

# G.T. Newsletter

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Dr. Raymond TAM  
Principal

## Principal's Talk: The Importance of Being Persevering



While browsing the *G.T. Newsletter*, I couldn't help exclaim with appreciation--the grand functions and pictures of students reveal a necessary quality for success--perseverance. Oscar Wilde has his play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*; at GT, we have the importance of being persevering.

What have brought our G.T. kids to the stage of the 6th TKO Music Festival, to the Government House on its 2019 Open Day, to the Mathematics Award in the Hang Lung Mathematics Award, to the Speech Championship, and to the G.T. scholarships for the exchange programs in the UK or Australia? The 18th C scholar of renown, Samuel Johnson has it, "Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance." How can a learner obtain such competence and confidence in his/her own trade? If there are four things to drive for one's accomplishment in life, the first thing should be an aim; the second, the necessary knowledge; the third, the regular practices; and the last one, I believe, must be perseverance which makes a difference between "a dream come true" or "an idea in mind." The pics in this *Newsletter* convey a clear message: Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other. I hope all G.T. kids can appreciate the short races on earth; without them, there will not be our G.T. heroes or heroines on stage. After all, hero(ines) are no zeros on track.

## Hang Lung Mathematics Awards 2018 (HLMA)

We're glad to receive the news that G11D Szeto Chun Vinson won the Honorable Mention prize in the Hang Lung Mathematics Awards 2018. Vinson has been a bright student in all subjects, especially science subjects and math since he was in Grade 7. He has also won numerous prizes in competitions such as the International Junior Science Olympiad Hong Kong Screening Contest, the Hong Kong Physics Olympiad and then Asian International Mathematical Olympiad (HK). In 2017, he had the idea of doing Integration in Calculus without really adopting the technique of integration, which can be complicated, but turning it into a summation by adopting the technique of Residue Theorem in Complex Analysis. He read books and materials online in the whole summer of 2018. Finally, he finished an HLMA paper of about 50 pages. The topic is "Doing Indefinite Integrals without Integration." His paper was awarded the Qualification of Oral Defense (about 13 out of 90 teams) in Dec 2018. He presented his idea to a group of renowned mathematicians, followed by a Q&A session. His work was appreciated and he won a prize. Congratulations!

Mr. Alex O  
Assistant Principal  
Teacher leader of the HLMA team



From left: Prof. Raymond Chan(CUHK), Mr. Alex O, Szeto Chun, Principal Tam, and Prof. Brendan Hassett (Brown University)



# The One-of-a-Kind Joint School Music Festival at GT



All performers and guests

The 6th TKO Music Festival was held by G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College this year, and cooperated with two other subsidized schools--Creative Secondary School and HKCCC Logos Academy. It has been held since 2013. The concert program was varied and comprehensive in order to share our musical ideas and spirits, for instance, orchestral piece, choir, handchimes and handbells, jazz and strings ensemble. Besides, we performed our school's own choice of music. We linked up together to have a joint school orchestra and some choir performances. For the joint school choir, we sang a mass choir "Hey Jude" together with school principals, performers, and teachers. Music brought us together, forming a stronger bond between the three schools.

Ms. Queenie LIU

Acting Music Panel Head



Opening speech by Professor Rex Li



"In a Persian Market" performed by G.T. Orchestra  
(conductor: 11C Skye Chor)



"On Top of the World" performed by C.S.S. Orchestra



"Far Away" and "The Water is Wide" performed by Logos Choir





From left : Dr. Paul Cho (Principal of Logos Academy), Dr. Raymond Tam (Principal of G.T. College), and Mr. Cheung Siu Ming (Principal of CSS) singing "Hey Jude"



"Grazioso" performed by Logos Handbells



"Jubilant Celebration" and "Meditation No. 9" performed by G.T. Handchimes



"Beauty and the Beast" and "Luna" performed by G.T. Choir and A Cappella



"Another Day of Sun" and "This is me" performed by C.S.S. Vocal Ensemble



## Invicta Grammar School Exchange Programme (5-15 April 2019)



A warm welcome to the Invicta chaperone teacher, Ms. Joanna Marshall, and all the exchange students by our G.T. family

After the Invicta students arrived at our school, they were greeted with the enthusiasm and hospitality that our students received when they were in the UK. Our series of exchanges began with a United Nations Forum which worked towards a resolution dedicated to solving environmental issues. The Invicta students then had a taste of Chinese culture by practising Chinese calligraphy and nunchaku.



Invicta girls aspiring to become Bruce Lee by practising nunchaku



British students learning Chinese calligraphy--perfect cultural mix



G.T. and Invicta students presenting in the mini U.N. Forum



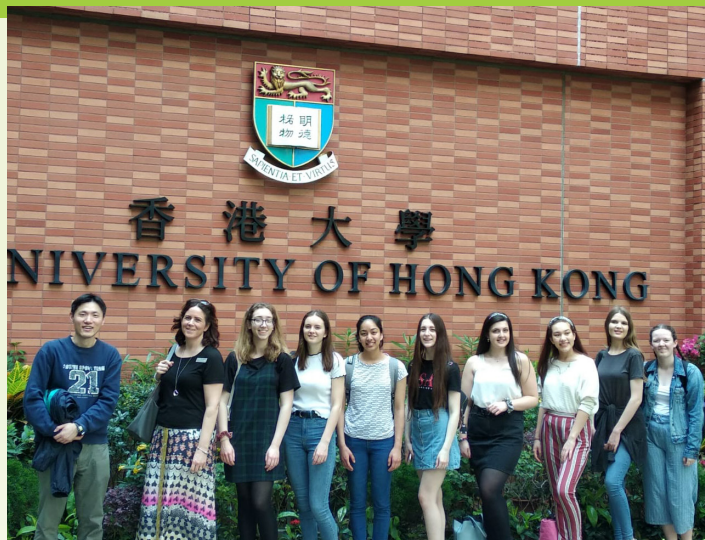
Invicta students being treated a hotpot lunch with Principal Dr. Tam

Their timetable was also flooded with exciting visits handpicked by our teachers, who brought them to The University of Hong Kong, a world-class university, and Ocean Park, a place for both education and entertainment. Civilisation and nature often mingle well with each other: while the British students found themselves in the heritage Chinese temple of Wong Tai Sin in the morning, they experienced waves splashing their feet at a beach on Cheung Chau island when the sun set. Of course, something that cannot be missed is paying homage to the commercial and political heart of Hong Kong with a tour of the Government Headquarters as well as Ernst and Young, one of world's biggest accounting firms.



Ms. Joanna Marshall exploring Hong Kong's busy streets with Mr. Leo Tsui





World-class students at a world-class university



Students having a fun day at Ocean Park, riding on roller coasters while knowing more about marine life



How nice is it to be on a beach with bright sunshine?



May the Buddha's thoughts be with you!

The weekend of our exchange programmes can be equally exhilarating. Bracing the onshore wind, the Ngong Ping cable cars swung the exchange students through the mist on their pilgrimage to the Big Buddha on an early Saturday morning. Our Sunday excursion to Macau, a former Portuguese colonial enclave, was made no less fun by the drizzle with a walk along the UNESCO Cultural Heritage Sites. Last but not least, we bade farewell to our guests by leaving them with a cherishable memory of trying on costumes, brandishing weapons, and reciting lines in a Cantonese opera taster, which is one of our new attempts of the year.

Mr. Steve HO  
International Exchange Group



Dancing like butterflies with Cantonese opera costumes



Waving that spear is just so easy; every girl can become Mulan



## G12 Cheer On Day

The Cheer On Day was successfully held on 15 February, 2019, the last day of our G12 students. Teachers and alumni were invited to deliver their blessings and examination skills. In the group sharing session, students were divided into small groups according to their JUPAS choices so that they could gain further information from teachers and alumni.

Dr. Ken CHENG, Ms. Winnie AU  
School Function Group



12A, Principal TAM, and Ms. Sabrina Chan giving a high five to one another



12B, Principal TAM, and Mr. Alex O showing their signature "class motto"



12C and Principal TAM showing off their kung fu



Roasted pig cutting ceremony conducted by school management, class teachers, and student representatives



Principal TAM presenting souvenirs to alumni



Group sharing session by alumni and teachers



## Forum of 5G & IoT cum Visit of ASTRI at Science Park



5G & IoT Exhibition Room at Block 2E building at Science Park

Since there was a special school holiday on 11 March 2019, six teachers and nine students from Grade 7 to Grade 11 attended the “5G & IoT” forum at Science Park. It was about the 5G wireless network technologies and the related Internet of Things (IoT) which are to be implemented in Hong Kong a few years later. A lot of experts in the field, called “operators,” showed up in the forum. We got the first-hand news and felt excited in this matter. After the morning session of the forum, we were honoured to visit ASTRI STEM exhibition room. The experts showed us the advanced technologies related to IoT, big data, and artificial intelligence (AI). Thanks to ASTRI officers and GT parents for organizing the visit. We had a wonderful day of experience, broadening our knowledge.

Mr. Alex O  
Assistant Principal

## Joint Staff Development Day

We had our Second Joint Staff Development Day on 23 Feb 2019. The theme was G.T. education and achievements. It was a cheerful moment that Prof. Li announced the 20th Anniversary Book of GT which had finally been finished, after more than 20 revised versions by senior teachers at GT Congratulations to GT!

Afterwards, teachers went to the designated talks which were conducted in parallel by the teachers-in-charge. Mr. Alex O and Dr. Christine Yu shared the nurturing of gifted students in Science and Maths; Mr. Richard Yiu talked about the nurturing of gifted students in sports programs. Dr. Clara Cheng shared the nurturing of gifted students in English, and Ms. Sura Ng outlined the Moral Education programs for G7 to G10. We shared the experiences in nurturing gifted students and introduced the ongoing gifted programs at GT. Everybody enjoyed a fruitful staff development day.

Mr. Alex O  
Assistant Principal



Prof. Li rejoicing at the release of the 20th Anniversary Book of GT, named “A Dream Come True”



Ms. Sura Ng explaining the G.T. Moral Education programs



Dr. Christine Yu sharing GT's achievements in international competitions



Mr. Richard Yiu presenting GT's participation in international events

## A Reflection: A Platform for Excellence at GT

I have always enjoyed listening to other educators' sharing their visions and missions in education as well as their lived experience in research and at school, with teachers, students, and even parents.

This time, as a family member at GT, I shared my newly gained experience in public speaking with G.T. kids. What an honour to have a platform for exchanges with colleagues from the G.T. primary and secondary sections. Ultimately, the training and the sharing are all learning by doing.”

GT, you are developing your team of professional educators by creating dialogues for improvement and excellence.

Dr. Clara CHENG  
English Language Teacher



Dr. Clara Cheng showcasing GT's achievements in public speaking and the G.T. English curriculum



## Teacher Development outside GT

The HKDSE first came into the limelight in 2012. And as the years progress, the exam itself has evolved into a comprehensive test of skill sets, knowledge and proficiency widely acknowledged by our peers and counterparts globally. As one of the two speakers, I shared my two cents on this matter and the subject of English, basing my talk on common mistakes DSE students usually make and how to overcome them. It was a zestful occasion as reporters from a dozen media locked in their zoom lenses on my face, followed by a lively exchange of questions and answers.



Mr. Tsui sharing his insight about DSE English Papers 1 and 3 with DSE students

Mr. Leo Tsui  
Senior English Coordinator

Stressing the significance of spelling in Paper 3



Facing the press: Mr. Leo Tsui on the DSE



From left: Mr. Leo Tsui, Ms. Christine Chow, and Mr. Chiu Wai Hon

## 禮賓府開放日服務 優才書院第1178旅童軍團

優才書院第1178旅童軍團再次擔任本年度的禮賓府開放日服務。3月16日及17日，童軍們連同領袖分共14及19人浩浩蕩蕩到達禮賓府，在了解工作要點後，便開始了一連兩天各八小時站立著並要招待及照顧遊人的任務，對於小六和初中生的童軍們也是一個考驗。幸好，優才書院的童軍訓練有素，堅守崗位地完成了任務！

這是一次寶貴及難得的經驗，除了地點是在禮賓府，能夠代表優才書院服務廣大市民，最意外的是在服務後獲得特首邀請合照，特首更親自贈予紀念品和朱古力一盒致謝，令童軍們萬分興奮，也給特首留下對優才書院童軍團的良好印象！



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