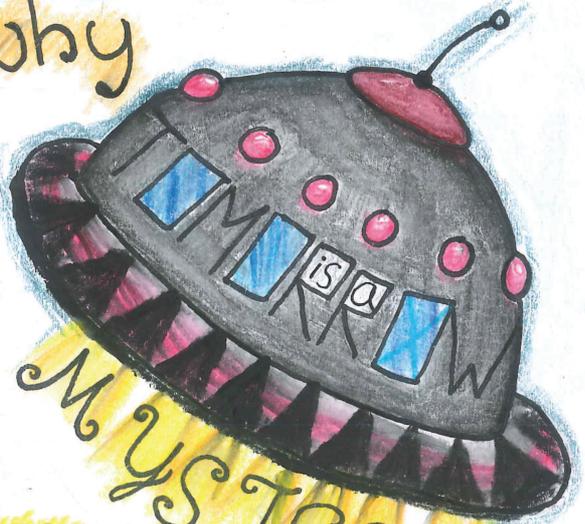


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My F. 1 life in LMC

Time goes by fast. Last year, I graduated from my primary school and this year I will progress from F. 1 to F. 2. I have grown up a lot.

LMC is a brilliant school. The teachers give me lots of opportunities to do different activities and things I want to do so as to make myself better. I am in F. 1D. Our class teachers are very nice and helpful. Whenever we, the students have any



difficulties in our studies, they will help us. My classmates are kind and clever. Most of them are great in their studies and we all like helping one another. My best friend is Venus. She always talks to me and keeps my secrets well. She is also beautiful. Venus always has many friends around her because she is friendly and

sociable.

My secondary school is way more different than my primary school. There are more subjects in comparison to my primary school, such as Liberal Studies, Technology & Living and Science. They are all new to me but I think I can solve all the problems which I face in these difficult subjects. Our school has a variety of facilities and I must say it is a complete campus. The school has its own chapel, an English Centre, several laboratories, a library and many other special rooms. However,

my favourite facility is the library because I love reading and one can study in a calm environment without any disturbance.

I have many hobbies and positive attributes. At school, I have been given a lot of opportunities to express myself. The teachers find me talented and give me a lot of opportunities especially in public speaking and writing competitions. I like drama and for that I joined the Drama club, too. It has helped me to act better, has taught me to be confident on stage and has improved my English speaking skills.

I am grateful to my teachers and friends for making my school life amazing. I have learnt a lot in this year and hope to do better. I also hope to become a mature student in the future.

In my primary school, I was naive and innocent. I did not have the right skills to communicate with others and did not know how to express myself. I was an introvert. However, this is not the case in LMC. Here, I have a lot of friends who have given me the opportunity to open up, be friendly and learn more.



My F. 1 life in LMC

My life in LMC is good but I cannot say it is very good. In our class we have thirty students and we always have fun together. Our class teachers treat us really nicely but sometimes when we are naughty then they do not treat us well.

I only have one best friend in this school and that is James. He is fat, tall and is not good in his studies, just like me. James is funny though. I'm not that good at Chinese and he is quite bad in English. In fact, we are opposite to each other and for that reason we can teach each other after school.

I love my English teacher the most because she is beautiful, actually I am just kidding. I really do think she is a great teacher. She teaches us many English skills. My favourite subjects are English and Information Technology. I have also joined the Computer Club because I love designing computer programmes.

My school has many facilities such as a library and a chapel. At times, I do feel a bit unhappy because I do not have many friends in this school.



My F. 1 life in LMC

In my F. 1 life in LMC, I love my class teachers and classmates, because of this I always feel warm and happy. I feel warm because we are like a big happy family and we help each other. I feel happy because we always play together since we are all good classmates. My class teachers are Ms. Sin and Ms. Tang. Ms. Sin teaches us Integrated Science and Ms. Tang teaches us Chinese. They are very kind teachers and always teach us something new.

My best friend is Suki. She is fat, tall and she always helps me in Maths since I am not very good at it. We always play together during recesses and lunchtime.

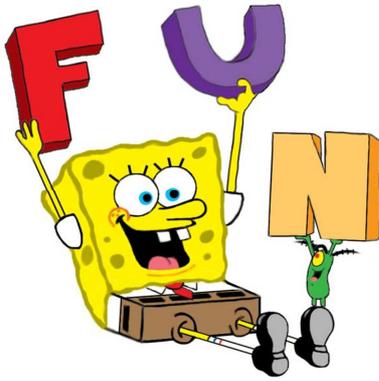
At school, I joined the netball team and wind band. It is fun to be in the netball team and I am able to improve my netball skills. As a member of the wind band I can learn more about music and also make more friends.

My favourite teacher is Ms. Leung. She teaches me English and she is very kind to all of us. She teaches us grammar in different ways. It is hard to learn grammar but I will do my best. My favourite subject is P.E. because I am good at sports. In my primary school, I was in the school's basketball team as well as in the volleyball team.

I think my F. 1 life has been fantastic and I hope I can make more friends in LMC.

My F. 1 life in LMC

Before I joined LMC, I was already happy and excited about it. I have a happy and warm school life in LMC. My two best friends in the school are Puiki and Lapki. Puiki is a beautiful, kind and helpful girl. She likes playing sports and is good at badminton and volleyball. Lapki is funny and interesting. She is nice to talk to and one feels happy after talking with her. These two are my best friends.



My school has different kinds of activities such as basketball, badminton, drama and volleyball. My favourite activity is badminton. I also play badminton with my friends in the school playground.

Lastly, I would like to mention my studies. My favourite subject is Chinese because it is fun and interesting. My favourite teacher is Ms. Leung because she is very kind and beautiful, too.

I am happy in LMC because it is fun here!



The most embarrassing moment in my life

I can never forget how embarrassed I felt when I slipped and fell on the floor in a shopping mall.

It happened when I was in Primary Two. I went to a shopping mall with my mum and my elder brother. While we were entering the shopping mall, I was playing with my brother. We were pretending to be the dolls that represent the Olympic Games. I pretended to be Bei Bei and my brother pretended to be Kwan Kwan. Bei Bei represented the competitions in water and I knew that he was good at swimming and diving. I pretended to swim in the shopping mall. But it was raining that day, so the floor was very slippery. While I was enjoying what I was doing, I slipped and fell. My brother laughed at me and said, “You’re so stupid! You can’t even walk well! How can you swim well?” I still felt very embarrassed when my brother laughed at me. I stood up quickly and ran to my mother.



This incident was the most embarrassing in my life. Now, when I think of it, I feel a bit embarrassed. It is also the most stupid and childish thing I have ever done. I can never forget this for my entire life.

The most embarrassing moment in my life

I can never forget how embarrassed I felt when I entered a wrong classroom.

It happened after lunch. I went back to the classroom and wanted to borrow a notebook to revise for a dictation. But I went into F. 1D classroom carelessly. When I entered, I shouted, “Tom! Can you lend me your English notebook? I want to study for the dictation.” Suddenly, the classroom became very quiet and all of the F. 1D students looked at me. At that time, I felt so embarrassed because the teacher was also staring at me. I was afraid of the teacher because I thought I might be punished since I had shouted in the classroom.

I told this incident to my friend and he also said, “How silly you are!”

It was truly a very embarrassing experience. I hope it will not happen again.



The most embarrassing moment in my life

I can never forget how embarrassed I was when I joined an event at the Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Centre. I did a cosplay and played the role of a boy. I did make-up to look like a boy to which my friend remarked, “Your make-up is perfect! You really are looking like a boy!” I was very happy but what happened after that was the worst nightmare of my life.

I went to the toilet and was waiting outside in the queue. While I was waiting, a little boy walked past with his mother. He pointed towards me and asked his mother, “He is a boy! Why is he waiting outside the girls’ toilet?” I was so embarrassed that



I could feel my face turning red. Everyone started to stare at me. The only thought which came to my mind and I wanted to say it aloud was, “Can’t you see that I am only dressed up as a boy for the cosplay? I am a girl! Stop staring at me!”

In the end, when I could not face it any more, I left the queue to go to another toilet. I looked at myself in the mirror and saw a big red face staring at me.

It was truly the most embarrassing moment in my life.

The most embarrassing moment in my life

All of us have some embarrassing moments in our lives. I also have one which I would like to share with you.

I was in Form two. I still remember the date – February 29, 2015. I had gone to school as usual and had lined up for the morning assembly. Suddenly, I felt very sick and was about to faint. One of the teachers saw me and ran towards me but by that time I had already fallen and hurt my head. They called the ambulance. The medical staff came fast and took me to the hospital in the ambulance.

At the hospital, the medical attendants took me to the Accident & Emergency Department to see the doctor. I was advised to take a rest and stay overnight in the hospital.

This episode was quite embarrassing for me since a lot of students had seen me fall.



School rules that I would like to change

A school is a place where there are lots of rules and regulations. Students are required to follow and obey the school rules; however, if I had a chance to change the school rules, I would like to recommend the following ideas.

Everyone wears a school uniform to school. In my opinion, I would like to wear casual clothes to school. For example, in extreme cold days in winter, girls are still required to wear skirts unless the temperature is below 12°C. Boys have an advantage because they are able to wear trousers which keep them warm



during winter. Therefore, I would like to wear our own casual winter outfits to school.

Students are not allowed to wear our P.E. uniform to school even if we have P.E. lessons on that day. We have to bring our own sets of P.E. uniform to school. I think it is a very inconvenient rule and this may affect the lesson duration as well. Most of the lessons usually overrun. P.E. lessons are generally after recess and if the previous lesson overruns, it leaves students very little time for recess and to change into P.E. uniform. This also leads to less time for exercise in the P.E. lessons. How inconvenient it is!

A school is a place where students come to learn and play. They also enjoy themselves together. Students should have the freedom to play football, basketball, or even volleyball with their friends after school without any restrictions. This might make the students like their school's environment a bit more.

For most of the schools, mobile phones are forbidden. Schools do not allow students to play with their mobile phones during lessons. In our school, students maintain discipline and avoid playing with their mobile phones in classrooms during lessons. In my opinion, if students are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school, then neither will the parents have any ways to contact their children after they have left school nor will the children be able to contact their parents. Hence, I think mobile phones should not be completely forbidden.



To conclude, I think there are a lot of school rules; however, some should be changed a little and some should be abolished.

Chau Hiu Yan (F.3D)

F.3 Writing Competition – 1st Runner-up

School rules that I would like to change

There are many different school rules in my school. Most of them are good but some are bad and students do not want to follow those school rules. If I were given the opportunity to change some of the school rules, I would definitely change the following three.



Firstly, I would like to change the school rule about mobile phones. The school does not allow us to bring our own mobile phones because a lot of teachers feel that many

naughty students may take some ugly photos of them and upload them onto Facebook and Instagram. They also think that some students would play with their mobile phones during lessons. I think students should be allowed to bring in their mobile phones because it is more convenient for students. As far as teachers are concerned, students themselves have to maintain order and discipline.

Secondly, I think the school must change the school rule about P.E. uniform. The school does not allow us to wear P.E. uniform to school. It is quite inconvenient for both girls and boys. We are required to change into our P.E. uniform before P.E. lessons and then change back into the normal school uniform after the lessons. Due to this rule, some students forget to bring their uniform. If the school lets us wear P.E. uniform from home itself, no one would forget their uniform and also girls would feel more comfortable.



Last but not the least, I think our school must change the rule that students cannot enter the classroom before the morning line-up. It is uncomfortable to stay outdoors both in summer as well as in winter. Students can fall sick easily if it is too hot or too cold. Nowadays, most secondary schools let their students stay in their respective classrooms. We hope our school can also do the same.

I think the school rules that I want to change are quite a lot. If the school can change some of its rules, it will become a better school because some of the rules are impractical.

School rules that I would like to change

There are many school rules in my school that we must follow. However, some rules are unacceptable. My thoughts about those rules are mentioned below.

Firstly, I would like to change one rule regarding the restriction on students using mobile phones in school. I suggest that the school should set up a new rule for students using mobile phones, such as students cannot use mobile phones in classrooms. In fact, if we are not able to bring mobile phones to school, it is very inconvenient. We can use mobile phones in many useful ways like checking meanings of words or recording some important information. Mobile phones help students a lot, so I think our school should change this rule.

Secondly, I think students should be allowed to wear their P.E. uniforms to school when they have P.E. lessons. It is inconvenient for students to bring their P.E. uniforms to school. If students could wear their P.E. uniforms when they have P.E. lessons, they would not forget it at home. In addition, I think students should be allowed to wear any trainers they have as it would be more convenient and students will not have to buy white shoes especially for using in P.E. lessons.

Finally, I think students must follow the school rules; however, some inconvenient rules should be changed.

School rules that I would like to change

At school, we should follow the school rules because we are students. If we do not follow school rules, our school will have no discipline. However, there are some school rules which I would like to change.

At school, when we are sick we need to wait for our parents to pick us up and take us home. But sometimes our parents are busy at work and may not have time to pick us up. Therefore, we need to wait until the end of the day to leave school. I would



prefer to change this rule as we are old enough to return home ourselves.

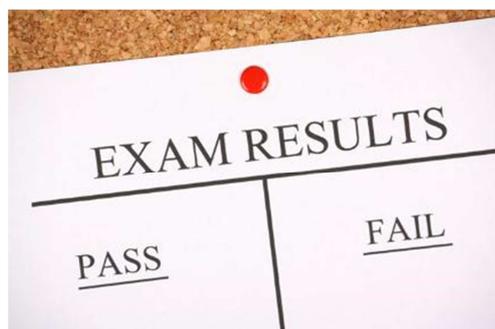
Next, I would like to add an additional rule and that is to be allowed to turn on the air conditioner in the classroom only when the temperature is 28°C. I always find that students switch on air conditioners even though the temperature is only 24°C. There is no need to do so. At that temperature, fans are enough. Therefore, I think we should set up this rule to prevent students from misusing school facilities and causing indirect damage to our planet Earth.

The next rule I would also like to change is allowing students to go to the classrooms before morning assembly. It is because students want to prepare for their first lesson. Moreover, announcements can be made through the school's P.A. system. I hope some rules at our school can be changed.

One thing in my life that I regret doing

Seeing my Chinese exam result, I was full of regret. Five years ago, I attended a middle school. It was full of hope and somewhat mysterious. I hoped I could get into the best high school in my hometown. I wanted to fulfill my parents' expectations. I decided to work harder than I did in my primary school.

Unsurprisingly, I found that the syllabus in the secondary school was more difficult than that of my primary school. To get a good result, I chose to focus on Maths and English and forget about Chinese completely.



Time flew by but I was still in the same position as I had started. My problems became bigger and bigger. I failed in the Middle School Entrance Examination which is a nationwide examination to check if Form Three students are capable enough to attend high school in the mainland.

Left with no choice, I came to study here at LMC. Although I met a lot of good teachers and fellow schoolmates who helped me to adjust to the new school, I still could not solve my problem of learning Chinese effectively.

With several Chinese examinations, I found that I could do better. I regret not focusing on my Chinese when I had the time to do so. I read a story about the evolution of the monkeys. One million years ago, there were some monkeys who lived on the trees; however, the environment forced them to live on the ground. Some of them chose to continue living on the trees and some of them adapted to the change. Those who have adapted are the human beings of today and those who continued to live

on the trees are monkeys till today. It is but obvious that we are better than monkeys. Hence, if we want to make progress, changes are necessary in life.

I failed again in my Chinese exam. Is there any reason why I keep failing? Surely I need to change.



Tsang Chi Ming (F.4D)

F.4 Writing Competition – 1st Runner-up

One thing in my life that I regret doing

I have done many wrong things in my life. I still remember all that I did as a child. They are some unforgettable events.

When I was a child, my parents bought a puppy for me as a birthday gift. I felt incredibly happy because I thought I got a new little brother. The new puppy looked ordinary but was intelligent. Whenever I returned home from school, it would greet me and wag its tail. I felt warm and loved whenever I returned home. We became good friends and grew up together. From a puppy, it grew into a fully grown-up dog. We played together and it became like a member of my family.



Finally, the day arrived when I had to leave my home in the Mainland and come to Hong Kong to study. My parents told me that I could not take animals to Hong Kong. I was very sad to hear this but couldn't do anything for my friend. We came to Hong Kong and I left it alone in the Mainland. We never came

to know anything about it and where it went.

I regret this decision till now because I left my best friend behind. I understand now that what I did was wrong. We should care about everyone and everything around us, even a pet because we ought not to lose anything precious.

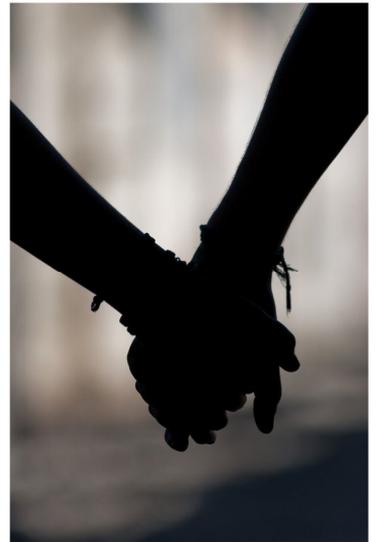
Chan Tsz Kam (F.4D)

F.4 Writing Competition – 2nd Runner-up

One thing in my life that I regret doing

At this stage of my life I need to appreciate what I have and thank my parents for raising me up. However, I did something extremely wrong in the past. I did not mean to make the situation bad but it became. There was one little argument which resulted in a tragedy.

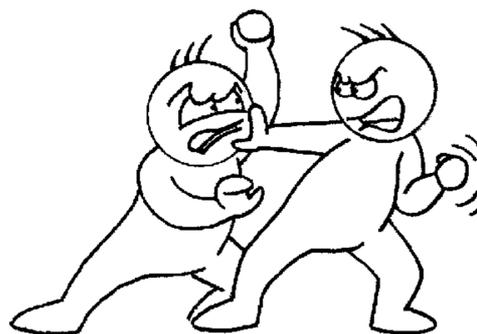
We were friends since Primary One and we knew each other well. Our relationship was going on fine until one day it all changed. It was a rainy day and I was walking on the pavement. Suddenly, my friend showed up and yelled at me, “Why did you hold hands with my girlfriend?” At first, I could not understand what he was talking about. But soon I realized what he was saying. I remembered that a day before I had accidentally touched the hand of my friend’s girlfriend and people started to spread rumours that I was dating her. I talked about it to my friend calmly, “No buddy. You got it wrong. I was just picking up my eraser and she happened to accidentally brush past me.” We stopped the argument, since we had reached the school gate. During recess, my friend with a few others



started to speak rudely to me. I was angry, so I fought back with plenty of foul language which came out of my mouth. Things started to get worse and both of us were very angry with each other. A lot of students gathered, made noise and challenged for a fight after school.

The same day after school, my friend and I had a massive fight like gangster fight in a movie. I stopped it and spoke softly to my friend, “Our tongue is like a sword with twin blades. It can say good things to people but at the same time it can also hurt people. I now know why having a good understanding is vital in all relationships. We should not use violence to solve problems.”

I was kicked out of school because of the fight and violent behavior. My friend never contacted me again. I have good memories of our friendship but losing this friend is the thing which I regret the most and now it is too late to change it.



Khan Hinna (F.4C)

F.4 Writing Competition – Merit

One thing in my life that I regret doing



In my life, I have one thing which I really regret. When I was fifteen years old, I had a good friend. We were childhood friends and for that reason, we understood each other really well. Unfortunately, our

friendship didn't last long. When I was fifteen years old, we had a fight because of a girl called Mary. She was my friend's girlfriend and she did not like me at all since I was a good friend of her boyfriend. This resulted in a huge misunderstanding.

Mary started backbiting things about me to her boyfriend, who was supposedly my friend. None of the things she mentioned to him were true. This resulted in a big argument between my friend and me and that was the end of our friendship.

A few months later, I realized that it was a misunderstanding. I trusted his girlfriend more than my friend and that was my biggest mistake. She had not only hurt me but also played with my friends' feelings.

Nowadays, it is tough to find a person with a kind heart. I miss my good friend. Good friends are hard to find.

Chau Tsai Hor (F.5D)

F.5 Writing Competition – Champion

If I could change my identity with someone

If I could change my identity with someone, it would be President Xi Jing Ping. He has built a reputation of being hard-working especially for his native country China.



My reason for choosing the President of China is that apart from being popular, I would

be able to realize my dream of being the most powerful man in China. I will be able to fulfill my dream of controlling China and enforcing my policies to ameliorate the miserable circumstances prevailing in China. I will show no mercy to the people guilty of corruption. Unlike President Xi Jing Ping, I will not let suspected officials to be left alone with their dignity still intact. They will be executed in public to show the glorious power of the Republic of China.

Another reason for my wish to be President Xi Jing Ping is that he portrays a picture of a man with a model family. It is a well-known fact that Lady Peng Li Yuan was a famous singer many years ago, but since President Xi Jing Ping took over his position, she has become the “mother of the nation”. Therefore, I want to be like President Xi Jing Ping to experience the marriage paradise which is inside each mainlander’s heart.

After sharing my justifications for changing my identity with the President of China, I think it is rational for me to introduce to you my policies, if I were to be the President of China. I will try and



implement compulsory charity work into the agenda of policymaking. Majority of the people in China are living in very poor living conditions and suffering from terrible diseases. Charity organisations have to become an integral part of the society to bring about improvements. I will collaborate with the congressmen and strive for the best solution to reinforce

charities in China. But we need to pay attention to one thing, which is after the change of identity, our President of China will be an ordinary teenager. I, as the President, will provide him with special schooling in order to incubate him into a hardworking assistant for myself.

It is quite a challenging dream for me to change my identity with someone ideal like him, but dreaming of changing my identity empowers me with the courage to realize my target – being the headmaster of China, step by step.



Lee Ching Yee (F.5A)

F.5 Writing Competition – 1st Runner-up

If I could change my identity with someone

All the darkness started twenty-six years ago. Over hundred thousand citizens disappeared at sunrise. Where did they go? Are they still alive? These are the many questions that the



Chinese government avoids answering. However, when the tank went into the plaza, a huge number of people got frightened and wanted to run out of the plaza. They were screaming and yelling, trying to find their way out. This incident gave us the answer. I wish I could stop this tragedy. If I could change my

identity, it would be with one of the soldiers. Instead of driving those students away, I would drive the huge tanks and weapons away, to prevent this tragedy from happening.

June 4, 1989, the day Chinese government decided to use violence to stop the movement started by people who were pro-democracy. Nevertheless, the deadly weapons couldn't stop or threaten the protesters. They gathered again at Tiananmen Square and waited for the nod from the Chinese government. If I were one of the soldiers, I would try talking peacefully with the protesters and persuade them to leave the square. There is nothing more precious than human lives and we cannot do anything if we lose them. The Chinese government had a right to be angry at its people for disobeying rules and going against the law. They monitored the situation and would had prefer to stop everything when it was just a seed and not letting the seed grow into a plant and becoming worse.

However, even if the protesters were perseverant and wanted to continue, I would not put the 'giant car' on the people. I will try to use some weapons that are not so dangerous. Being a soldier is my duty to safeguard everyone but not to harm anyone. In addition, being a Chinese, I sincerely hope that my country can transform into a better one and discontinue being a totalitarian society.



To conclude, if I were a soldier on June 4, 1989, I would have definitely tried to stop this tragedy from happening.

If I could change my identity with someone



When people talk about changing identity with someone, they always want to change their identity with movie stars, celebrities or superheroes. Instead of changing identity with these famous, powerful and rich people, I would actually want to change my identity with a baby.



Before I go on to tell you the reason why I would want to change my identity with a baby, I prefer to tell you why I don't want to change my identity with superheroes, singers, actors etc.

Changing identity means your own real self will be swapped with that of others but your soul remains your own. That means after you have changed your identity, you own all the assets, like superpower and popularity of the one you have changed your identity with. It may seem attractive, however, give it a thought. What makes these famous people rich and famous? Is it their appearance or their identity? The answer is obvious. The reason behind their success is their talent, ability, knowledge and many more things. What you have changed is nothing but identity which is of no use. Identity alone will not make you successful but combining it with knowledge and talent will surely ensure success. This is the reason why I want to be a baby. I want to learn again from the beginning.

As a high school student, it is normal for me to have the knowledge of some difficult things like calculus. However, if a baby is conversant with this topic, it will definitely be an international boom. As a three-year old, I will be sent to the University which will make me the youngest person to get admission into a university. Eventually, with my mature mind I will be able to get a Master degree or even a PhD. This may be considered a blessing or an abnormal phenomenon. I will keep breaking world records for my entire life until I die. I will become extremely famous and rich eventually.

If you are smart, you will understand what I mean. Change your identity with a baby instead of celebrities. It is a better and wiser choice.

Chan Yi Ki (F.5C)

F.5 Writing Competition – Merit

If I could change my identity with someone



If I could change my identity with someone, I would want to change with a beautiful woman having a beautiful heart and that would be my mother, Joey.

In the eyes of other people, my mother is just a normal woman. But for me, she is not just like any other women but a very special woman. She is like an angel, like Mother Teresa. You might feel confused and wonder why I would want to change my identity with my mother. However, the thing is that if I could have an opportunity to change anything, I would want to replace and amend everything bad in her life to something good. My

mother's life has been full of obstacles and hardships.

She went through the hardships of giving birth twice, once when I was born, followed by the birth of my twin brothers. The hardships and the pain associated with childbirth is something which we as children can never feel or understand. She has spent a lot of time looking after us in every way. She takes care of our health and other basic needs. She also has to think about herself and her life, her health and her daily activities. As a mother, she has spent all her life to care for us, worry about our future and make sure that every stage of our life is well taken care of. Sometimes, I wonder how after being so busy she is still able to give us a warm smile and hug. How does she manage to do everything?



Apart from this, she also cares about others in her life. She has her own children to look after, but she still finds time to look after orphans. She gives double the amount of love to the orphans to make them feel being loved and know that they are not alone in this world. This side of her identity never fails to amaze me.

Why do I want to change my identity with her? It is simply because she is brave, strong and very beautiful. She does a lot and always shows us her strong side but deep down we all know that she has had a tough life. I want to help her and give her the things which will make her life better and easier.

Single-sex marriage should not be legalized in Hong Kong

“You are the apple of my eyes.”

“My heart is captured by you at first sight.”

What you have read is not a script from a soap opera, but a genuine conversation between gay or lesbian couples. We can see many couples of the same-sex holding hands, hugging or even



kissing on the street. Some celebrities nowadays are quite open and reveal their sexual orientation to the general public. It has



even become a global trend and this phenomenon contributes to the beginning of a controversial issue – if single-sex marriage should be legalized in Hong Kong.

In my opinion, under no circumstances would I support this issue. There are a number of reasons why I am opposed to this concept. One of them is that a homosexual marriage cannot fulfill the most natural function and that is of reproduction. To carry on the family name is of paramount importance for a couple, albeit not as essential as in the past. Nowadays, same-sex couples do get married but cannot have children and may not live up to their parents’ or family expectations. These couples might choose to adopt children but it will be an up-hill battle for them to educate their children on the question of who their father is or mother is while being same-sex parents.

It is not only about the problem of reproduction but also about the social trend. If same-sex marriage is legally allowed in Hong Kong, it would be synonymous in encouraging homosexuality. More and more young and immature teenagers may try to do it for fun and this may increase the number of gay and lesbian population which will worsen the problem of ageing population.

Some homosexual couples may argue that it is their freedom to choose their sexual orientation and it is fair for them to get married owing to human rights and equality. This argument however is totally



unreasonable. Hong Kong is a multi-cultural city with open-minded people but not everyone can accept the concept of homosexual marriage. Marriage is only a certificate to indicate that two people are a legal couple. If two individuals are truly and deeply in love with each other, it is not a big deal if they do not get married but just live like a couple. Permanent love does not rely on marriage. It is based on your heart and endurance.

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F.6 Writing Competition – 1st Runner-up

Single-sex marriage should not be legalized in Hong Kong

Should single-sex marriage be legalized in Hong Kong? For me, I don't agree with this concept.



As we all know, the number of gay and lesbian couples are rising worldwide. Last year, various countries made single-sex marriage legal, which caused a lot of controversies and disputes. Does it mean that single-sex marriage should be made legal in Hong Kong as well? According to me the answer is 'no'. The reason is because homosexual marriage affects the birth rate in Hong Kong. Assuming that same-sex marriage gets legalized in Hong Kong, more and more gay and lesbian couples will get married. If such an engagement happens, how do we expect these couples to have babies? Less offsprings means deterioration of birth rate. If Hong Kong appears to have low birth rate, how would the city generate revenue? Therefore, I strongly disagree that single-sex marriage should be legalized in Hong Kong.

Another reason is that the future generation would be morally corrupted. If Hong Kong made same-sex marriage legal, the future generations would follow the same concept of homosexuality and it might even be considered morally correct. Eventually, the society would become morally corrupt.

As I have previously mentioned that legalizing same-sex marriage has brought about a lot of disputes and controversies, the same situation will occur if Hong Kong also legalizes it.



Disputes and controversies bring in a lot of conflicts between the ones who are in favour of or against same-sex marriage. When both sides have different

opinions, it will turn into a deplorable argument. These sorts of

arguments bring no harmony or peace to the society. It may also affect the reputation of Hong Kong.

To conclude, I disagree that same-sex marriage should be legalized in Hong Kong. Before legalizing this marriage, people need to give it a thought if this is morally correct or not.

Chan Ching Yi (F.6B)

F.6 Writing Competition – 2nd Runner-up

Single-sex marriage should not be legalized in Hong Kong

Recently an issue has caught public's attention in Hong Kong, which is, whether single-sex marriage should be legalized in Hong Kong or not. I absolutely disagree that single-sex marriage should be legalized in Hong Kong because of several reasons. I would like to explain my reasons for not agreeing with this concept.

Firstly, legalizing same-sex marriage is against social values from a cultural point of view. The existence of common social values is quite significant as it affects the minds of human beings and their behavior. Lots of Hong Kongers discriminate against homosexuals. People always look down upon couples of the same sex walking on the road. They will stare at them disapprovingly to show their contempt. So how can Hong Kongers accept same-sex marriage? People are taught values and traditions and because of those teachings it is



tough to accept homosexual couples. Additionally, Christianity strongly believes in a man-woman relationship. Therefore, they won't accept dating between individuals of the same sex. Marriage is out of the question. As a result, same-sex marriages should be prohibited.

Legalizing same-sex marriage may cause some social problems. Homosexuals cannot have children which could lead to a change in the structure of the population. The decline of population rate will lead to reduced manpower and increase in the number of ageing population. This means that if there isn't adequate manpower, then not only is the competitiveness of Hong Kong affected but also its reputation. We can foresee these problems and for that reason I believe same-sex marriage should not be legalized in Hong Kong.

In addition, as I mentioned, legalizing same-sex marriage affects the reputation of Hong Kong. Many countries have not legalized this and are criticized for this. I think Hong Kong should follow these countries to win the acclaim from others and remain the popular metropolitan it always has been. Same-sex marriage should not be legalized to maintain that popularity.



However, some scholars believe that Hong Kong is a diverse city and every human being has the right to get married to whomsoever he or she wants. According to these scholars, not legalizing same-sex marriage is in a way depriving individuals of their human rights.

They think that Hong Kongers are biased in their approach towards homosexuals. There is no fairness in the treatment given to homosexuals and this could lead to conflicts which may affect the harmony of the society.

Last but not the least, I don't agree with the above mentioned opinion of the scholars. Legalizing same-sex marriage could lead to a lot of social, political, cultural and not to miss economic problems as well. This concept is against the social norms and values and I strongly oppose the statement and idea, which is, "Single-sex marriage should be legalized in Hong Kong."

Li Hiu Long (F.6B)

F.6 Writing Competition – Merit

Single-sex marriage should not be legalized in Hong Kong

Single-sex marriage is a burning issue nowadays. A lot of people have been arguing if single-sex marriage should be legalized in Hong Kong or not. From my point of view it should be legalized.



Hong Kong is an international city. The reason why it can be called an international city is because it has people from diverse cultures and countries. Hong Kong citizens are able to accept people from different cultures, different countries and even new things. If single-sex

marriage is legalized in Hong Kong, I believe Hong Kongers

will be able to adapt to it since there is nothing bad about it.

I believe that same-sex marriages are not harmful to others. They do not adversely affect the society as they are more or less the same as normal marriage. If they are not harmful, why is it that we cannot accept it? Legalizing same-sex marriage will not make the city dangerous.

Furthermore, people have the freedom to decide who they want to marry, just like we decide what we want to eat and what we want to wear. To be fair, we should give people the chance to marry whomsoever they want to. Moreover, marriage is an important thing for a person. If one really wants to marry someone but cannot, one would be really miserable. If same-sex marriage does not cause any harm then why not give it a chance and let people fulfill their wish of marrying someone they want to and be relieved of the sorrow and stress.

Some might think that same-sex marriage is a very weird thing; hence, it cannot be legalized. However, our mind should not be a one track mind. It is a normal thing just like we eat different kinds of food and have the freedom to try something new. We should give same-sex marriage a chance.



Given the above reasons, I think same-sex marriage should be legalized as it is not harmful to others.

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