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A-SCHOOL UPDATES.

01 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM GCEAL



International Curriculum

Entering into the second decade, A-School will be committed to reviewing and fine-tuning the curriculum to suit the development of our students. We offer multi study pathways. Not only can students select the DSE stream, but also the GCE A-level curriculum. We are the authorised Cambridge Associate School in the territory. The accreditation is a quality assurance of our curriculum planning and implementation, as well as a full support from the Cambridge International Examinations, thus facilitating us to provide better support to students for their overseas study.

GCE Advanced Level (GCEAL)

GCEAL is an internationally benchmarked qualification, taken in over 125 countries, and is accepted as a proof of academic ability for entry to universities worldwide. The syllabuses develop a deep understanding of subjects and independent thinking skills. All the GCEAL subjects offered are administered by either University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) or London Examinations (Edexcel).

Sharing of students studying GCEAL

HO Hei Kit, Edrick | 11E (GCE)

“Firstly, as there are fewer subjects in the GCE A-level curriculum, most of your time will be contributed to your other electives. You can achieve better grades by studying them more during your free time.

Secondly, it has a wider range of topics for each subject as compared to DSE, meaning that electives in the GCE Curriculum will be more challenging, thus requiring more time and effort being put into them.

Thirdly, there are less supplementary classes than those in DSE, giving you ample time for other studying activities or leisure activities, such as playing basketball on the rooftop of the new annex.

Lastly, even though we are not required to take the DSE Chinese exam, we are still required to take the IGCSE Chinese as a first language.”

YUEN Tin Long, Ernest | 11E (GCE)

“The GCE A-Level curriculum is a brand new experience of learning. The class size is small, which is very different from the normal class with over 30 students. We can be closer with teachers and ask more questions as there are fewer students in the class. However, the content of GCE syllabus is not as easy as one may expect. The topics covered are a lot more difficult and we need to spend more time and efforts on our study. Even though there are relatively fewer supplementary classes, we have to be self-motivated and disciplined.”



02 Christmas Ball 2016: Serendipity

presented by 2015-2016 Student Union Zipper
20 December 2016

Serendipity, the accidental discovery of something fortunate, luck or fate that are not expected, is the theme of the Christmas ball presented by the Student Union this year. Around 250 participants, including current students, alumni and guests from Shatin Government Secondary School, enjoyed the night in the school hall.



03 Chinese Cultural Day

25 January 2017

Every year, members of A-School will celebrate the Chinese New Year together. Students from different teams prepared fascinating food and game booths, while teachers, alumni as well as current students enjoyed the warm and congenial festival atmosphere.

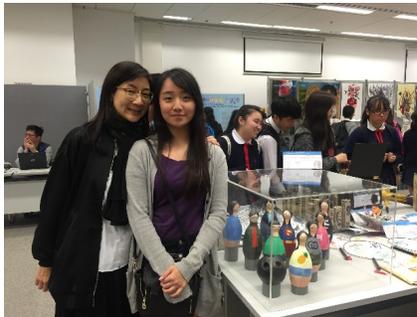


04 THE COMMUNITY CHEST NEW TERRITORIES WALK FOR MILLIONS

26 February 2017

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) joins the charity event of New Territories Walk for Millions every year, aiming at enhancing home-school collaboration and providing a healthy parent-child activity.

This year is the 10th anniversary of PTA. Every A-School member was eager to take part in the event and a strong team of around 600 participants was formed. About \$80,000 was raised for the Community Chest. The walk was filled with laughter and all completed successfully.



05 ARTS NEWS & ACHIEVEMENTS

In February 2017, five Visual Arts students entered the final round of The Exhibition of Secondary School Students' Creative Visual Arts Work 16/17 (中學生視覺藝術創作展 16/17) organised by Education Bureau yearly. 12B IP Cheuk Tung (葉芍彤) was awarded our 6th Gold Prize from the competition.

Details of the results are as follows:

Gold Award:

Stupety Bottles --- 12B IP Cheuk Tung (葉芍彤)

Certificate of Merit:

Nostalgic – 12A Lau Hiu Ching (劉曉澄)

Money + World – 12B YAU Chun Lok (丘俊樂)

Finalist:

Thinking of dream – 12B LEUNG Hoi Ki (梁凱祺)

Obsession- Clock – 12C CHEUNG Kam Man (張錦雯)



06 PE NEWS

10th Athletic Meet
13 & 19 December 2016,
@Shatin Sports Ground

10 years ago, we had our first Athletic Meet in the Shatin Sports Ground, where the cheerleading competition is performed in class basis. The total participants were 347 students with 591 entries. 10 years later, we had a total of 835 participants enrolled with 1586 entries.

As one of the most anticipated event of the year, students are eager to contribute as much as they can to fight for the glory of their Chambers. Everyone is dedicated to give their best, especially in the relay events.

Cheerleading competition is definitely one of the important highlights in the Athletic Meet. Different from class-based event in the past, it is now competing among Chambers. There are more participants, even greater creativity, but the best team work just remains the same as we did in the past.





Graduation Run has become the best ending of the competition and the G12 graduates would receive the warmest blessing and greatest support from the entire school.

The competition was tight and exciting to watch. Every single point is significant in deciding the final champion.

Chamber Columbus showed their determination consistently and fought off the pressure from the other Chambers to win their second overall championship in a row.



07 SPORT TEAMS ACHIEVEMENTS

Comparing to previous years, more of our school's sports teams are improving and showing competitiveness in different competitions.



Tennis Team

We started from scratch in building our tennis team. From a competition-based team, with only a few boys without regular training together, we gained experiences and spirit as years went by.

With more talented boys joining our school, The Boys Tennis Team established as one of the most competitive teams in A-School. We are no longer joining the competition for experiences, but to compete for the top position.

We won the first Champion in year 2014-2015 with the dedication of our young team. Though we faced the problem of losing the key players to overseas study, we managed to keep our momentum and continued to excel. In the last two seasons, we were fighting hard together to win games, and only fell short in the final to T-I College. We will surely bounce back and find the best way to take the championships back to A-School in the near future.





Fencing Team

Fencing Team is emerging as one of the strongest teams in A-School. With the good development in PS session, a group of promising fencers joined us in the last few years and we are able to form a concrete core to compete in the Inter School Competition.

At the very beginning, we focused more on Foil. We achieved well in both individual and team competitions. The Girls Foil Team is dominant with our talented members who won the 4th Consecutive Championships in the team category.

We then put more resources and attention to Epee and Sabre as well and started to build a more comprehensive team. Both Boys and Girls are showing good progress and the team cohesion is also improving. The ultimate goal is to challenge for the overall champion in the Inter School Competition. This is not easy for us but we are confident to make it happen with our hard work and determination.





Cross-country Team

The Cross-country Team is one of the “Oldest” team in A-School. With only one day of training per week, and limited members at the beginning, most of the participants in Inter School Competition were recruited from the other sports teams. Though the route was harsh to complete, but our runners always show never-give-up attitude and give all our best during the competition for A-School.

With the new management this year, more training sessions were arranged including the morning run on every Wednesday. The performance of our students improved with the increased training loads and expectations. We sent our full team to compete in all the 6 grades in both Cross-country and Long Distance competitions. With the average performance from each runner, we have achieved our best overall performance in recent years.

We hope to promote the never-say-die spirit to A-School students especially our school teams' members when we are representing our school to compete in different occasions. Process means more than Results.



ALUMNI UPDATES/ SHARING.

01 首屆五位社長的文章分享

人生是一程火車之旅

人們常說人生是一程火車之旅。

旅客計劃好行程，懷着興奮的心情登上火車，柔和的陽光撲面而來，景色連綿不斷，沒有盡頭。隨著火車在遼闊無邊的草原上奔馳，旅客和目的地的距離逐漸拉近。突然，車廂內傳出交通阻塞廣播，旅程的延誤使旅客變得焦躁不安，隨後的行程恐怕不能按計劃進行了。一籌莫展的旅客只好整理心情，調整計劃，重新出發。

仔細想想，人的一生不就是由無數個火車旅程組成嗎？

第一章 不會停下的列車

/ 陳澤賢

人生是一個旅程。每個階段都有不同的追求和想法。在這趟旅程中，我們會經歷無數的失敗與挫折，甚至會質疑自己！但正因為我們對夢想有所渴求，才能時時提醒自己：堅定意志，人生註定要在強風中逆風而行。

尋找夢想的旅程絕不容易——既無聊又孤單，而且還有很多出乎意料之外的阻撓和改變。中學的你，為了更好的成績，每一天都在溫習；身為校隊成員的你，為了更上一層樓，日復日的鍛煉；畢業後投身社會，上班下班，每天的生活變得單調、機械化，如複製一樣。千篇一律的人生或許在某一時刻使我們對生活，甚至人生失去興趣。然而，太陽每天升起一次，降下一次，我們仍是會因為日出和夕陽的美而感動。正是因為人生不是一直都快樂的、美好的、高潮的，我們才會期待下一個美麗的風景。

計劃永遠追不上改變已是老生常談，既然我們已在這不會停下的列車上，在進入這時光隧道前，不妨好好認清自己想要到的目的地，計劃下一秒怎樣展翅高飛吧。



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Sociology (Politics)
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第二章 向著標竿直跑

/ 吳佩霖

認清了目的地，甫進火車，便開始一個新的旅程。在平穩的道路上，我們向著目標勇往直前，憑著的就是對成功的幻想和慾望。

在路途上，我們會遇見不同的人，有些與我們志同道合，有些最終卻會各奔前程。跟車上遇見的乘客談談天，了解他們的人生，能擴闊視野，自我充實。然而，他們對人生的見解可能會使你對自己所做的決定動搖，但不要緊，因為往往是在這些時刻才會記起初衷，亦不要因此而害怕嘗試，因為只有嘗試才會成功。

在追夢的路上定好目標，勇往直前，這可能便是我們人生中最快樂的一段時光。因為當我們用不現實的眼光去看夢想，才會有更強的信念去奮鬥和堅持。

儘管有時候，夢想和現實遙遠得可怕。所以人生路上遇上彎道時，我們不妨跑慢些，時時察看標桿的位置；因為一轉彎便迎來任你東西南北的大直道……



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International Hospitality
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University of Plymouth

第三章 遠離脫軌

/ 許錠基

旅程中難免會發生意料之外的事情，就如火車脫軌，偏離了原本的航道。假設火車是人，車站是目標，軌道是達到目標之路，為什麼人會脫軌？是否目標定得太高？抑或是方法不對？

每個人都有失敗脫軌的時候。回想自己的大學生涯，經常認為自己可以用別人三分之一的時間完成工作，故此把其餘時間都用作享樂。臨急抱佛腳的我終於自食其果，用分數換時間。面對排山倒海湧來的習作，我能做的是誠實面對自己，承認失敗和檢討錯誤，改變態度和習慣，不再讓「拖延症」肆虐。

承認自己失敗是第一步，亦是最困難的一步。我們要放下身段，放下面子，誠實地去面對自己最不可愛的一面。儘管如此，這都是寶貴的經驗，成長的課題。

當事情不如自己所計劃般進行，難免會洩氣，難免三心兩意想走回頭路。不過，只要我們相信：長路雖漫漫崎嶇，但前方總有小站供君停泊、重整再上路。人生路上，勿躊躇……



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第四章 重新出發

/鄭學欣

對於畢業後的打算，有的早已有明確的出路——根據畢業的科目向目標邁進：醫生，律師，工程師；有的完成四年的學士學位，才發覺自己志不在此，對前途更迷茫。

回想剛畢業時，我也是迷惘的一群。學士學位取得一級榮譽的成績，卻在早期已發現自己對所讀的學科不感興趣。不論性格或長處亦不合適，同時亦不清楚自己追求的是甚麼。

每當瀏覽求職網頁時，眼見各行各業的工作機會多不勝數。到底哪個行業才應該嘗試申請呢？

想了很久，與其坐以待斃，倒不如親身嘗試。於大學最後一年和畢業第一年，我嘗試了兩份和我本科性質截然不同的工作。大膽的嘗試，帶給我寶貴的經歷和啟發。投身社會，除了待人處事要敦厚務實，更重要的是，一份合適的工作會供給你前進的動力，而這份動力，就是讓你變得更好的魔法。

有些決定和方向，可能並不是旁人認同的康莊大道。但只要每個決定也是經過深思熟慮，所作出的決定便沒有對與錯。相信自己，勇敢離開人群，走出自己既定的路，會有不一樣的風景。時光飛逝，你會為自己曾經為夢想勇敢過而感動。



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結語：人生無需標準答案

/ 張天欣

記得中學的通識課，老師很喜歡我們在課堂上討論社會議題，正當討論進行得如火如荼，老師卻會說：「通識沒有正確答案，言之成理即可。」當時的我覺得這句話，真是令人很費解：沒有標準答案，怎知道如何得分？

離開中學後，發現大學更加沒有標準答案。只要你所說所寫有根據，便能成為學術分析的基礎。我們很喜歡有明確的答案，清晰的指示，希望按部就班便能成功。偏偏投身社會後才發現，基本上沒有什麼事情是非黑即白，用一銀兩面或半杯水的比喻，所有事情確是取決於自己的看法。但亦因如此，我們能開創無限的可能性：火車啟程的時候，你能決定目的地，當事情出錯或不似預期，你能離開車廂，登上下班列車，重新出發。不停的計劃，不停的改變，不停的探險，不停的付出，就組成了你的人生故事。

而你，既是這故事的主角，也是這個故事的作者。試想想，到了遲暮之年，你又會想看一個怎樣的故事？我們該慶幸人生沒有標準答案，正因為如此人生才各自精采。



Cheung Tin Yan
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Graduate
Law
Lancaster University

02 Sharing by Abbie Ng

Hello everyone, I am one of the first batch graduates. After graduation from A-School, I got into the university and now I am working as a project coordinator in the design & product development department in a listed company in Hong Kong. Along these years, I have met a lot of new friends, teachers and professors. However, A-School is the place that gives me the most precious, unforgettable memories. Now, memories would fade in every time when I pass the Shek Mun Station!

In the past July, the Alumni Association held a soiree, and I enjoyed it. I am glad I took part in the gathering. I met lots of old friends and teachers (actually we meet very frequently). We laughed, we chatted, and we played at that night...just like when we were students in A-School.



Ng Yuen Nam, Abbie
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Hong Kong Baptist University



Alumni came back and
joined the Homecoming
Dinner in July 2016



Abbie in Girl A Grade
Volleyball Team
@ 2011-2012

However, for the most heart-shaking incident must be the brilliant performance of our sport teams in 2016! I was the Vice Captain of volleyball team, so I have keep paying attention to the performance of our school team. I stayed with our volleyball team as a senior during the competition period. I am so proud these little sisters and brothers have progressed in their ability, both psychologically and physically.

During the games, every serve and every spike could arouse indescribable pulsation. Shouting and cheering from schoolmates, teachers and parents unifies the whole school. It is gleeful that our athletes performed very well in these years. Witnessing their growth from little kids to great players has left me speechless, and I believe for the senior students, these scenes will be part of the most remarkable memories in their life.

I have already left the school for 4 years but those experience makes me feel like I have never leave, and even bond deeper.



Five years later, Abbie returned and supported our
Girl A Grade Volleyball Team @ 2016-2017

UPCOMING EVENTS.



01 ARTS FESTIVAL 2017

This year, our Arts Festival will be held in **25 April – 5 May 2017**. We are happy to invited Artist Lam Tung Pang and Tang Kwok Hin to lead our G10 and G11 Visual Arts students for the Artist in Residence program this year. We will have mixed-media art works from the two artists, G10 AD course's artworks, G7-12 Visual Arts works in atrium and G/F Visual Arts Gallery, please come and support us!



02 VARIETY SHOW 2017

The Variety Show 2017 will be held in **5 May 2017 (Friday)**, The show consists of two core parts: Music Concert & Musical Performance. You will experience a classical music journey with various instruments and vocals in the concert, while at the same time be amazed by the play of A Kidsummer Night's Dream (based on William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream) performed by the Musical Team. We look forward to seeing you in the show to witness A-School entering its second decade.



Graduation Ceremony of
Class of 2016

03 6TH GRADUATION CEREMONY CUM GRADE 6 PROMOTION CEREMONY

Time flies and it's already the season of HKDSE. The 6th Graduation Ceremony cum Grade 6 Promotion Ceremony will be held in the afternoon of **17 June 2017 (Saturday)** at the school hall. Please feel free to come and witness the important event of the G12 students. Your presence will be a great pleasure to the graduands.



PBL Showcase Day 2016



04 PBL SHOWCASE DAY

Do you miss the Project-Based Learning? It is a distinct component of A-School curriculum, and most likely one of the most challenging and memorable task of our students.

This year, the theme is "A-Step Forward". The PBL Showcase Day is scheduled on **8 July 2017 (Saturday)** at the School Hall and the Indoor Gymnasium of the New Annex. Please do come and share the achievement and enjoyment!

More details will be announced later!

UPDATES OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION/ ALUMNI ACTIVITIES.



01 BBQ GATHERING IN DECEMBER 2016

Thanks to the support of our dear alumni, we had a warm BBQ night right before Christmas. We all sat together and updated our own life with each other. It's always good to gather with our truest friends, especially when getting older and busier, we have to cherish these precious moments. We, the A-School Alumni Association as a whole, are really thankful to everyone who joined us at the BBQ event, and hope all of you will keep supporting us in the future.

02 FRIENDLY FUTSAL MATCH

In late March, some of the alumni were invited to form a team with teachers, and played a friendly futsal match with the winning team of the Futsal Competition (Open) organized by the Student Union "DNA". The match was very excited and both players and audience enjoyed very much.



The Teacher-Alumni Team won 3 - 1.



03 A FAMILY SPORTS GAME DAY

On 8 April, the PTA 10th Anniversary Game Day cum A-Family Sports Game Day was successfully held. As part of the A-School Family, many alumni came back and enjoyed their time with other current students, parents and teachers. Hope to see you next year!

Designed by: Kelly Choi (Class 12D of 2014)



04 Alumni Sharing

Invited by Guidance Team, Alumni from different disciplines came back in mid-April to give sharing to the Grade 11 and Grade 10 students.

The alumni shared about their "JUPAS experience, including the reasons why they chose their current major / faculty and the challenges they are facing in their current study. Of course, they also shared about their fascinating university lives, exchanges or even part-time jobs.

05 UPCOMING ACTIVITY: (Homecoming Luncheon cum AGM)

Did you join the Homecoming Dinner last year? This year, a Homecoming luncheon will be held on the **8 July 2017 (Saturday)**, which is the PBL Showcase Day. Please come back and enjoy the time chatting with teachers and fellow alumni before the PBL Showcase activities. More detailed will be available later. Stay tuned!