

G. T. Newsletter

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Dr. Raymond TAM
Principal

Dear parents, teachers, and students,

Welcome back to GT in Term 2. I wish you all had great fun and good rest during the first term break.

There are two types of newsletters in the GT family: the *GT Blog* and the *GT Newsletter*. GT is a family of work and play; all our family members work hard and play hard. We thus endeavour to capture the fun moments and joy via word and photo. To put it briefly, the *GT Blog* is for the GT Big Big Family (news about the primary and the secondary sections), while the *GT Newsletter* is for the Secondary Section. As GT kids are always on the move (joining various competitions, local research projects, and international exchange programs), a full mention or coverage of every single activity or competition is simply impossible. For this reason, there are six *GT Newsletters* every year to help bring home the GT school life to all of you, the beloved supporters of GT College. The sole purpose is to share, to communicate, and to support the wholesome development of the students and the school. I hope to see your photos and words in the next issue. What you can do is just to keep up with the good work and creative play on your hands. Live a balanced life! Live GT! Be GT.

At the beginning of the term, I wish you all a most fruitful and brilliant time ahead.

School Commencement and Prize-Giving Day 2018

The School Commencement ceremony and Prize-Giving Day 2018 were successfully held on 23 August and 24 August respectively.

Dr. Ken CHENG and Ms. Winnie AU
Head of School Function Group



Welcome speech by Dr. Tam on
the School Commencement Day



Welcome speech by Dr. Lee
on the Prize-Giving Day



Outstanding scholarships (HKDSE 2018) for G.T. graduates
(12A Lung Yan, 12A Wong Sing Hang, 12B Szeto Chui, 12C Louie
Hui Wah Krisya, 12C Wan Larry, 12C Wan Shin Yau)



Conduct award winners



GT school photo after the Prize-Giving Ceremony

GT Camping Series: Episode 1

G7 Orientation Camp

The G7 orientation camp was held during 9-11 September 2018. All G7 students had spent three days and two nights in the BGCA Bradbury Camp in Sai Kung. Vice-Principal Lai, the school social worker, and all class teachers of G7 accompanied the students through this camp. In these three days, students were assigned various kinds of command tasks and activities such as high rope course, rafting, ballista, and cooking. Through this camp, students can cultivate a sense of cooperation to accomplish a task successfully, building their whole-person development.

Mr. Jasper KWOK
7F Class Teacher



7A students rafting to the checkpoints



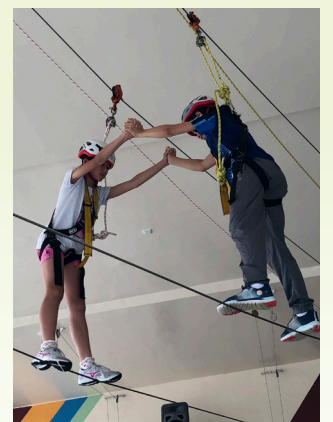
7B students making their own rafts



7C students preparing and cooking the dinner by themselves



7D girls setting up their own tent on the second day



7E students walking along with their partners on the rope



7F students building a ballista with rods and ropes

GT Camping Series: Episode 2

G8 Orientation Camp

Being future leaders, Grade 8 students participated in the Breakthrough Camp to enhance their self-discipline and build up their cooperative skills. Students gained a lot for their personal development and management in these two days, enhancing their self-confidence.

Ms. Doris CHEUNG
8D Class Teacher
Committee Member of MEG



High ropes course



Making the bed



Instructor's inspection



Obstacle course 1



Obstacle course 2



Obstacle course 3



Shooting



Marching

Vienna Music Tour

On 10 July, the G.T. College string quartet (8C Jaison Yung, 9E Winky Chan, 10A Vanessa Lau, 10B Justin Lau) set off for a one-week expedition to Vienna, the city of music. This trip was fully sponsored by 1-ART Foundation. Joined by Dr. Ken Cheng, famous harmonica player Gordon Lee, and alongside three young musicians from Hong Kong, our quartet performed with professional musicians and toured our way through Vienna. After the performance and the master-class, the busking and the learning, our young prodigies have certainly learned a lot about music, broadening their horizons.

Dr. Ken CHENG
Music Performance Coordinator



Masterclass by the Janoska Ensemble



Sightseeing at Heldenplatz (Heroes' square)



Performing in the Concert Hall of the Vienna Boys' Choir

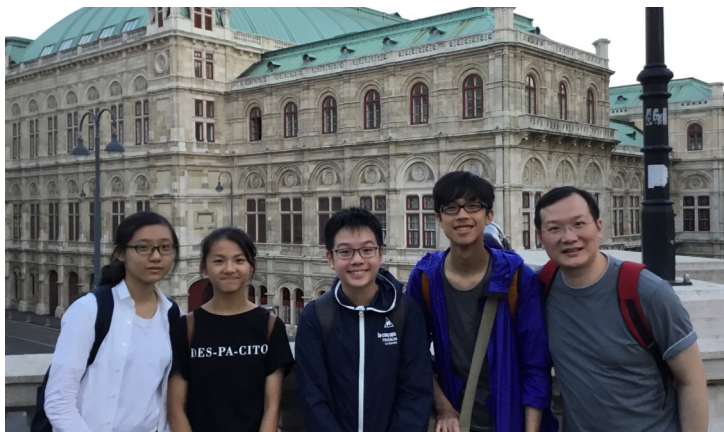


Photo-taking in front of the Vienna State Opera



Photo-taking with Mr. Kiwi Chan and Mr. Vincent Au from 1-Art Foundation

Sports Star

It is an honour to attend competitions for the school which has provided me with the opportunity to develop my interest and skills in archery. There is a key attitude I've learnt in this sport. That is, no matter winning or losing a contest, we should bear in mind that we need to keep our noble character to maintain the competition a fair game. When the scores are close, some people may try to affect their rivals with words or even pray that they make a mistake, but I think one's true ability is the most important as "arrows never lie."

10D Jade HO



Jade Ho won the Individual Champion in the Asian Youth Indoor Archery Open Competition (Hong Kong 2018)



Jade sharing her archery feelings with Principal Dr. Tam



Show me, Not tell me! *Waiting for Godot*!

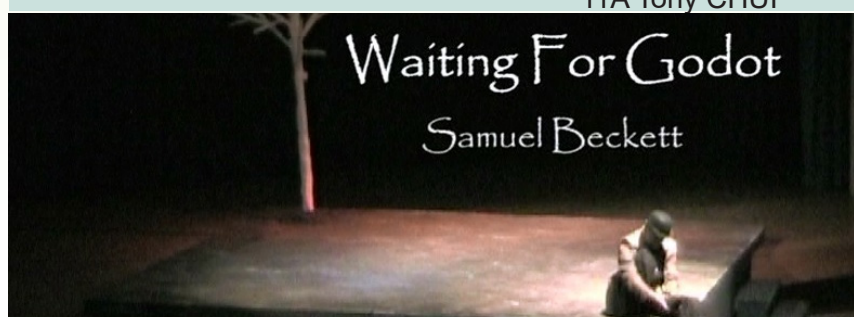
Our class went to see the play *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett. The play struck me as masterfully poignant despite its bleak tone and being incomprehensible at times, with the dark humor surprisingly entertaining to watch and the actors delivering their lines with outstanding skills. *Waiting for Godot* is painfully self-aware of its uneventful, elusive, and repetitive nature, which makes it all the more enthralling to see unfold. It is on the whole a play very much worth seeing for its cogent, acute commentary on something that we can all relate to—human existence and waiting for salvation.

11A Megan LOUIE



There was nothing on the stage but a rock and a leafless tree. I was very confused about the setting of the play. However, the play is everything but dull. Two Irishmen Didi and Gogo walk in and the audience can't stop laughing. Just when the audience can't get enough of Didi and Gogo, a large man charges in with his servant, starting a new series of fun and excitement. As I was having the best time enjoying the play amidst the never-ending laughter of the audience, the play had come to an end. Gogo couldn't have described the experience better, "Time passes quickly!" The play is quirky yet professional, hilarious yet thought-provoking. I am especially impressed by every little detail of the two men waiting for someone who is never going to come. This experience is one of a kind and I cannot be more impressed.

11A Tony CHUI



G.T. Science in Action

1. The Shaw Prize Lecture in Life Science and Medicine 2018

On 27 September 2018, all G10 Biology students attended the Shaw Prize Lecture in Life Science and Medicine 2018 at the HKUST. The inspiring lecture was delivered by Prof. Mary-Claire King, American Cancer Society Professor, Departments of Medicine and Genome Sciences, University of Washington. During the lecture, Prof. King summarized the genetic approach to detect mutations in common complex diseases. This approach led to the discovery of the BRCA 1 gene in which women carrying mutations in this gene would have a higher risk of breast cancer and ovarian cancer.



G10 Biology students with Professor Mary-Claire King, Dr. Christine Yu, and Mr. Sunny Lui

2. The First 'X-PLAN' Graduation Pitching Competition cum The Greater Bay Area Innovation and Technology Development Forum



G12 Biology students attending the forum led by Dr. Christine Yu

On 11 September 2018, all G12 Biology students attended the First "X-PLAN" Graduation Pitching Competition. 21 startup teams shared their innovative ideas and received strategic suggestions from top investors and entrepreneurs. Then the honourable guests including the former Chief Executive, Mr. Leung Chun-ying, the Chief Executive, Mrs. Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, and the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr. Nicholas W. Yang shared the strategies and development of work that promote the city's innovation and technology on the global stage. The forum provided insight into the ways to nurture the innovative ecosystem in Hong Kong.

3. Seminar on Youth Entrepreneurship in the Greater Bay Area

On 31 August 2018, all G11 Biology students attended a seminar on Youth Entrepreneurship in the Greater Bay Area to learn of the opportunities on how the Greater Bay Area development would bring to Hong Kong's innovation and technology sectors. In the seminar, Professor Zhang Guangnan from the Sun Yat-sen University was the keynote speaker and he presented the experience, opportunities, and challenges that cross-border entrepreneurs might encounter in the Greater Bay Area, extending our students' vision for entrepreneurship.



G11 Biology students with Professor Zhang Guangnan from Sun Yat-sen University

Dr. Christine YU
Biology Panel Head

Fieldwork in Geography is funny and interactive

G12 Geography students went to Shek O for fieldwork on September 3, 2018. The topic was managing coastal environment. Students were guided to perform fieldwork preparation, data collection, data analysis and finally critically in-depth presentation. All G12 students and teachers enjoyed and learnt a lot at Shek O beach, Rocky Bay beach, Shek O headland, and the surrounding areas.

G12 and G11 IB Geography buddies conducted another fieldwork on October 13, 2018. The topic was the changes of the industrial locations in HK. The study areas were Kwun Tong industrial area and Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate.

Mr. C.K. LAU, David CHAN & Mr. Roy TSE
Geography Panel Head



Wave-cut platform



Collecting scientific data at the Tseung Kwan O industrial estate

Liberal Studies – G12 Study Tour to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area



Sharing by one of the Founders of Beeplus



Students exploring the latest products of DJI at the flagship store of Dà-Jiāng innovations

On 8 August, 2018, four Liberal Studies and our G12 students participated in the study tour to the Greater Bay Area. We visited several renowned enterprises in Shenzhen, learning about the latest developments of their innovative products.

Ms. Winnie AU
Liberal Studies Coordinator



Group photo of G12 students and teachers, Dr. Ken CHENG and Ms. Winnie AU (on the left), Mr. Billy LEE and Mr. Thomas MA (on the right) at the Galaxy Industry Group

Student Union Election

On account of the typhoon Mangkhut, the election for the school's 7th Student Union was postponed and held on September 21. We are elated to announce that with 245 out of 304 votes, Convergence will be serving as the succeeding cabinet for the 2018-2019 school year!

11A Megan LOUIE
Internal Vice-President of the 6th Student Union

Position	Name
President	Pak Wan Hon (11A)
Internal Vice-President	Wong Ching Hang (10D)
External Vice-President	Yu Pui Kin (10D)
Secretary General	Chan Wing Kiu (11A)
Treasurer	Luk Kam Ho (11D)
Assistant President	Ling Hau Yan (11C)
Activity Director	Lung Chee Tuen (11A)
Promotion Officer	Law Ka Wai (11A)
Design Officer	Siu Chung Ling (10B)
External Affairs Officer	Lee Kwan Ho (10D)
Internal Affairs Officer	Louie Hui Ying Megan (11A)
Junior Forms Affairs Officer	Leung Hoi Yan (9A)

Members of 2018-19 Student Union



Proposed cabinet canvassing at the school gates



William Pak (President of the proposed cabinet) presenting their election platform

Stationery Sale



Students choosing lots of pens to prepare for the coming exams

4th floor was crowded with students

The "Stationery Sale" was held on 5 and 6 November. The Student Union cooperated with the East Star Stationery Company so that our students could buy stationery and other products at low prices. For the two days of the sale, the 4th floor was often crowded with both students and teachers who were making their way through the crowd to find what they wanted to buy.

Mr. King LAU
Chinese History Panel Head

Dress Casual Day for Fund Raising

To celebrate Halloween, the Student Union organised a fundraising casual dressing day on 31 October. Students and teachers, who donated \$20 or above could wear their own casual wear to school. Some of them even wore Halloween costumes which made the school more lively and pleasant. A total of 472 students and 13 teachers participated in the donation of the "Dress Casual Day" and raised \$43,770 for the **HONG KONG CANCER FUND**, helping the unfortunates.

Mr. King LAU
Students' Union Officer



All committee members of the Student Union wearing casual wear



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