

G. T. Newsletter

G. T. (Ellen Yeung) College - Secondary Section

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Dr. Raymond TAM
Principal

Principal's Talk: "Home Sweet Home"

If home is a place for food, games, and rest, GT is a home for her kids, where they can find food, adventure, and enchantment, and where the warmth gets them back home and keeps them thriving.

From December 2018 to February 2019, I witnessed two key "home" features of G.T. College: First, it was the Alumni Night held in December in which some old boys and girls came back for "family food" and some catching up on their studies and careers, as well as the latest happenings at GT. Time flies! Our G.T. graduates are now budding financial analysts, doctors, and lawyers. Second, it was the marvellous experience of G.T. kids' participation in such a diverse range of thrilling programs or activities held inside and outside school during the months.

If home is where the heart is, the great joy, comfort, and pride seem overwhelmingly apparent on every face captured in the photos shown in the March 2019 *Newsletter*. May I borrow a piece of advice from Greg Anderson: "Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it." It is your joy in the doing that transforms your effort into excellence.

G.T. kids, nothing can take away your pride or excellence unless you allow it. Continue to enjoy your work and play as much as you can. We view your endeavours with pride.

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-GREG ANDERSON

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Public Speaking—Learning Beyond the Walls of the Classroom

How could my G.T. girl have performed like a superstar on stage? All ears and all eyes were on her!!! These were the words in my mind when Sian was performing on stage on 19 Jan 2019. I was holding my chin as if it was falling.

The experience with Sian Lee (Grade 8B) who obtained the championship in the "21st Century English Speaking Competition (HK)" has confirmed again that GT has full trust in its kids' potential, and that GT has its mission to lift its students' learning beyond the walls of the classroom.

G.T. College is a dream place with dream students and dream educators. We don't believe in limits. We believe in our vision and mission in gifted education. We believe in our kids being positive and creative at heart, playful and joyful in the classroom, daring and competent in taking up challenges.

G.T. College believes its G.T. kids can "surprise" themselves and the world when they are willing to humble themselves. Sian took the championship; the rest of the teammates took the wonderful life lesson. G.T. kids, when you believe you can, you can.

Dr. Clara CHENG
English Language Teacher



Sian Lee (8B) obtaining the Championship on 19 Jan 2019



Award Ceremony of the "21st Century Cup National English Speaking Competition 2019 (Hong Kong Region)"



Visiting the HKUST

Eight students from Ritsumeikan High School (RITS) of Japan visited G.T. College during 3-10 January. The IE Group organised many educational and fun activities for our guests. They had an admissions talk and campus tour at the UST, tried to meet the Chinese white dolphins in Tai O, and visited the amazing recreational facilities at Ocean Park. Although the weather was cold there, the Japanese guests didn't seem to mind and the host families took them for sightseeing around HONG KONG on Saturday and Sunday, widening their horizons.

Mr. Steven CHAN
International Exchange Group



Art is Fun



Visiting Ocean Park



Lunch with Principal Dr. Tam



KSA to GTC 2018-19: When South Korea meets Hong Kong



It is a sad moment to bid farewell to our Korean guests, but we are looking forward to welcoming more guests from all over the world

During January 7-14, Dr Park and three students from Korea Science Academy of KAIST (KSA) visited G.T. College. Fun activities were organised for them, starting with their HKUST trip, in which they visited laboratories. Not only did they have thought-provoking discussions with our G11 IB students at the Global Forum but they also learnt Chinese calligraphy and wrote auspicious messages in Chinese. What's more, they played musical instruments, drew pictures, went hiking and sightseeing, making the most of their stay in Hong Kong.

Ms. Jamie LI
International Exchange Group



Dr. Park and her students being delighted to receive certificates from Principal Dr. Tam and Mr. Tsui



Dr. Park and the KSA students appreciating the beauty of Chinese calligraphy



Our Korean guests exploring the Hong Kong natural environment with Mr. Hong and Mr. Sullivan, our hiking experts at GT



Posing in front of the Victoria Harbour is a must. The KSA students feeling welcome by our friendly and hospitable G.T. buddies

G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College Alumni Night 2018

“G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College Alumni Night 2018—Homecoming” was concluded successfully on 21 December. The night was filled with laughter and memories as our graduates and alumni were enjoying and spreading happiness on the campus. The participation of over 60 students, alongside Professor Li, Principal Dr. Tam, and many senior teachers allowed them to exchange changes in their working lives and mindsets after entering university and starting to work. Our alumni enjoyed the barbecue as they always did in their old days at GT. And they had a splash in the basketball court. On behalf of the Alumni Team, we felt honoured to witness this yet another transcendent form of joy and excellence.

Mr. Alfred CHAN
Alumni Association Team



Gladys Yuen (2012), and Mr. Alfred Chan (2012) being the MC of the night



Family dinner at GT



Dr. Tam and Mr. Alex O mingling with our 2012 alumni



2012 alumni having fun with the photo booth props



Winners of the Lucky Draw of the night



Mr. Paul Chan sharing his thoughts with the alumni



Family photo at GT

Simulation of COP 24 Summit on Climate Change

The Hong Kong-America Center (HKAC) organized the COP 24 meeting as a simulation exercise for school students in Hong Kong on Saturday, December 8 at Edinburgh Tower, Landmark in Central.

The event included a briefing on the status of climate change negotiations and COP 24, simulation country team meetings, and presentations, as well as a live video conference with HK reps in the COP 24 meeting in Poland and also with representatives from many other European countries.

Our school team, Megan Louie (11A), Yoyo Har (11B), Jada Lam (11B), and Pat Yu (11B), gained fruitful experience and they were expecting more conferences to be organized for high school students in Hong Kong to enrich their learning experiences.

Ms. Winnie AU
Liberal Studies Teacher



(From the left) Mr. Glenn Shive, executive director of the HKAC, Yoyo Har (11B), Jada Lam (11B), Pat Yu (11B) and Megan Louie (11A)



Live video conference with HK reps in the COP 24 meeting in Poland

Through the Eyes of Van Gogh Drawing Competition 2018

G.T. College students participated in the "Through the Eyes of Van Gogh Drawing Competition 2018" and many students had outstanding performances. Our school was cordially invited to the prize presentation ceremony organized by Swiss Art Studio, Asian-Pacific Art, and Creativity Education Exchange Association at Mira Place 2.

Our school was awarded two Certificates of Excellent Aesthetic Education Institution and Best Skills Instructor in Youth Group. Emily Chu (10C) was awarded a Certificate of Best Skill in the Secondary Division. Congratulations!

Ms. Angel HUI
Acting Visual Arts Panel Head



Best Skill Secondary Division Artwork from Emily Chu (10C)



Awards Ceremony on 6 Jan 2019

Christmas Party & Singing Contest

21 December 2018 was an unforgettable day for G.T. students. It was the Christmas Party and the Singing Contest Final. Most of the classes prepared lots of delicious home-made food. Besides, students and participants were very delighted and excited about this major school event. There was a wide variety of activities conducted within three hours, including lucky draws, teachers' performances, graduating class performances, and the contestants' performances. All performances showed such extraordinary high standards that all the audience enjoyed them very much in the whole program. We all look forward to the Singing Contest 2019.

Mr. David CHAN
Head of Extracurricular Activities Group



Principal Dr. Tam with the winners of the singing contest



12A performance



12B performance



12C performance



Amazing teachers' performance with the orchestra



6 Lucky draw winners receiving the prizes

Game Booth Day 2019

This year's Game Booth Day was held on 1 February. Each class from G7-G11 prepared one game booth in their home rooms. Most of the classes had been well prepared for their game booths before the Game Booth Day. That afternoon was a remarkable scene. Primary students, from Chan's Creative School (H. K. Island), S.K.H. Yautong Kei Hin Primary School and G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College (Primary Section), were racing towards different classes. Our students were running after those children to promote their own game booths. Both the primary and secondary students had a lot of fun and they really enjoyed the event of the year, which brought them a bundle of gifts, laughs, and memories.

Mr. King LAU
Students' Union Officer



G.T. primary students having fun in the shooting game



11B won the Best Game Booth award



9C won the Most Popular Booth



Students preparing for their booth



Students from S.K.H. Yautong Kei Hin Primary School



Cheering students from Chan's Creative School (H. K. Island) taking a group photo

第一屆國際亞洲中學生巧固球邀請賽 (2019香港區)

由天才教育協會及東區體育會主辦的第一屆國際亞洲中學生巧固球邀請賽已於2019年1月5日小西灣體育館順利完滿舉行。參與是次比賽的學生代表來自中國、中華台北、中國澳門、馬來西亞、新加坡及中國香港。冠軍隊伍由奪標大熱的中華台北隊勇奪，而優才書院男子巧固球隊獲殿軍。本校的男子巧固球隊組軍只有數月，面對各隊實力很強的隊伍，我校每場仍能奮戰到底，表現非常積極。賽後亦獲得國際巧固球總會會長稱讚，期望他們繼續努力集訓，更期望活動能推動香港的巧固球熱，讓更多人都能享受這種運動的樂趣。



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姚俊偉老師
體育系系主任



(右三) 李校監出席是次活動，開幕禮由譚校長主持並致歡迎辭



(右起) 家教會主席李緯芝女士和丈夫、譚校長、東區體育會主席楊位醒先生BBS, MH、姚老師



各隊隊員進場



優才巧固球隊面對實力最強的中華台北隊，每一分都拼搏到底



由國際巧固球總會會長方博士頒發獎項予巧固球隊



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