

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear parents,

We are in the middle of a very hot summer, but contrary to previous years, our kids are still attending school till mid-August as the Government shifted their 'summer holiday' to March and April to tackle the fifth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. To our disappointment, our holiday activities and travel plans are now messed up, which have probably caused us to whine a bit, but life goes on as usual for most of us. For some people, however, this might have been a year when their lives have undergone some major upheavals. How can we cope when things don't really go as smoothly as planned? Is there an opportunity in every crisis as the saying goes? How can we live with frustrations and teach our kids the same?

From my observations, people who are inclined to plan and cram a lot of activities in their daily schedule probably find it more annoying and challenging during this time when things are often beyond our control. What if a compulsory COVID testing and enclosed inspection order is imposed on the building you live in? You have literally no choice but to comply by staying home as you are required to compromise your personal liberty for the sake of public health. I feel truly sorry for the residents in Kwai Chung Estate who were unprepared for the week-long enforced quarantine in January. However, their hardship seemed minute when compared with the ordeal of my friends in Shanghai who were literally imprisoned in their homes for more than two months from the beginning of April. They also had to fight for and pay outrageously high prices for food items that were scarce in supply. Upon his 'release' in the middle of June, a friend said the fresh air in the Bund of Shanghai was heaven to him.

Some countries like the UK and Australia have decided to live with the virus and relax all the social distancing measures, and friends who cherish freedom to move around without constraints or supervision have opted to migrate to these countries, many of whom are now retired. Since then, I have been intrigued by the debate among friends as to where and how they can live a meaningful life, and whether they should rejoin the workforce or focus on pursuing a fulfilling retirement life. To me, these discussions are a bit pointless as each of us has varied values and different perceptions of our life circumstances, and each life choice comes with its ensuing benefits and costs which are different for everyone. We can see the parallel in the opposing strategies adopted by countries in dealing with the COVID pandemic, each based on their unique social, economic and political conditions. For example, China maintains a zero-infection policy for fears of social disorder while most countries have chosen to lift the restrictions to revive their economy.

Unfortunately, it is human disposition to feel superior and point the finger at people who hold opposing views. More often than not, it stems from the person's inner insecurity. If we acknowledge that no human being can correctly foretell the future, and are truly mindful of our personal needs and fears before making a decision, we won't look down on an opposite decision or regret our choice when the result doesn't turn out as rosy as we have imagined.

After almost 3 years, we should have learned from the pandemic that a lot of things are out of our control and things don't always go as we have desired. However, as long as our lives are not seriously at risk, we can choose to live happily and mindfully wherever we are. Wailing about the past only brings about irreparable regrets while worrying about the unknown future causes unnecessary angst. Our life circumstances may not be in our total control, but we can control what we do and how we feel.

Stay upbeat in the heat. Have a wonderful summer!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

Au Nga Hei, Tracy	GWF2A Sat 2:00-3:00
Chan Yuen Tung, Cherry	WTE8A Sat 10:00-11:00
Cheung Cheuk Ki, Emma	IEKKA Tue 4:30-5:30
Cheung Ho Kwan, Charles	GWF2B Sat 1:00-2:00
Cheung Ho Kwan, Charles	WTE2A Sat 10:00-11:00
Cheung Man Lok, Anson	WTE4A Thur 6:30-7:30
Fung Chun Hin, Jaydan	IEKKB Wed 3:30-4:30
Huang Tsz Tung, Vicky	PTWB Fri 3:30-4:30
Hui Yik Sum, Stacy	WTE4B Sat 2:00-3:00
Hung Ling To, Allen	IEKKA Sat 1:00-2:00
Kong Po Ching, Anthony	WTE8B Mon 6:30-7:30
Kong Po Ching, Anthony	IEK8B Sat 10:00-11:00
Lai Yi Kwan, Sophie	WTE4A Sat 11:00-12:00
Lau Ching Sum, Venia	IEK6A Sat 9:00-10:00
Lau Sing Yu, Matthew	PTWE3 Fri 4:30-5:30
Lau Ying Kit, Kit	WTE6B Sat 11:00-12:00
Lee Kwan Ching, Gavin	WTE6A Fri 5:30-6:30
Lee Yan Wing, Bridget	PTWR Fri 5:30-6:30
Leong Wai Man, Raymond	WTE2A Sat 3:00-4:00
Li Tsz Hin	IEK4A Sat 12:00-1:00
Li Tsz Hin	WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
Liu Tsz Hin, Kobby	PTWR Sat 10:00-11:00
Lo King Ho	IEK2B Tues 5:30-6:30
Lok Aidan	WTE2B Tue 3:30-4:30
Lui Hong Lam, Caitlyn	WTE2A Tues 4:30-5:30
Luis Viseu	GWF4A Sat 3:00-4:00
Man Kin Ching, Lester	IEK4B Sat 9:00-10:00
Ng Siu Long, Hayden	WTE4B Thur 4:30-5:30
Pak Wing Chin, Ashley	WTE2A Wed 5:30-6:30
Qin Yu Kwan, Johnny	PTW3 Sat 4:00-5:00
So Ka Ka	WTE2B Sat 3:00-4:00
Tse Hong Ching, Kris	IEK2A Sat 2:00-3:00
Tsui Hei Tung, Aiden	IEK4B Thur 5:30-6:30
Wan Sum Yau, Ankie	IEK6B Sat 11:00-12:00
Wang Pui Huen, Kelly	WTE1 Sat 3:00-4:00
Wong Man Po, Ambrose	WTE2B Sat 11:00-12:00
Wong Tsz Chun	PTWP3 Mon 3:30-4:30
Yeung Cheuk Nam, Namson	WTE1 Fri 5:30-6:30
Yiu Hoi Ki, Vicky	WTE6B Wed 4:30-5:30

Congratulations to our DSE Students

Our students have attained excellent results in the 2022 HKDSE English Language exams. All our students, that is 100%, have attained Level 4 or above, compared with merely 26.3% of all Hong Kong candidates. Particularly, we would like to congratulate the recipients of the E-Smart Scholarship: Dorothy Ho who has got 5** in Papers 3 & 4 and 5* overall, and Andy Ng who has got 5* in Papers 1 & 3 and 5* overall.



Students Page **August 2022**

August is the month where summer continues. The weather continues to be hot and sunny. As the COVID pandemic continues to affect us, many of us would choose to stay at home during this season. We can still enjoy the summer season by eating cold food we like to cool us down. Did you know that eating fruit can help cool us down? Some people say that coconut and mango are great for helping us cool down. They are delicious and healthy too. We can also do some fun summer activities in our free time. Let's see if you can complete these three activities!

~Ms Josephine



My Father

By Clementine Chan (WTE8A)

My father is a tall, muscular and strong person who can lift heavy things for the family effortlessly. Due to aging, he wears glasses to see near objects clearly. His look is so catchy that I could recognize him in a crowd in seconds. Speaking of his personality, he is a bold person who is determined to voice out when facing unethical or immoral situations. Also, he is a kind father. When I get pleasant results in exams or tests, he rewards us with gifts and encourages us.

There are several differences between my father and the father in the story in various aspects. In terms of clothing habits, my dad owns many round collar T-shirts while the father in the story wears wing collar T-shirts. Furthermore, my dad has quit smoking since I was born while the father in the story smokes a lot. When it comes to the living place in childhood, according to my mum, my dad was living in Canada when he was a teen. The father in the story spent his childhood in Austria. Speaking of personality, I would describe my father as a funny and energetic person. He is fond of sending funny photos to us once he sees one. On his day off, he likes hanging out with mum, visiting different places or going hiking. It seems to me that he is always full of energy. In this story, the father is a peaceful man who doesn't talk much, according to the writer. My dad will definitely not sit in the dark for a few hours as he sleeps relatively early, compared to most people.

Although they differ in many ways, they still share similarities. My dad has a low voice, which is similar to the father in the story. Also, children may not know what they're thinking about. Sometimes I deem my dad to be pondering something important, but it ends up that he is deciding which meal he should buy for his lunch, which amuses me. In this story, the writer doesn't know what his father is thinking about when he is sitting in darkness alone.

The relationship between my father and me is rather close, which is similar to the relationship between the writer and his father. When I notice my dad is not feeling well or contented, I will try to ask him if he requires any help. Likewise, when my test or exam results are not satisfactory, he will encourage me with care, which is heart-warming.

I feel so grateful that such a bold, caring and funny person is my own father. despite occasionally having conflicts and quarrels with us, he is still a good father to my family and a nice husband to my mother.

Summer Activities

Word Scramble!



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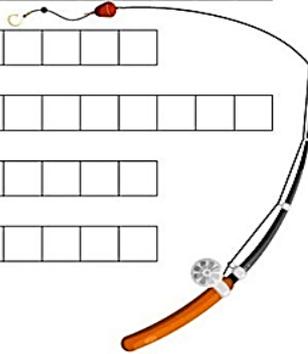
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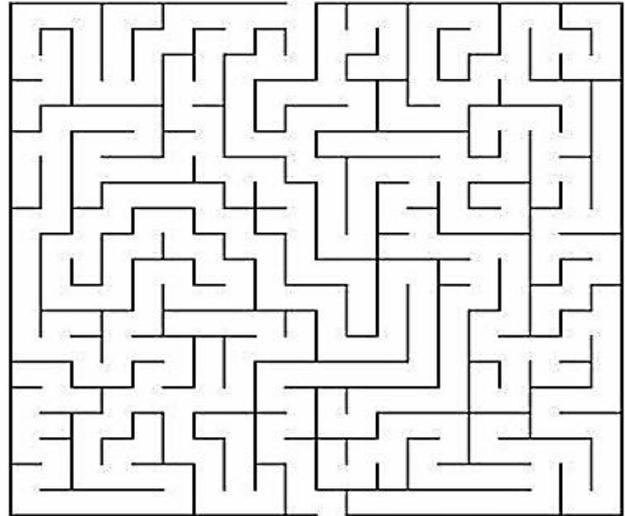
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Summer Maze



Can you find a path through the maze from the girl to the strawberries?



How fast can you say these tongue twisters?



I thought a thought. But the thought I thought wasn't the thought I thought I thought. If the thought I thought I thought had been the thought I thought, I wouldn't have thought the thought. I thought.



She sells seashells on the seashore. The shells she sells are seashells, I'm sure. And if she sells seashells on the seashore, then I'm sure she sells seashore shells.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WRITERS OF AUGUST:

Best Writer: Clementine Chan (WTE8A)

Other writers: Wins Ho (WTE6B) – A Lie; Jayden So (WTE4B) – A Green Shark; Venia Lau (WTE6B) – Summer Vs Winter