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Creative Writing



Message from the Principal

Congratulations to the students for their performance in the English Department's Annual Writing Competition.

I am impressed with how well our students have performed. The themes of this year challenged students to reflect on significant life experiences, to look back on the past, envision the future, and to examine their responses to distinct obstacles.

The students' writings reveal values of kindness, integrity, responsibility and perseverance. They also demonstrate that our students are able to effectively organise their ideas and communicate with clarity. Based on their originality and inventiveness, it is clear that students enjoyed the tasks as much as we enjoyed reading their works.

Writing promotes lifelong learning, builds critical thinking skills as well as enhances creativity. This activity also helps students to increase their confidence in English communication. I commend the students on their excellent submissions and hope that they continually grow as creative writers.

Mr. Tong Ho Fun
The Principal

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F. 1 Writing Competition: How I Met My Best Friend

Champion

Leung Hei Tung F. 1D

My best friend is Kiana. She is kind and friendly. You may wonder why we became best friends. Let me tell you now!

We were in the same class in F.1. She sat next to me so we always chatted during recesses. After a few weeks, I found that we had the same interests. We loved drawing pictures and eating chocolate. Sometimes, we shared our own pictures with each other.



Also, we would chat on WhatsApp after school. We often discussed our homework and studied together. Because of the pandemic, we seldom met face-to-face. Therefore, we just chatted online during the first year of secondary school.



At last, why did we become best friends? That is because we joined the School Choir last month! We always attended training after school. We practised the songs together and she helped me a lot. We had lots of fun in the choir. Then, we became best friends.

All in all, I hope you can make more friends in school and give them love and care.



How did I meet my best friend? I met her in an online game called ‘Roblox’. I was trying to defeat this person who was attacking me in the game. I almost died but a girl came and saved me. I asked her, ‘What’s your name? Thank you for saving me!’ She then told me that her name was Daphne.

Daphne and I shared a lot of similar hobbies. She lived in the U.S., a country far away from Hong Kong, but we still became friends. We both had our summer holiday at the same time, so she asked her mother if they could come to Hong Kong to visit me. Her mother said ‘Yes!’. We were both very excited.

Daphne came to my house and stayed with me and my family. We went to so many sightseeing spots like Ocean Park, Lantau Island and many more. Daphne bought so many souvenirs there.



The summer holiday ended, and Daphne went back to her country. We had so many happy moments here in Hong Kong.

I am so happy that I met my best friend, and we both had lots of fun. I wish we could meet each other again. Now, we still call each other every day. I am glad that I met a kind-hearted person like her.

My best friend is Reginald and he is from the Netherlands. We met at a European restaurant in Hong Kong. He was a waiter there and we often chatted with each other because I went there a few times a week.



His aunt lives in Hong Kong. He comes to work in Hong Kong during summer holidays. After that, he returns to the Netherlands for school. Even though we are often very far away from each other, we have video calls and play online games together on weekdays.

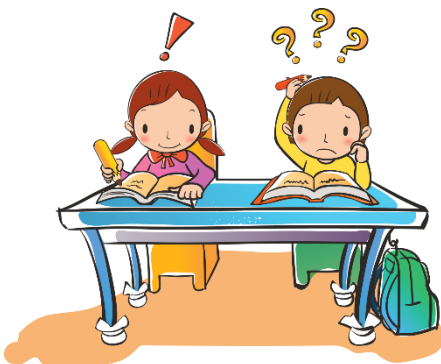
He teaches me Dutch, which is actually not a very hard language! In fact, we only speak in Dutch when playing online games with other friends who don't know the language, which makes them extremely confused!

Although we only see each other face-to-face a few months every year, we still play games online all the time and I consider him my best friend!



Merit

Jia Xi Xuan F. 1C



My best friend is Jason Wen who is sixteen years old. We met in a tutorial class.

He is a helpful and kind young man. He is clever too. When I don't know how to do my homework, he always helps me.

We listen to the same kind of music and we have similar personalities. We both liked Ed Sheeran's Supermarket Flowers. We chat all the time!

Also, we have the same hobbies, for example, playing basketball and playing the piano. He is good at playing basketball and his team has won a lot of basketball competitions!

We have the same goal too! He said he wanted to study in the University of Hong Kong and I want to study there too! As a result, we work hard and try our best together.

I hope our friendship will last long and we will be best friends forever!



F. 2 Writing Competition: The Type of Teacher I Want to Be

Champion

Pang Yin Pok, Scott F. 2B



Today, I want to talk about the type of teacher I want to be. First, I want to talk about my teaching style. I think I will be a patient teacher because I do not want to shout at my students. Having been a student for many years, I understand that when a teacher shouts at students, they may be afraid of the teacher or hate him or her.

Second, I want to talk about my relationship with students. I hope I can be their role model or friend because I want them to learn from my experience. If I know their hobbies, I can play with them after lessons and be their friends.

Third, I would like to share what I will do in my lessons. I hope my lessons can be interesting, so I will prepare games for the students to play. For example, I can use ‘Minecraft’ to let my students know more about Chinese and Western history. The other reason for using ‘Minecraft’ is that it is very creative. Students can build anything they want in this game. Also, they can learn how to add effects to their characters.



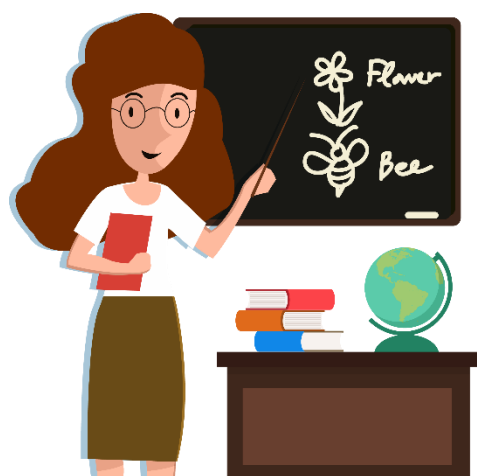
Finally, I want to talk about what I will do after school. I will play some games or give some revision notes to my students. The notes can help them revise and get higher marks in exams.

This is the type of teacher I want to be. I hope I can be a good teacher one day.



First Runner-up

Cheung Yan Kiu F. 2D

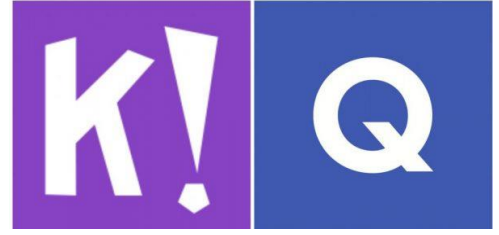


What do you want to be when you grow up? A chef? A singer? Or a writer? Well, I want to be an English teacher when I grow up.

I have such a goal because I love English very much. I want to teach students some reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills! Besides, I want to help them improve their English skills so that they can learn and handle their DSE exam easily.

There are many teaching styles. One could be a strict, helpful or kind teacher. Among the three, I want to be a kind teacher since I do not want to cause a lot of stress to students. I want them to learn English happily.

During lessons, I want them to have a mini-dictation every day so that they can form a habit of doing revision after school. Besides, it can help them recall all the words they have learnt. Sometimes, I will play games with them, such as Kahoot and Quizlet.



During recesses or after school, I will spend time with my students. I will ask them whether they have any study problems. During exam weeks, I will do some revision with them too.

So far, I want to be a kind English teacher when I grow up.



Second Runner-up
Yiu Hiu Ching F. 2D

I want to be a friendly and helpful teacher who can help students solve all problems. When they have quarrels with classmates, I will try to mediate their disputes and help them become friends again. If they face family violence, I will refer them to the social workers. When they don't understand their school work, I will give them some useful reference books.



I will try to be as friendly as possible so the students will not feel anxious during my lessons. I hope they can enjoy their studies and I will not be a strict teacher. I may not give them a lot of homework because I think all children should have a joyful childhood. Also, I will tell jokes in class and I will play games with my students. Therefore, they can study happily and enjoy having lessons in school.

Although that is just a dream, I will study hard to make it come true. I promise I will be a good teacher in the future. I will bring my students happiness and help them overcome sadness, depression, and loneliness.

Being a teacher is not easy. You need to get high marks in all exams. Then you can be a smart teacher. To be honest, I want to be an English teacher because I really love English and English is used all over the world.

If I am an English teacher, I will treat students kindly. No students like an unkind teacher. Secondly, I will maintain good relationships with students. Thirdly, I will give students some dictations during lessons because they help students memorize new words. Finally, I will play ball games with my students during recesses. After school, I will do revision with weak students. Then, they can learn better.

However, I must do more revision now if I want to become an English teacher. Also, I need to read more English books and write more in English so as to be a smart and kind English teacher in the future.



F. 3 Writing Competition: If I Lived 100 Years Ago

Champion

Choi Hei Man F. 3D



Imagine you could return to the past, what would you do? Go sightseeing? Meet your great-grandfather? Or feel grateful that we have advanced technology now? If I lived 100 years ago, I would change history.

I would travel to China if I could. When I read the historical events in my History book, I could not help feeling frustrated. Many Chinese people died in almost every event, and they were cruelly killed by the Japanese. Whenever I think about them, I wish I could have saved their lives!

If I traveled back to 1922, I would tell people about the scary events that were going to happen. Also, I would like to improve their weapons. Therefore, they could defeat their enemies. I would find the commanders or the government leaders to warn them about the dangers ahead. I might also take part in the fight!

It seems that it would be good if I changed the past. Many Chinese people would not have died at that time if the government had made the right decisions and improved their weapons. Nevertheless, if I changed everything in the past, our present would be different. What about our families? What about the future? In fact, we might disappear! The butterfly effect would change everything after 100 years. Therefore, travelling back in time is not the solution.



After all, we should try to learn from what happened in the past so that we can prevent similar wars from happening.

What about you? What would you do if you could live 100 years ago?



First Runner-up
Tsoi Chun Hei F. 3D

Recently, I have studied the history of Japan. According to its history, Japan took part in World War II. Therefore, if I lived in Japan 100 years ago, I would do something to stop Japan from participating in the war.



I would go back in time to Japan since it was already an established country and had become stronger after World War I. By then, Japan took resources from other countries because of its pride and greed. If I were a student in Japan

100 years ago, I would persuade the emperor to stop exploiting resources from other countries. It was known that Japan did not have enough resources for their people at that time. Therefore, Japan invaded other countries to get more resources. This worsened their relationship with China.

After World War I, the relationship between Japan and China was very tense. Thus, if I traveled to Japan 100 years ago, I would tell the emperor about the negative effects of provoking wars against China. Instead, I would give advice on how Japan could establish good relationships with other countries.

However, we cannot change history now. Having good relationships with other countries is always the best solution to avoid conflicts and wars. I sincerely hope that Japan can learn something from its history. I suggest that Japan can be friendly to other countries.



Second Runner-up
Chiu Yan Yin, Ian F. 3C

If I lived 100 years ago, my life would be very different because of the new trends. In the past, people dressed in plainer clothes and students spent less time in school. I think people from the past would be very surprised at how much the world has changed.



If I lived in 1922, I would buy some clothes because I would look weird to the people at that time. My current clothes would make me stand out from the crowd as their fashion was totally different. I

would also go to my hometown and see how it looked because I would be curious to know how the place where I was born had changed.

On the other hand, I would go back in time to the Philippines too because my mother is from there. Thus, I would like to go there and have a look at my mother's hometown as well. I would go to see what school life was like in the past. For example, I would like to know the amount of homework and tests they had. I would also try to find my ancestors and tell them what the world is like now.

I really hope that it is possible for me to travel to 100 years ago so that I can check out the fashion trends and school life of the past. However, I do not think it is possible for me to do so now but no one can tell since technology is advancing every day.



Merit

Cheng Mei Yan F. 3D

Beijing



I have always wanted to travel back in time to know more about what happened in the past. If I lived 100 years ago, I would live in Beijing because it had undergone the effects of many wars. Also, some famous

people I admire lived in Beijing in 1922.

If I lived in the past, I would experience some important events and different lifestyles so I could understand more about history.

I would like to meet Mao Zedong and Chiang Kai-shek since they played significant parts in the history of China. They are considered to be important leaders in modern China. I would like to talk to them and know more about their plans for China.



Since I haven't been to Beijing before, I want to know what the Forbidden City looked like in 1922. Many different kings and queens had lived there before so I really want to visit there.

I think if I lived 100 years ago, I could experience how people lived in the past. Since their living environment was poor and there were wars, it is hard for me to imagine how they made their living back then. If I were able to travel back in time, I would be happy and treasure the experience!



F. 4 Writing Competition: When You Have the Desire to Run Away

Champion

Wong Ho F. 4D

I recall an experience when I had a diving lesson one year ago. During the last summer holiday, I wanted to try scuba diving and didn't want to waste my holiday, so I decided to take a diving lesson. When I told my mother about this idea, she agreed to let me try and told me 'Son, you should try diving because I want to dive



with you. I think it is a meaningful thing for us to do together.'

At first, I thought diving would not be difficult because I knew how to swim and I was not afraid of water. The first lesson was quite easy. The coach just told me to enjoy diving and taught me to dive in around 3 metres under water. I really enjoyed it because I saw a lot of fish swimming in the sea. They were of different colors. It was very beautiful. I would say it is the best thing I have ever seen in my life!



I felt good until the time the diving coach told me to dive in 6 metres under water. When I went down, everything in my eyes started to change. I didn't see the beautiful fish anymore. The only thing I saw was darkness. At that moment, my body was shaking and I just wanted to run away. I signaled to my coach that I wanted to go up. After going up, I felt my body still shaking. The feeling of fear stayed in my heart.

My coach asked, 'Hey, are you alright? It is normal to feel panic at first. Even I shared similar feelings at my first dive. Now, go home, take a rest and try one more time tomorrow.' After my coach encouraged me, I felt much better. I decided to try one more time and I stopped thinking about running away from diving.

The next day, I kept telling myself that I couldn't run away and I had to stop panicking. When I started diving, nothing had changed. I couldn't see the fish and the darkness was still right in front of me. But the only thing that had changed was me. My body stopped shaking. I was not afraid anymore. I started to enjoy diving. Even though I couldn't see the fish, the sea looked beautiful. The important thing was I had learnt how to dive and I like it very much.

During that summer holiday, I did not just learn how to dive, I also learnt that if I am afraid of something, I shouldn't just run away from it. I have to face it and try to overcome it.



First Runner-up
Kam Tsz Tung F. 4D

Life is an adventure. Have you ever had the desire to run away? Was it when you felt embarrassed? Or when you argued with someone? For me, it was when I did something wrong.



I recall an experience in Form 1 when I was performing on stage at school. I joined a talent show in which I danced with my best friend. She was very talented at

dancing and I was so jealous. I could not keep up with her steps because it was the first time I performed on stage and we did not have enough time to practise. At the show, I did a wrong move and I was very embarrassed. I even heard someone from the audience laugh at me. We lost in the competition and I felt sorry for my friend.

Another experience was last year when I was having fun at the class Christmas party. Suddenly, I slipped and fell over when we were playing games. All my classmates stopped and looked at me, but no one helped me. I stood up and acted like nothing had happened and kept on playing the game. Actually, deep down I was terribly embarrassed and would like to leave the classroom at once.

There was another occasion in which I was in the 100-metre race on Sports Day. I prepared a lot for it so I thought that I would win for sure. The race started. I kept running and running. When I was about to cross the finish line, I fell down! It was a bad fall and my leg was hurt. I felt very depressed as I injured myself and lost in the race. I wished nobody saw me and I hadn't joined the race.



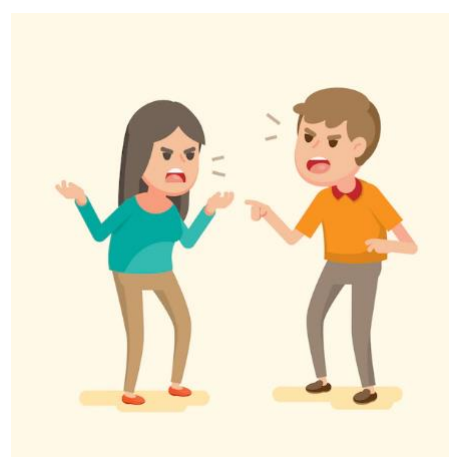
Even though I wanted to run away in those situations, I didn't. I tried to keep calm despite being disappointed, embarrassed or hurt. When you have the desire to run away, why don't you try to face the frustrations and give yourself a breakthrough? Everyone has special dreams and goals. Trust yourself. Don't be too pessimistic or discouraged. Keep your chin up! You can do it!



Second Runner-up
Wong Tsz Chun F. 4D

Whenever I argue with my mum, I have the desire to run away. I know what my mum does is good for me but sometimes I just can't agree with her.

After our disagreements, I usually go to my bedroom and think about running away. Instead of carrying out those plans, I go to my grandma's home to talk to her and help her to do housework. This takes my mind off the argument. Another option would be going to the library to read some books because reading books can calm me down.



Why do I feel like running away when I argue with my mum? It is because when I argue with her, we will keep defending our own opinions without considering the others' perspectives. So, every time we argue I feel very angry and want to escape from everything.



One time, we had a big quarrel and she said something that hurt me. At that moment, tears were rolling down my cheeks. I was so disappointed that I wanted to pack up and leave home. In the end, I went to my grandma's home to stay for two weeks. After that time, I talked with my mum and apologized to her.

Although that time we successfully resolved the problem, from time to time we still argue over trivial things. However, my desire to run away is not so strong anymore. When I seek advice from my grandma, she tells me to respect my mum and try to see things from her perspective.



Merit

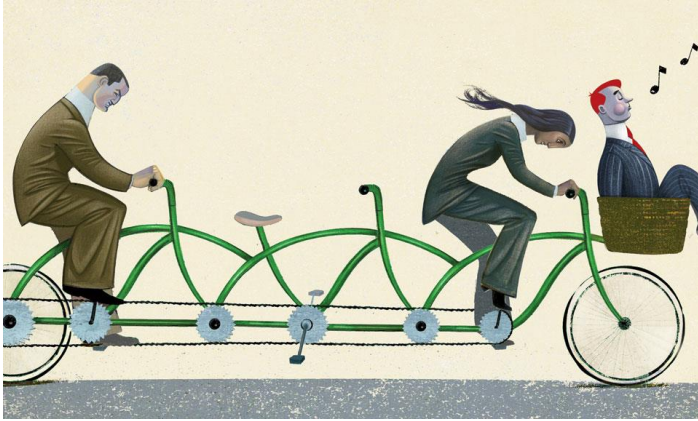
Chan Ka Yu F. 4D

Have you ever thought of running away from something? For me, whenever I have to do a group project, I have the desire to run away.

You may think I am a bit too pessimistic and say, 'Isn't doing a group project a chance for you to train your communication skills, problem solving skills and teamwork?' Well, it may sound like a good chance to build up those skills, but it is a pain to work with some lazy teammates.



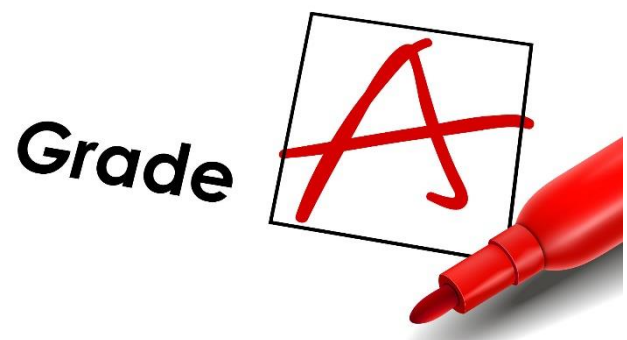
Once, I was asked to do a group project with three classmates who I didn't know very well. They chose me to be their group leader without asking me about my preference. That was where the suffering began. At the beginning, I gave them some easy tasks to do and they completed them very well. I was happy about that because it seemed that my teammates were very clever and



we could finish the group project very easily. Later, I asked them to do some research and give it to me within one week. After one week, I received nothing, but I needed their research to prepare the PowerPoint slides for the presentation. Thus, I

asked them again to send me their work as soon as they could. Their reply shocked me because they had done nothing. I was very confused as they did quite well at the beginning. When they told me that they thought the group leader should do everything, I became furious. I just wanted to quit the group and leave everything to them. After I calmed down, I copied our chat history from WhatsApp and sent it to my teacher. I asked her if I could complete the project alone. Although she rejected my request, she promised that she would deduct their project marks.

Finally, I did most of the project work on my own. My teammates did nothing but they asked me to write their names on the final product so they could get credit. Obviously, I did not agree to it, so they all failed but I got an "A". Because of this, I won't do projects without making sure that all group members will have a fair share of the workload.



F. 5 Writing Competition: The Experience of Overcoming a Fear

Champion

Melbern B F. 5D



What is fear? Have you ever experienced a fear so powerful that makes you want to give up everything you wish to accomplish? Do you know you can turn that fear into a power and motivation for life? It all depends on your mindset at that time.

This fear didn't come into my life until I was in Primary school. When I was in Primary 3, my friends nominated me for a basketball tryout at school. All the skilled players were there and most of them were in good shape. I wondered how 12-year-old students could be so tall and fit. At that time, I was chubby, not tall and had zero basketball skills. I moved like a turtle and was as slow as a snail. When I was on the court, every move I made was terrible. In the tryout drill, I failed almost all the tasks assigned. In the 5 vs 5 battle, I couldn't even effectively defend one player. I also overheard people at the courtside saying, "Number 33 is fat and short. He doesn't know how to play basketball. Look how slowly he moves. Why has he been invited to the tryout?" At that time, my basketball dream was shattered and I felt ashamed. Due to my friends' invitation, I got embarrassed by everyone on that court. In the end, I walked out of that court in shame.



The fear that I had that time was not that I played badly in front of an audience, but that people thought I was a trash player and useless in the team.

Not being accepted by others is the biggest and deepest fear I had in my entire life. Therefore, I decided that I was going to show the people that I could be a better player. I wanted to challenge myself so that I could develop better basketball skills. To do that, I turned to my basketball idol.

I was inspired by Kobe Bryant, the greatest basketball player of all time. I really admire him, not just for his basketball skills but also for his self-discipline. He had a strict training schedule and a positive attitude in life. He always woke up at 4 a.m., had a nice breakfast and started basketball training. After he rested, then trained again. He trained at least 3 – 4 times a day and repeated this routine every single day. So, I started following his habits, adapting them to my life since I needed to dedicate time to my studies. Time management was a hard thing to do well but I managed to do it. Besides, Kobe's influence on my life, I always trained with my personal coach. He taught me everything I needed to become a better player. And after a few years of training, I had hopes to take part in the Hong Kong Basketball Team tryout.

I remember during one training session with my coach, I got so tired in a one drill that I wanted to give up. But my coach yelled at me and said, "If you want to become the best player, you need to tell yourself that you can do it. You need to finish this drill." When I heard his words, I immediately flashed back to my Primary 3 basketball tryout. That experience woke me up from my weakness and pushed me to keep going.



As my basketball skills became stronger, my fear became weaker. I became confident and qualified enough to join the citywide tryout. On that day, I performed extraordinarily well and impressed a lot of team scouts there. Whenever I scored a basket, I heard people yelling "Wow, what a shot!"

Through this experience, I have learned that failure and embarrassment are nothing, but you can score with a positive mindset. You can always turn your fear into motivation and strength, and this has become my motto in life. Moreover, I am confident that this mindset can help me to deal with future challenges.



First Runner-up
Chan Chun Yuen F. 5D



Ever since I was young, I was very anxious whenever I needed to learn anything new. A few years ago, I was told to learn how to swim but I was extremely afraid of the water. However, I was able to overcome my fear and learn to face obstacles bravely.

When I was in Primary 6, my mother took me to a swimming club to register for a swimming class. That was my first formal swimming lesson. I was taken to the swimming pool by a coach. As this was my first experience swimming with lots of strangers, I felt quite frightened and I stayed near the coach all the time. Beside me, there were quite a number of other club members waiting for the warm-up exercises to begin. After the coach settled me down, he started the warm-up session but I did not focus on him. Instead, I looked around the pool and found that the pool was 50 metres long and 2 metres in depth. I could not believe that I was going to swim in that pool. In that moment, my fear totally swallowed me up and I was torn between leaving that horrible place or



taking on the new challenge. The coach saw my plight and told me not to be afraid of the pool. He comforted me by saying that everyone was a little nervous during their first lesson but once we went through it, we would never be afraid again. He encouraged me to face the challenge and he would always be there for me.



If the coach hadn't been holding my hand at that moment, I might have cried and run away. He took my hand and we went into the water. He held my body and taught me how to kick my legs and how to stay above the water so I could breathe. After a few lessons, I had learnt

how to swim without any help, and I was no longer afraid of the big, deep pool.

After this experience, I learnt that when we try something new, having the support of others and taking the first step can effectively help. After we overcome the fear, our learning can be sped up. I hope all of you can pluck up the courage to take the first step when facing fear and difficulty.



Second Runner-up
Chee Tsz Ching F. 5B

Do you have the experience of overcoming a fear? I believe that everyone has the experience of overcoming a fear. Infants' fear is walking because they do not know how to balance and could get hurt easily. As children grow up, they may have different kinds of fears. It could be school results, it could be friendships or not fitting in at school. For me, my biggest fear was being bullied.

When I was sixteen years old, my family moved and I started attending a new school. For this reason, I lost contact with my best friend. She always supported me and we were inseparable. Although I was not the best person she looked up to and I was not top of the class, she never left me. However, due to my move, we seldom saw each and our relationship was not that close anymore. Since then, I felt lonely all the time and like there was no one around to support me. In my new school, everybody already had their best friends and they had good academic results. I felt very anxious in the new environment. When teachers asked me to introduce myself, I couldn't say anything about my life. I could only say my name. I was not confident and I thought my classmates did not like me.



One day, some girls made some negative comments about my outfit and laughed at me. I did not want to have any argument with them. Thus, I did not stop them. I thought they would stop when I ignored them but they did not. In fact, they continued the behavior for a few days. Sometimes, they took my money and threw my schoolbag into the rubbish bin. At times, they would even push me, so I was very afraid of them. I finally raised the issue to my class teacher and he talked to the bullies. However, their behavior didn't change and I was so disturbed and stressed that I became afraid of going to school.



Fortunately, one day, I met another teacher who listened to my situation and took it very seriously. After I told her about my troubles, she immediately saw the bullies and spoke to them about their negative behavior. She arranged meetings to settle the conflicts between us. Because of her actions, the bullies changed and no longer bothered me. After that, she often enlightened me and encouraged me. That experience taught me that I should not avoid my problems. Instead, I should seek help when necessary. Now, I have the courage to speak up when I face something unfair and pursue what I want.



Merit

Lam Hau Yau F. 5D

Have you ever felt desperate when facing an exam or a test that could affect your future? I did. I felt helpless too, but luckily, I overcame it and learned something precious.

When I was in primary school, I hated tests. They were annoying and complicated. I felt stressed every single day. Every week, I had to deal with dictations and quizzes. Besides, I also had to consider my parents' expectations of me. If I failed a test, I knew I may disappoint them. I believe most students share what I experienced.



I am not a particularly gifted student. I am just like most other kids. I am lazy and love to play video games. However, my parents kept saying that, 'You are smart but just too lazy.' To be honest, I cried about my studies many times

because I was stressed out. Everyone was telling me that getting into a good secondary school was important but I didn't do well in my studies. I was scared of getting bad news about my school results. My parents always wanted me to get good results and encouraged me to study harder. I kept studying, even for 5 hours every day but I still failed my tests. When I showed my results to my parents, they would scold me harshly and kept making me study more.



I became freaked out about having exams and was haunted by the idea of failing. When I was in Primary 5, I couldn't sleep if I had a test the next day. That pressure lasted for such a long time that my parents became concerned about my

health. Therefore, my parents moved their attention away from my studies and just encouraged me to do my best. They told me they believed in me and that being perfect was not important. It took me some time to get into such a mindset. But this change in attitude saved me. I stopped worrying about my test results. Eventually, I did better in my studies.

Before, studying used to make me cry and I was afraid of any forms of assessment, but now I can handle them well. I also learned how to relax when I am stressed. Learning something that I love such as baking helped me to feel less pressure. When you are under pressure you should look for an activity that you are interested in. You should also give yourself a break. Don't push yourself too hard. When you are relaxed, you will see a different picture.



F. 6 Good Assignments

Zeng Shiying (F. 6D)

Changes in My Life During Covid-19



It is not a surprise that Covid-19 has become a global disease and has been affecting everyone's lives in the last two years, including mine. It has changed different aspects of my life, such as studies and family life. I found that there are both advantages and disadvantages of the changes.

Firstly, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, I had to stay home and have online lessons. Before my first online lesson, I asked myself: 'Can I really pay attention during the lessons without teachers' reminders? Can I really just look at the iPad screen and not play on my mobile phone?' You may guess the answer. Yes, you're right. The answer was definitely no, I could not do it. This shows that students faced study problems during this difficult situation. This doesn't just affect me but all students. Their good study habits may be disrupted by online lessons and teachers probably know nothing about it. As a result, other students and I have learnt to depend on ourselves and regard these difficulties as a challenge.



Secondly, having online lessons is more convenient than face-to-face lessons at school because I do not need to spend time waiting for the bus and commuting to school. I have found that having online lessons is a more effective way of studying because it helps me to be self-disciplined. It is easier for me to pay attention to the teachers in a quiet environment like my home.

Usually, my home is comfortable as long as my little brother and sister are not around. They may make some noise next to me. They may cry and fight with each other or keep asking me questions I have already answered. So, it is hard for me to study at home if they are there.

Thirdly, I rarely go out during the pandemic and my family also stays at home most of the time, which means I spend a lot of time with them. At the



beginning of the pandemic, I did not speak much with my family, especially my mother. A few weeks later, I started to break the silence between us and eventually we found that we have a lot in common. After that, my mom and I chat more often than before. We often share thoughts and ideas.

The relationship between us has never been this close. It is very lucky that we are just like friends now!

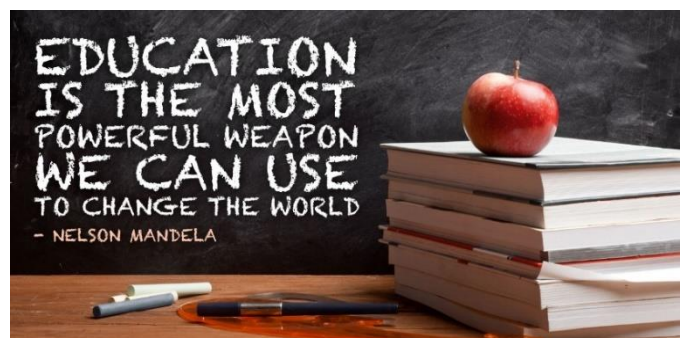
All in all, it is tough for people to study or work during Covid-19, but I believe that we can all find our own way to keep moving and fight against the pandemic until it disappears!



Tang Kai Chun (F. 6D)

Is Education Important?

In the old days, life was simpler, knowledge was more limited and people mainly engaged in physical jobs. Systematic education in schools was absent. However, as time passed, the pendulum has swung the other



side. In this day and age, education has become vital around the world, even in undeveloped countries. It seems that people who have received education

will become more successful in life. In my opinion, education is without a doubt significant. Education leads to the creation of modern cities, the development of people's critical thinking and more employment opportunities.



The first reason education is important is that it creates modern cities. In the past, people engaged in primitive jobs such as fishing, trapping animals and farming. Professional knowledge and skills were accumulated by experiences. Formal teaching and learning were uncommon. With the implementation of formal schooling, people received education gradually. Due to this progress, people developed a variety of abilities and acquired knowledge in different fields. Therefore, a range of industries soon developed. As a result, modern cities were formed due to education.



Apart from creating modern cities, education helps develop people's critical thinking. It is crucial to society because it helps people to complete tasks and solve problems. Take buying food as an example. When we buy food, we will compare prices and nutrition facts to make the best choice. Critical thinking is like an automatic system in our brains.

The more education we receive, the better this system runs. Critical thinking also helps people escape from dangerous situations. For example, if we face a natural disaster, our brains will alert us and we will consider different ways to avoid injuries. Not surprisingly, critical thinking is extraordinarily helpful for us and education is a contributory factor in developing it.

Better still, education creates numerous jobs. As I have mentioned before, education has sparked the development of a range of industries which create jobs. Due to this change, people have more chances to get proper jobs to exhibit their abilities. There were fewer kinds of industries in the past. So, it was difficult for some people to find jobs then. However, there are many kinds of industries today, which makes it easier for people to be employed. Undoubtedly, education enhances employment.



In a nutshell, the answer to the question ‘Is education important?’ is obvious since education has brought us numerous benefits. What do you think?



To Suk Foon (F. 6D)

Fantastic Mall Review

The first thing that comes to my mind when I think about shopping malls would be hanging out with my friends and having a good time. Just a few days ago, a new shopping mall, Fantastic Mall, was open to the public. It is located in Causeway



Bay. Fantastic Mall is an innovative, unrivalled and attractive shopping mall! I can say for certain that it could be the best shopping mall that you have ever been to and everyone should visit it. Here is my review!

What makes Fantastic Mall so good? Let me start with the restaurants. You will be amazed by a variety of restaurants there. For example, there are cuisines from all over the world like Chinese, Thai, Japanese and many more. Fantastic Mall is a melting pot of East and West. I still vividly remember when



I tried one of the restaurants. The food was just wonderful and I would definitely like to have it again. Apart from this, the hygiene standard is top-of-the-line. The restaurants are not crowded and diners are elegant and quiet. Why not go and have an enjoyable weekend there?

But that is not all! Fantastic Mall also has an indoor playground for children. They even offer childcare service so you can shop without worrying about your kids. It is the best choice for families! Their service is superb. The helpers are professional and will pamper your kids and play games with them. Doesn't this sound awesome?

I am confident that you now have a full picture of all the facilities and services at the mall. Go and take a look. I am sure that you will have a great shopping experience! What are you waiting for? Visit it this weekend!

