.

Here are some of our measures.

First of all, starting this week, we will set up a security station on all exits of the estate. Residents have to show a valid resident card in order to enter the estate. For visitors, we will record their ID cards and phone numbers. Also, the flat that they are going to visit will also be recorded. We will also get permission for the flat owners before letting visitors enter. Although this is a bit complicated and time consuming, it is the most effective way to ensure that no strangers can enter into our estate easily.

Also, we have reported this to the police and they will send more patrols to our estate. They will try to find out the identity of those criminals by doing research and surveys in our estate. We hope that the police force can help our residents to have peaceful living conditions.

Furthermore, the Owners' Association is going to plan a free seminar for the elderly, teaching them how to face strangers and what they should do when they face these problems. Since those criminals are using the sympathy of old people to earn money, teaching old people not to fall into similar traps again would be practical.

Last but not least, the association will spend \$30 thousand on setting up a CCTV system inside the estate. All the public areas will be monitored on a non-stop basis. We hope that when crimes break out again in the estate, we can find the criminals within a short period of time and put an end to these criminal activities.

To conclude, we hope that this types of crime can be controlled after we implement these measures. Each of us can participate in it to avoid being tricked by criminals. It is important to stay focused when talking to strangers and not to trust them too easily since you will not know their true intentions behind their actions.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

7A Liu Tak Ching- Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of the Owner's Association of the Happy Estate. During the past few months, a gang of criminals tricked old people into giving them money. Lots of them were tricked and sustained plenty of financial loss.

This gang of criminals has many different methods to scam the elderly. There is a powerful criminal organization controlling them from behind. These criminals mainly focus on the old people who always go to the market and the Happy Shopping Centre which are near our estate. They operate in groups of four to five and these groups are usually comprised of two young and two old individuals.

Consider an incident that took place two weeks ago. The victim is called May Leung, who is a 60 year-old woman. She lives alone in the Happy Estate. She has a son who does not live with her. May always goes shopping in the Happy Shopping Centre herself. One day, she went shopping as usual. When she was on the way back home, she saw a young man and a young woman talking loudly. May was curious and walked towards them. She heard that they were trading. The young man was selling a medicine worth around two thousand dollars. He said this medicine can cure cancer. May was very surprised and talked to them. Suddenly, two old women came. They said they had tried this medicine before and all of their illness had been cured. May believed them and bought 10 bottles of this medicine which was worth 20 thousand dollars. She tried this medicine for a whole week until her son came to visit her. Her son found out that the medicine was only used to cure headaches and was worth about only 50 dollars per bottle. They found that they were being tricked and called the police. However, the police still could not find the criminals.

Our association is concerned about this incident. Many old people like May have been tricked by this gang of criminals. They have lost plenty of money. Therefore, our association has called an immediate

meeting and formed a group called 'The Anti-Criminal'.

First, we would invite volunteers to go and visit the old people who live in our estate. Some pamphlets would be given and ways to avoid being tricked would be taught to the elderly. We also send some volunteers to regularly visit the old people who live alone. If they have any problems, they can find us immediately.

Secondly, we will hold a seminar in the hall of the Community Centre. Everyone who lives in our estate is welcome to come. We will teach them what they should do when the criminals appear. Also, we will teach them to place their money or valuable things into the bank or a safe place at home. They should not keep much money in their homes. This can prevent similar crime in the future.

Last but not least, we will strengthen the protection for our residents. When people visit our estate, they should use the ID card of our estate to sign in. A visitor should show their ID card and inform the security guard of the resident you visit. We will also increase the number of security guards until the police finds the responsible criminals.

I hope more people can be aware of this incident and be on high alert.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

Personal Letter



2A Lam Kitty ~Greener Life

Dear Peter,

I have some ideas for your school project on having a greener life. In Hong Kong, people think that pollution issues are none of their business, so environmental problems in Hong Kong are becoming worse. Because of this, I have some suggestions on how to have a greener life in Hong Kong.

First, people should donate the things that they no longer need. This can help save resources and lessen consumption. For example, we can donate clothes that are no longer suitable for people who need them. This can benefit our environment as well as help those who are in need.

Second, we should bring our own bags when we go shopping. We should not use plastic bags all the time because it is not easy to decompose. Toxic gases will be produced if we burn plastic bags.

Finally, we should turn off any electrical appliances when they are not in use. When we leave a building, we should turn off all the lights which are not in use. Also, we should not turn on the neon lights on the streets all the time. This will result in light pollution and increase needless energy consumption.

We can have a greener life if all of us participate in environmental protection! I hope my suggestions can help you with your project to achieve a greener life in Hong Kong.

Yours truly,
Chris

2B Lo Lirong~ Letter of Advice

Dear Nancy,

It is great to hear from you. I had a wonderful birthday last week. Thanks for your birthday card.

First, what kind of style do you like? Do you like comfortable styles or trendy styles? Or do you want to look cool?

If you like comfort, you should wear a T-shirt with trousers. You will look comfortable with trainers. I usually wear them to go out.

If you want to be trendy, you can wear a tank top with miniskirt and leggings. Many teenagers like wearing them when they go out. If you plan to go out for dinner, remember to bring a jacket with you.

If you would like to look cool, you can wear a T-shirt with leggings and boots. You can also wear some accessories, for example, a scarf, earrings or a belt. You can also wear something on your head.

I hope my suggestions can help you. I hope you will have fun with your boyfriend.

Best wishes,
Jo



2C Lau Tsun Him~ Letter of Advice

Dear Nancy,

It's great to hear from you. I had a wonderful birthday. Now, I would like to give you some fashion tips for your first date.

Girls can wear a tank top. Tank tops are cool and comfortable. You can wear a tank top with earrings. You can also wear boots. Boots are probably one of the most popular fashion items among teenagers and are very trendy. They are so cool and comfortable. You can also wear boots with a miniskirt and leggings, you may look stylish as well.

For teenagers, scarves are trendy. Many teenagers love to wear them. There are a lot of photos of models and pop stars wearing them. As a result, many teenagers are crazy for it. Scarves are colorful. You can wear them with the tank top. You will look cool.

If this first date is really important to you, you might want to follow my tips. If you follow my tips, you will be a shining star every time! This is the time in your life when you should look your best!

If you have any questions, you can write to me again. Bye.

Best wishes,

Jo

3A Rai Arian Kimberly- E-mail Reply

Hi Ella,

How're you doing? It's nice to hear about your trip to Guilin. I went to London with my friends during Easter Holiday for seven days.

Our flight was delayed due to the poor weather, so we had to wait for two more hours for our flight. Luckily, we got through the airport security and immigration counter very quickly. It was a very long flight - 18 hours long! The flight attendants were very kind. They gave me and my friend extra blankets while we slept.

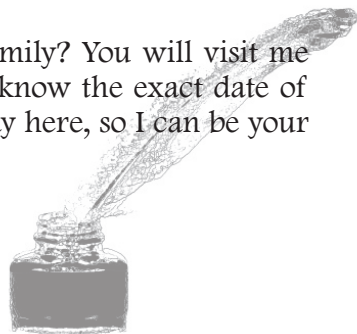
I lived in a homestay in London so that I could understand their culture much better. London was a great place to explore! We first went to Madam Tussauds. We saw many wax models and took many photos. We saw Princess Diana, the Beatles, Marilyn Manroe and Hitler, etc. They're so real. It seemed like meeting them in person! Also, we visited the British Museum. We saw many exhibits such as statues, mummies and paintings. Not only did I see many fascinating exhibits, but also learnt the culture and history of different countries, for example, Britain, Eygypt and Greece. Moreover, we went to the National Gallery. It's amazing. There are many different types of paintings. We bought postcards of different paintings. I'll send you one soon.

Furthermore, we cooked with our landlady! We made many types of pastries such as chicken pie, cookies, muffins, mousse cakes and my favourite chocolate chip cheesecakes. They're all mouth-watering. I'll bake for you if you visit me. Last but not least, we visited The London Eye. We went for a ride and admired the beautiful scenery from the top of the eye. It's gorgeous.

London is exciting, isn't it? How's your family? You will visit me during the summer holidays, won't you? Let me know the exact date of your arrival in Hong Kong and how long you'll stay here, so I can be your tour guide in Hong Kong.

Well, time to stop now. Write back soon.

Best wishes,
Chris



4C Chan Hiu Ying ~ Personal Letter

Dear John,

How are you? Congratulations to your sister! I've already got the wedding invitation of your sister's wedding. I think I will enjoy my Britain trip because I like Britain very much so I'll stay a little bit longer and I will also attend your sister's wedding.

I expect a lot from my wonderful Britain trip. I wish to visit London Bridge to see the beautiful scenery and take some photos, then I want to visit British Museum to see a lot of exhibits, for which I hope to learn more about England's traditional culture and history. After that, I want to shop in England's biggest shopping mall and buy some souvenirs for my friends and family, including post cards, T-shirts, key chains and chocolates. I also want to try some local foods, for example "Fish and Chips". It should be so delicious.

Anyway, I am looking forward to the day of your sister's wedding. I think she will be the most beautiful bride. I'll arrive in London on the 18th of July. If you have time, do take me around. Write soon!

All the best,
Maria

4A Yu Wai Man – Personal Letter

Dear John,

I'm fine. Hope you are doing well too. I am happy to receive your invitation to attend your sister's wedding in Britain. Congratulations to your sister. I think the wedding will be very lively and I will experience a western style wedding.

After the wedding, we can spend some time together because I think you will be busy before the wedding and I think after the wedding, you will have more time to travel around. I will stay in Britain for three more days only, because I also need to go back to school.

On day one, I hope you will take me to visit some places in Britain because there are places I have always wanted to go to. I think the view is very unique and beautiful. I hope to take some photos to share with my family and leave some good memories.

On day two, I hope to try some local British food, will you take me? On day three, I want to go shopping and buy some souvenirs for my Hong Kong friends and my family. I think they will like that. Will you have time to take me around?

See you on your sister's wedding. Take care and keep in touch.

Yours,
Maria



4C Yeung Siu Hong ~ Personal Letter

Hi John,

How are you? I am doing very well. I've got the wedding invitation already. I was really excited. Well, you're right, we truly have to spend some time together. I expect to meet you next week.

It will also be my first time visiting Britain. I'd like to go sightseeing and visit the Big Ben because it is famous. Therefore, I have to go and take lots of photos there. However, I have to arrange my schedule first.

Moreover, I know you're really happy about your sister's wedding but don't worry, yours will be coming soon.

Besides, I heard that "Fish and Chips" is a very mouthwatering dish in Britain. I really want to taste it with you. Bless you and your sister, I hope preparation for your sister's wedding is going well.

I'm looking forward to it.

Keep in touch,
Maria

6A Lam Ka Wai- E-mail Reply

Dear Joe,

I received your e-mail last week and I'm so sorry for the late reply. I'm so happy to hear that you have decided to enter the writing competition, as you have always been a good English writer. As our English club in school is holding a creative writing competition, I think this is a good chance for you to write a creative story again. I would like to give you some suggestions on creative story writing.

First of all, the theme this year is "A Different Ghost Story". This theme is fun and I have never heard anything like that; I think the story should be informal. You should consider the theme of a ghost story and you need to think whether your story needs to be short, exciting or scary. The story should also make the reader happy, excited or surprised. You should carefully consider the type of your story, for example, a funny ghost story or a scary ghost story. It can allow the readers to understand what you want to say. You may also spend more time thinking about the subject of your story, and use wonderful story names such as "The Ghost House with Tom". This will make people interested and would want to read your story.

Secondly, when you prepare to write the story, you may not know how to begin. In my opinion, I think you can use six domains to plan your story: "What" "Why" "When" "Who" "Where" and "How". "What" is the type of your ghost story, what do you want to describe in the story? "When" is the time of your story to take place, is it in 1969 or 2012? "Who" are the characters in the story? "Where" will your story take place, and finally, "How" is the plot of the story. These 6~wh questions are just examples for you; I think these considerations can help you design your story; you can also draw a mind map to help you plan your story.

The next factor should be about the plot of the story. You should pay attention to three points: background information, characters and the main story line. The background information of the story is the most important part. You ought to clearly explain the things happening in your

story, the place, the time, the people, you need to explain and describe all of them. The characters are the main point in your story; you need to create different characters; It can be a person, an animal or a ghost. You should think about the characters before you write the story to help you develop the story more effectively. The main plot is also important. You need to think about how to begin the story, how it develops and how it ends. That is a perfect writing plan, it can help you write the story effectively.

Then, you should think carefully about the theme of this year's competition "A Different Ghost Story". I think 'different' means that your story shouldn't be a normal traditional ghost story. If you can create a different ghost story, people will pay more attention to your story in the competition. For example, if your story is fun and has special chapters, it will stand out.

Finally, if you have time, I suggest you should read more books on ghost stories or watch different kinds of horror movies. You can learn more about writing ghost stories and collect useful ideas from other fictions.

I hope my suggestions can help you in writing your new ghost story. If you have any questions or problems, please reply to this e-mail, and I will be glad to answer your concerns. Good luck on your writing competition and try your best!

Best wishes,
Chris

6B So Tung Chiu-Letter of Advice

Dear Mary,

Hi, how are you my dear friend? I heard that your parents talked to you about your obsession with pop stars. I know that you have skipped school to wait for the famous pop star, Rain. Although entertainment idols are pretty interesting, these addictions are not good for you as they will affect your performance in school. I once did similar things like you, but I finally had to change this bad habit of constantly seeking pop stars. As being someone who had experienced this problem before, I have three suggestions to help you to improve your situation.

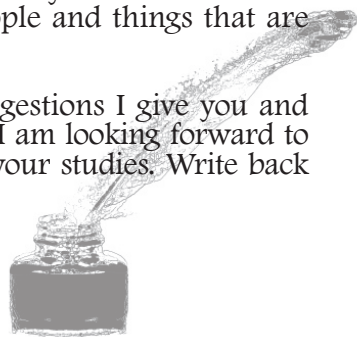
First, you should find a goal in life to work hard instead of being obsessed with idols. Many people are discouraged in life because they lack a target to achieve and they often spend all their energy on idol obsession. By setting a goal, you can have something to work towards as oppose to investing all your time, effort and money on things related to pop stars. This will eventually grant you more fulfillment as you accomplish more achievements in life.

Secondly, you should have a strong determination to reduce or cease idol worshipping activities. I understand your passion towards your pop idols as they are often really attractive and talented. But you should realize that their achievements are not your own. Idols are only people after all, and you should be confident that you can match up to their accomplishments if you work hard enough. I hope you can focus on what matters to you now and won't let these addictions affect you. Trust me, your studies are more important to you since they can help you to lead a better life and thus a better future.

Finally, you should always strike a balance between work and leisure activities. Any type of obsession can be harmful even if the activity is originally considered healthy. Liking a hobby is not a bad thing, but being overly addicted to it is damaging. The problem with this is that you will lose out many other aspects of life. You will find that you would not have enough time and energy for other important people and things that are happening in your life.

I hope you will seriously consider the suggestions I give you and these can help you to achieve a balanced lifestyle. I am looking forward to meeting you and hope everything goes well with your studies. Write back soon!

Yours truly,
Chris



6C Wong Tsz Yan- A Trip to Canada

Dear Eunice,

How are you? I am in Canada enjoying my first trip outside Hong Kong! It's really exciting here and I hope it is not too late to share the past two weeks of wonderful experiences with you.

This is my first visit to Canada. As soon as I arrived, I wanted to have fun and sightsee but what I needed to do first was to meet my host family. I was so excited! My host family was very generous and they cooked wonderful food. The family lived in a house near a forest surrounded by mountains and blue clouds. I have been living in a beautiful painting for the past two weeks. You would be jealous of the fresh air and the beautiful view that I breathe and see every morning when I wake up. Sometimes I see a couple of squirrels in the trees. They say if you can see a squirrel in the trees, it means you will be very lucky that day. I will take some photos when I see a squirrel again.

Besides, I really enjoy my time at the summer school. You would be surprised by the atmosphere in the classrooms here. The students are very nice and would help anyone who has troubles. They like to share about their lives as well. They are highly motivated unlike students in Hong Kong. They do not sleep and eat in class which surprises me. They are never shy about speaking their mind too. The teachers like to ask students for comments in the lessons. It has a great atmosphere that I love very much. In Hong Kong, you cannot find the same atmosphere in school. If you were travelling with me, you would surely get addicted to school too!

I'd better stop writing now as I have so much more to see and do. I am sure you can sense that I am happy in Canada. I'll tell you more about my trip when I come back to Hong Kong.

Love you always,
Jessica

POEMS



If I go out at Halloween,
I'll dress up like ghosts.
Go out in the street and say "trick or treat".

If I go out at Halloween,
I'll dress up my cat.
Bring it to the vet and scare the pet.

3A Chan Man Fei ~ Poem ~ If I Go Out at Halloween

If I go out at Halloween,
I will walk in the street.
And knock my neighbour's door.
Say "trick and treat!"

If I go out at Halloween,
The ghost will go out.
The witch will ride on a broom.
And the witch will fly near the moon.



Tonight is the night
When dead leaves fly
Like witches and ghosts
Across the sky

Tonight is the night
When leaves make a sound
Like a gnome in his home
Under the ground

Tonight is the night
When pumpkins stare
Through sheaves and leaves
Everywhere
It's Halloween

3A Chow Oi Yi ~ Poem ~ If I Go Out at Halloween

If I go out at Halloween,
I'll knock all the doors, up and down the street.
Up and down the street,
I'll shout out trick or treat.

If I go out at Halloween,
I'll wear a monster's face.
I'll run around with my friends.
Play catch and chase.



If you go out at Halloween,
Don't be scared of the skeletons.
Stay away from the darkness tonight,
Bring something that emits some light.

If you go out in the woods tonight,
You're sure of a big surprise.
If you go out "trick or treat" tonight,
You'd better to prepare to run and hide.

If you go trick or treat alone,
You need to protect yourselves.
Keep a proper payment handy,
Come knocking for some candy.

3A Fung Wing Hung ~ Poem ~ If I Go Out at Halloween

If I go out at Halloween, I will go to trick or treat.
Gather all the candies to win.
The candies are very sweet.

Someone thinks ghosts are evil.
That they are frightening and scary.
People like to dress up like devils.
Halloween is a good festival.

Halloween gives us unforgettable memories.
Make the atmosphere mysterious.
We can go to the haunted house.
All people enjoy it but not too serious.



3A Ho Ka Po ~ Poem ~ If I Go Out at Halloween

If I go out at Halloween,
I will dress up like a witch,
And make a wish,
Hope I can get lots of sweets.

If I go out at Halloween
I will give a lovely kiss for all the little kids
That's all for the trick or treat.

3A Leung Ka Yi ~ Poem ~ If I Go Out at Halloween

If I go out at Halloween,
I will bring a big bag with me.
Go out from street to street.
And greet everybody “Trick or Treat!”

If I go out at Halloween,
I will dress up as a witch.
I will scare little kids.
After all, it's not Halloween until we hear you
scream!



If I go out at Halloween,
I will go out and look for ghosts.
Be aware if they visit you in your dream.
After all, what's Halloween without a little
scream.

If I go out at Halloween,
I will dress up like a queen.
I will go "Trick or Treat".
After all, what's Halloween without all the
sweets?

If you go out at Halloween,
I will wander from street to street.
Knock from door to door and shout “Trick or
Treat!”

If I go out at Halloween,
I will dress up in silly costumes.
Listen quietly as Halloween sings its yearly tunes.

If I go out at Halloween,
I will tell the spookiest story.
Don’t listen if you’re scared, or you’ll be sorry.

If I go out at Halloween, be aware of my
greetings.
If you dare me, I may make you scream.
You may find it creepy.

5A Lam Oi Ting~ Acrostic~ Alvina Wong

A class teacher of 5A

Lovely and kind

Very good class we have

I love her very much

Nothing can replace her

A class is like a family

We are 5A

Our class teacher is Miss Wong

Never Change our love for you

Got the best class teacher

5A Lam Oi Ting~ Limerick~ Vice-Headmaster

Mr Ho is the Vice-Headmaster,
Who's also a football player,
When he walks in school slowly,
All the students run away quickly.
He told them 'you can be a runner.'



A teacher called Alvina

Love her so much

Very elegant teacher

I like her because she is so sweet!

None of us doubt she is a pretty lady

Anybody will know that she loves 5A very much

Where does she get so much love

Overly caring for us

Nobody in school dislikes her

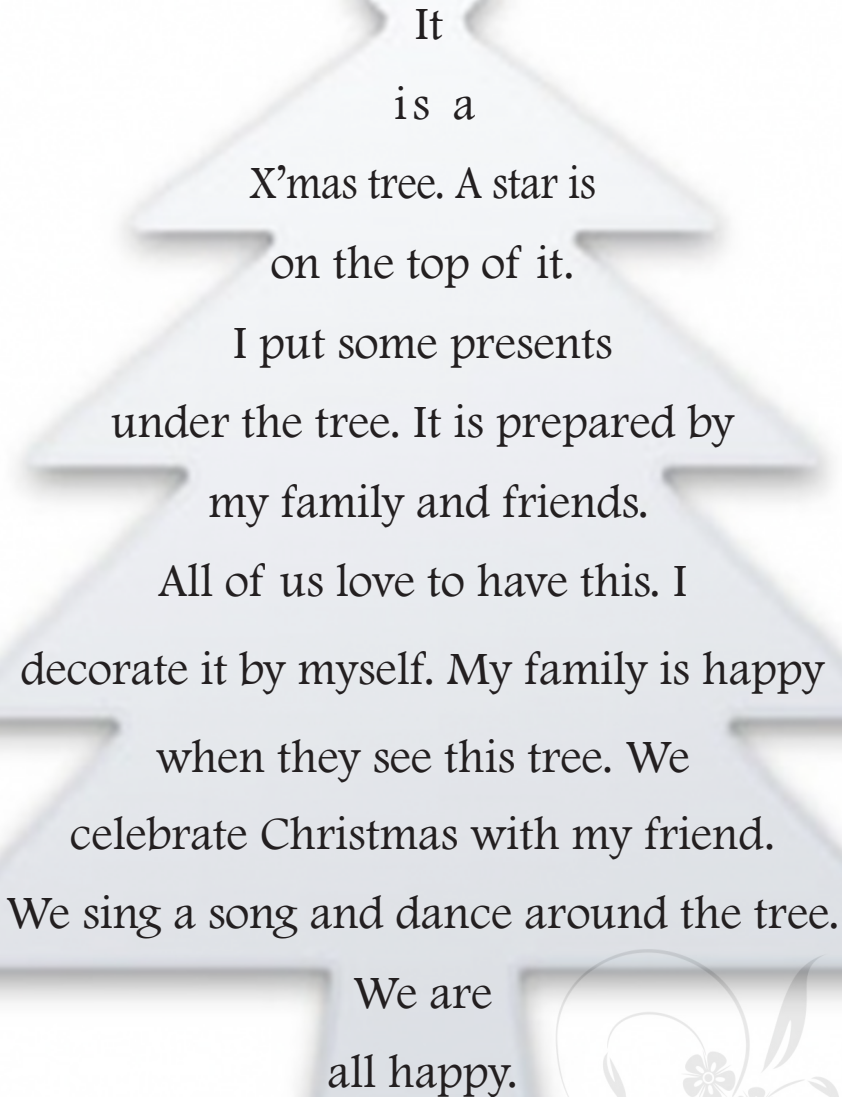
Great to see her in school.

There was an aged Vice-Headmaster
Who used to hate a student named ‘Oscar’
When students don’t cut their hair
He puts his ruler up into the air
That’s why we called him the Head-monster.



‘C Y’ is our Chief Executive
Who made the city negative
When his admirers celebrate
We will die in a decade
So ‘long hair’ should act aggressively.

5C Ko Miu In-Shape Poem~ Christmas Tree

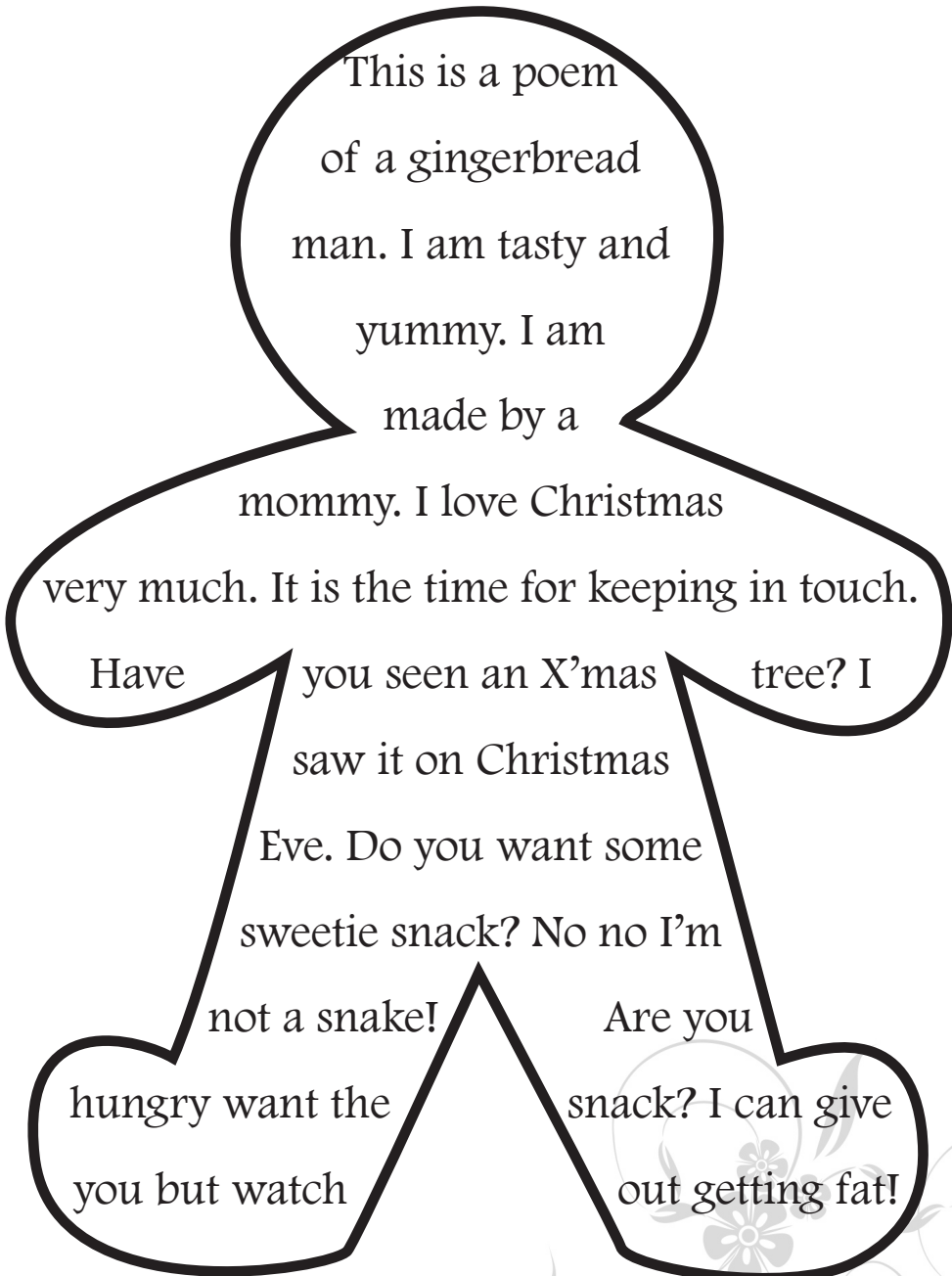


It
is a
X'mas tree. A star is
on the top of it.
I put some presents
under the tree. It is prepared by
my family and friends.
All of us love to have this. I
decorate it by myself. My family is happy
when they see this tree. We
celebrate Christmas with my friend.
We sing a song and dance around the tree.
We are
all happy.

5C Le Ngoc Tan~ Limerick~ Tale of a Monster

There was a big fat strong monster,
Who everyone could not master
When it comes and shouts,
The scary face will be out,
People defeat it together

5C Leung Ka Ho- Shape Poem-Gingerbread Man



5A Leung Wai Lun-Acrostic- Snake Leung

Second son of the family

Normal student in an amazing school

AK-47 is my weapon of choice

Kinder chocolate is my favorite snack

Einstein is my idol

Lazy is my middle name

Eggs and break are my breakfast every day

Uniqllo is my favorite clothing brand

Never hurt people is my motto

Glad to study in the enrichment class





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