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Establishing a Rich English Environment

With our goal of improving the English-speaking skills of all students, the LSS English Department again held a number of important events throughout the year. These included: English Week, English-speaking Days, Self-directed Learning, and extra-curricular activities like the Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival and the Talented Arts Association Awards; all helping to provide an immersive language experience. A new event for 2021/2022 was the 'LSS English-speaking Days' programme, the aim of which was to encourage students to speak only English around the school campus. English Department staff devised activities to prompt and inspire students to speak with each other, teachers or English Student Ambassadors during break times. It was heartening to see so many students engaged in discussion during recess. It truly embodied the English-speaking Day slogan; "Grow Together, Speak Together". Once more, this school year saw LSS enter the Hong Kong Schools Speech



Festival; the mode of entry again being video submission. The enthusiasm and hard work shown by students paid off; as, not only did several of our students attain first and second runner-up placings, but most LSS entrants achieved a score of 80% or more. Further speaking success was achieved through the 2021 Talented Arts Association Awards, with a first runner-up, two second runners-up and a merit award granted.

One common feature of all English activities throughout the year was the integration of online and multi-modal components. This incorporation of virtual learning platforms arose largely as a way of meeting the challenges of last year's pandemic environment. Now, however, we see the infusion of electronic or web-based elements into English activities as an opportunity to further immerse students in an environment of English language learning which is easily accessible and sustainable for many years to come.

Principal Kevin Liang

G.L.E.A.M. - Sing Kong Hand in Hand

As many parents may know, ELCHK Lutheran Secondary School has a long history of foreign exchange programmes with schools from a number of different countries around the world. In spite of the limitations brought about by the pandemic we are continuing to engage students in the spirit of international cooperation.

This year's programme is called G.L.E.A.M. – Sing Kong Hand in Hand, and as the name suggests, it included a collaboration with school students in Singapore. 5B (and a number of 5A) LSS students worked with a group of 34 students from PEICAI, Singapore. The initiative was multi-dimensional in its scope and included a number of steps.

First, after the selection of group leaders, students met on Zoom and engaged in games and ice-breaker activities. This enabled students to establish effective teamwork skills with their international peers. Following this, Instagram accounts were set up, through which students could join forces to discuss a number of topics and issues pertinent to students of their age, such as:



A variety of engaging topics stimulated great discussion between the two schools.



The integration of virtual platforms made cross-cultural interaction possible.



Lessons and Studies, How Covid has affected us, Extra-curricular Activities, and more. The final stage of the project included a written reflection on the thematic discussions in which the students had engaged.

Despite the current challenges preventing face-to-face activities, our school was able

to incorporate technological resources such as Zoom and social media, to provide students with a culturally rich and educationally rewarding opportunity to interact with students of another country. Our thanks and appreciation must go to the teachers responsible for the project: School Adviser, Ms. Connie Wen Shan and Mr. Tony Wong.



Ms. Connie Wen Mr. Tony Wong

English-speaking Days

Grow Together, Speak Together

English-speaking Days – Grow Together, Speak Together

The Lutheran Secondary School “English Speaking Days” – a new initiative for the 2021/2022 school year – provides a wonderful opportunity for students to put their English speaking skills into practice. The programme also demonstrates that LSS is a school in which the English speaking environment extends beyond the classroom.

LSS “English-speaking Days” are monthly themed events in which students are encouraged to speak only English on campus for the duration of the day. To encourage them to do so, English teachers prepare activities which help students to

express themselves on a particular topic. These activities include vocabulary work, idioms, common expressions and greetings, which students can then use in spoken English around the school.

To encourage students further, prizes are awarded to students who demonstrate their new knowledge or skills by speaking to an English teacher or Student English Ambassador at break times throughout the day. The great popularity of the programme among students is such that teachers and ambassadors are often easily able to give away all their prizes by the end of the day.

The themes selected sometimes focus on important cultural celebrations or festivals that take place in each month, such as Christmas or Easter. Other themes have a

Prizes are awarded for speaking well.
(3A) Hu Xin Yin, Cindy, receives a prize after discussing the monthly theme.



Students participate enthusiastically in the new English-speaking Day programme.

more vocabulary specific focus, such as International Space Week or World Environment Day. This variety of themes can therefore provide students with not only functional knowledge but an appreciation of language as an aspect of culture.

English teachers would like to extend their appreciation to the willing and hard-working assistance provided by the Student English Ambassadors. These students assisted with every English Speaking Day throughout the year with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, which contributed greatly to the success of the events. This teacher/student cooperation was the embodiment of the English-speaking Day slogan...

“Grow Together, Speak Together!”

p.4 English-speaking Days – Grow Together, Speak Together



English teacher Mr. Cheng Wah Seng engages in discussion with (3D) Yau Tin Yat (left) and (1A) Tsui Chun Hong (centre).



English teacher, Ms. Chan Wai Kei (right) shows her appreciation for LSS English Ambassadors, (4B) Ting Chu Shing (centre), and (4B) Lo Hoi Chun (centre right).

English-speaking Day Posters

GET READY!

ENGLISH SPEAKING DAYS

WHAT?
TO ENCOURAGE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO USE ENGLISH TO COMMUNICATE, LSS WILL HOLD REGULAR ENGLISH SPEAKING DAYS

WHEN?
THROUGHOUT THE 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHEDULE/THEMES...

SEPTEMBER (28/09/21)	MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL
OCTOBER (13/10/21)	WORLD SPACE WEEK
NOVEMBER (10/11/21)	THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER (8/12/21)	CHRISTMAS
FEBRUARY (23/02/22)	LUNAR NEW YEAR
MARCH (9/03/22)	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
APRIL (6/04/22)	EASTER
MAY (11/05/22)	MOTHER'S DAY
JUNE (8/06/22)	WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

"GROW TOGETHER, SPEAK TOGETHER"

Mid-autumn Festival

ENGLISH IDIOMS

Inspired by Mid-autumn Festival

Moon

- OVER THE MOON
- ONCE IN A BLUE MOON
- TO PROMISE THE MOON

Home

- THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME
- HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS
- TO MAKE ONESELF AT HOME

Autumn

- TO BE IN ONE'S AUTUMN YEARS
- TO SHAKE LIKE A LEAF
- AN OLD CHESTNUT

Reach for the stars!

ENGLISH SPEAKING DAY!

WORLD SPACE WEEK!

Survey Questions:
Find an English Teacher or Ambassador and ask at least three of the following questions...

1. Would you like to travel into space? Why or why not?
2. What do you think about space tourism?
3. What is the most interesting thing you know about space?
4. Would you agree to help colonize a planet if you knew you couldn't come back to Earth?
5. What is the most interesting planet (besides Earth) in our solar system? Why?

13th October 2021
Wednesday
1st and 2nd Recess

English Speaking Day

10th November

Thanksgiving

What are you thankful for?

- Senior Form: Find a Teacher or Ambassador and tell them what you are thankful for this year.
- Junior Form: Learn useful Thanksgiving related vocabulary.

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year is a time to:

- reunite the whole family and honor the ancestors
- worship gods and pray for a bumper harvest year
- get rid of the old and make way for the new
- participate in all kinds of creativity and have fun.....

Dos

- Cleaning the house
- Pasting spring couplets
- Enjoying a reunion dinner
- Lighting firecrackers
- Giving lucky money
- Visiting relatives and friends
- Lighting / watching lanterns
- Guessing lantern riddles

May all your wishes come true.

Happy Easter

Share your favourite Easter custom (from the worksheet) with a Teacher or English Ambassador to win a prize!

English Speaking Day

- Wednesday -
6th April

ENGLISH SPEAKING DAY

9TH MARCH

St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick's Day observes the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, and the colour green. The celebration is marked in Ireland and all English-speaking countries around the world.

Share any of the St. Patrick's Day facts (from your worksheet), with a teacher or English Ambassador to win a prize!

English Speaking Day

Theme: **Mother's Day**

Wed, 11th May

COMPLETE THE TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS AND SHARE ANY OF THE MOTHER'S DAY FACTS WITH A TEACHER OR ENGLISH AMBASSADOR

ENGLISH SPEAKING DAY

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

WHEN: 8TH JUNE
1st AND 2nd RECESS

MATCH THE TIPS FOR A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT AND SHARE THEM ON ENGLISH SPEAKING DAY!

- BUY ONLY THE FOOD YOU NEED
- REDUCE DISPOSABLE PRODUCTS
- USE A REUSABLE SHOPPING BAG
- BUY FEWER CLOTHES
- TURN OFF THE LIGHTS
- DO MORE WALKING/CYCLING

A wide variety of themes were introduced in this year's English-speaking Day Programme.

Learning English Through the Works of William Shakespeare

English Week-The Works of William Shakespeare ...but for mine own part, it was Greek “English” to me

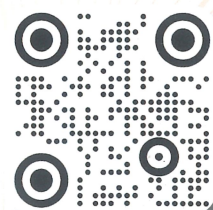
Each year the Lutheran Secondary School English Department offers a week of engaging, theme-based activities to give students a broad and rich English language experience. For English Week this year the theme chosen was “The Works of William Shakespeare”. In addition to learning about several of Shakespeare’s most famous works, there was a focus on the language, vocabulary and idioms used in the renowned writer’s celebrated plays and poetry.

Once again, this year’s event included a variety of diverse learning experiences including a book exhibition, the LSS Campus TV “Question a Day”, classroom English corners, a daily musical broadcast, a noticeboard display, and classroom-based learning activities.

One of the highlights of English Week was the “Question a Day” activity, which was presented each morning on LSS Campus TV. The purpose of the daily quiz was to teach students about some of the commonly used English idioms coined or popularised by William Shakespeare. Every day a video play was presented which showed one of the idioms being used verbally in an everyday situation. The task for students was to guess or infer the meaning of each idiom. It was a successful and entertaining activity, and thanks must go to the student members of the LSS English Society who volunteered their time and talents to serve as actors in the video presentations. The actors were:

4B (3) Chen Man Chai Markus, 4B (27) Wu Tsz Yan Melinda, 3A (29) Yau Hoi Tung Eunice, 3A (16) Leung Man Chi Mandy, 2A (21) Rai Protsahan, 2A (22) Tsang Cheuk Laam Jolane, 3A (9) William Kuiper “Wim”, 4A (22) Wong Hiu Ying Corinne.

Thanks to the great efforts of English teachers and student helpers, this year’s English Week was a great success. Students were able to experience enjoyable and creative activities which not only taught them about William Shakespeare but provided them with useful and practical English skills for the future. Staff and students are now looking forward to next year’s English Week, when there will be a new theme and new learning experiences.



THE ENGLISH IDIOMS
OF...

William Shakespeare

Can you guess what they mean?

- To “Break the ice”
- To be “In a pickle”
- “A wild goose chase”
- “A fool’s paradise”
- “All’s well that ends well”

Watch Campus T.V. during English Week to find out!



Junior form students explore novels at the English Week Book Exhibition.

LSS
ENGLISH
WEEK -
2021/2022

Question a Day

15TH NOV - 19TH NOV

Speak Shakespearean English

**William
Shakespeare**

Learn Shakespearean Idioms

Classroom English Corner

Book Exhibition



Musical Broadcast

His Famous Works



Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival

Speech Festival Success

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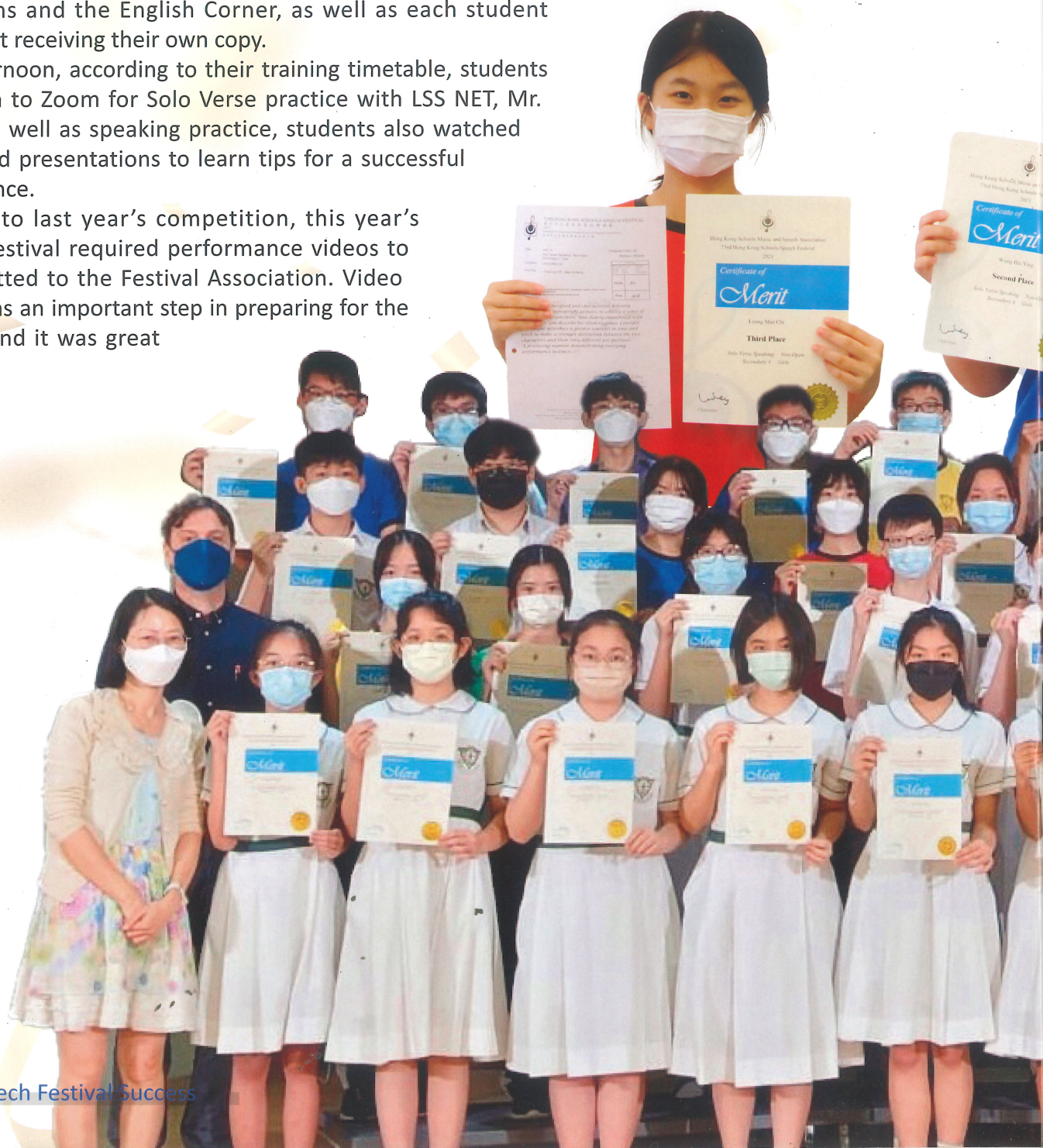
Each year one of the most important extra-curricular events of the LSS English Department's calendar is the Hong Kong Schools English Speech Festival. Having achieved success in previous years, both students and teachers were eager to begin training and preparation for this prestigious event.

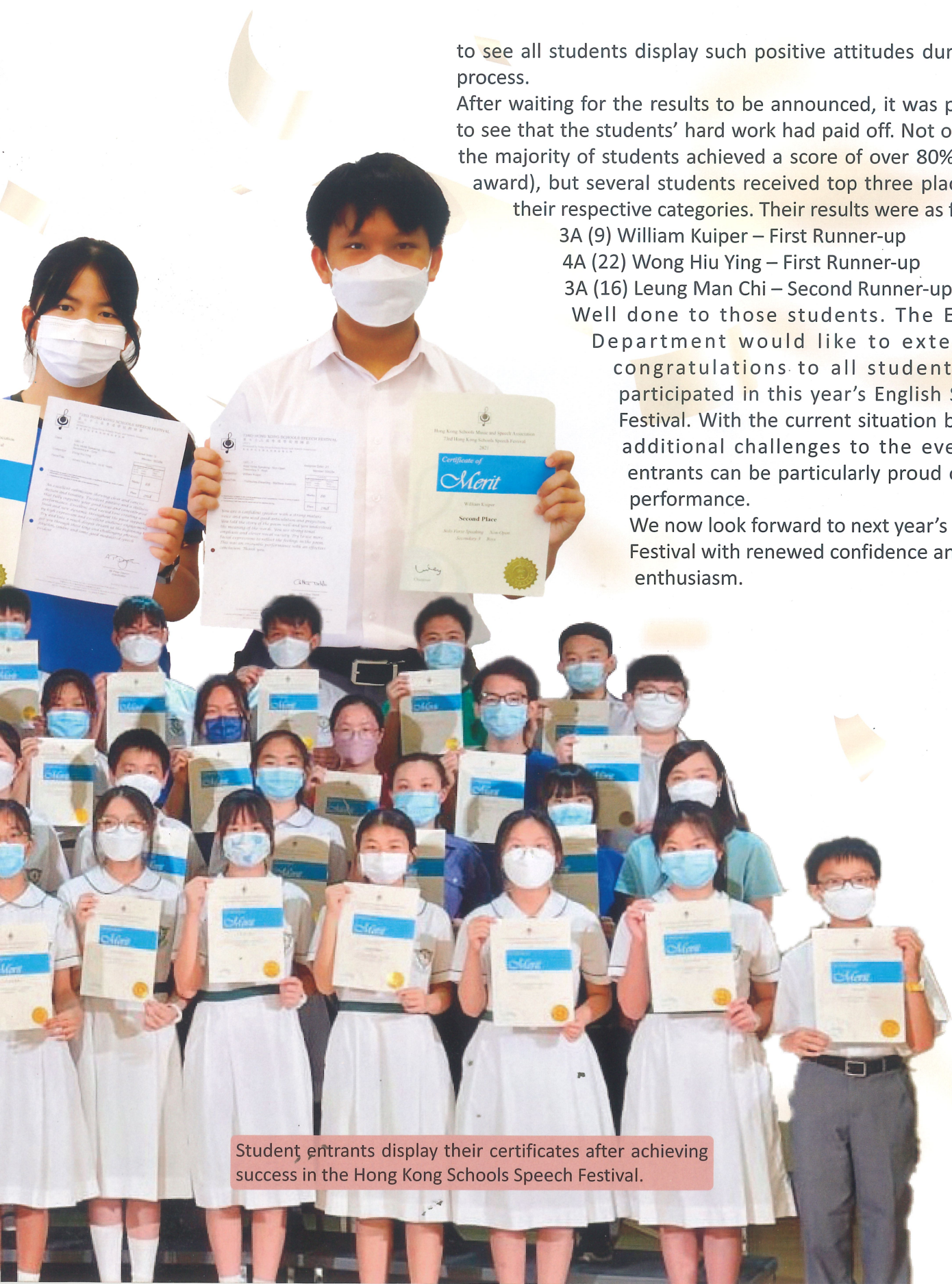
With Choral Speaking not offered, our focus once again for this year was the Solo Verse competition. After completing the nomination and enrolment process it was time for training to begin. Once again posters of each poem were displayed in classrooms and the English Corner, as well as each student participant receiving their own copy.

Each afternoon, according to their training timetable, students logged on to Zoom for Solo Verse practice with LSS NET, Mr. Corrie. As well as speaking practice, students also watched videos and presentations to learn tips for a successful performance.

Similarly to last year's competition, this year's Speech Festival required performance videos to be submitted to the Festival Association. Video filming was an important step in preparing for the festival, and it was great

Speech Festival award winners, (from left)
(3A) Leung Man Chi,
(4A) Wong Hiu Ying,
(3A) William Kuiper





to see all students display such positive attitudes during the process.

After waiting for the results to be announced, it was pleasing to see that the students' hard work had paid off. Not only had the majority of students achieved a score of over 80% (Merit award), but several students received top three placings in their respective categories. Their results were as follows:

3A (9) William Kuiper – First Runner-up

4A (22) Wong Hiu Ying – First Runner-up

3A (16) Leung Man Chi – Second Runner-up

Well done to those students. The English Department would like to extend its congratulations to all students who participated in this year's English Speech Festival. With the current situation bringing additional challenges to the event, all entrants can be particularly proud of their performance.

We now look forward to next year's Speech Festival with renewed confidence and enthusiasm.

Student entrants display their certificates after achieving success in the Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival.

Talented Arts Association

LSS Students Awarded for Talent in English Speaking

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This school year marked the first time in which Lutheran Secondary School students entered the Hong Kong "Talented Arts Association" English Speech Competition; an annual event held to recognise and reward students who display exceptional aptitude for English public speaking.

The school began by selecting four students who had shown promise in prior English speaking events. These students were chosen across both junior and senior forms with representatives of S2, S3 and S4 taking part. With a large number of schools and students across Hong Kong participating, the event was sure to be extremely competitive.

The competition was conducted on a video submission basis, whereby Association judges would review each student performance and make evaluations accordingly. Consequently, the school submitted files for each student and keenly awaited the results.

When the final decisions were published by the Talented Arts Association, we were very pleased



2A(21) Rai Protsahan



3A(29) Yau Hoi Tung



3A(9) William Kuiper



that our selected students had all achieved very highly in competition. Although we were confident in our students', the school was delighted and gratified that the entrants had such excellent results.

Participating LSS students and their corresponding awards are as follows:

- Yau Hoi Tung – First Runner-up
- William Kuiper – Second Runner-up
- Lai Ho Hei – Second Runner-up
- Rai Protsahan – Merit Award

Send our wholehearted congratulations to all entrants for their wonderful achievements and for gaining such valued recognition for their English speaking talents – particularly in this highly competitive event. Our school has no doubt that all participants will go on to enjoy even greater success in their future endeavours. Well done!



4A(11) Lai Ho Hei





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