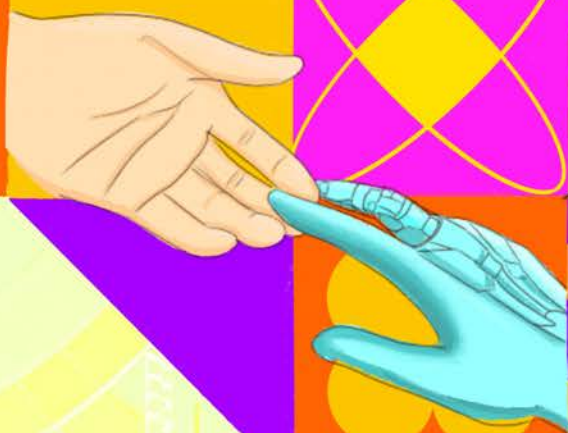




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REVIEW



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's been another busy but fruitful year for ELCHK Lutheran Secondary School. Our focus on providing a well-rounded education has resulted in fostering students who have become competitive on the Hong Kong stage in many aspects of schooling, including sport, the arts and of course academics. To ensure that our students continue to stand tall in the region, we are committed to maintaining an English rich environment through the provision of varied programmes and activities not only within the classroom, but also across and beyond the school campus.

English Department initiatives such as our new Reading Aloud programme have developed the classroom environment into a more immersive language experience. Our English Week, English Speaking Days and regular Campus TV broadcasts have extended that engaging atmosphere across the school at large. Furthermore, through their participation in Hong Kong-wide events, such as the Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival, students can go forth into the community and extend their language skills in a much broader setting.

Teachers too have played their part by continuing to develop and enhance their skills through ongoing professional development, both inside the school and off-campus.

By the entire school community working hard to be their best, we continue to grow and improve together.



Mr. Kevin Liang
Principal

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ENGLISH SOCIETY

I am honoured to serve as Chairperson of the English Society in 2024-2025. This position has allowed me to organise various events that promote the English language among students, including our English Speaking Days. During these events, students engage with teachers and peers on a range of topics, from artificial intelligence to the 4Rs, fostering a deeper appreciation for the language.

I am also proud to represent our school in the competitive Public Speaking Competition for the second consecutive year, successfully leading our team to a commendable placement. This experience has broadened my skills and reinforced the importance of dedication in achieving success. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity, which has enhanced my confidence, leadership abilities, and passion for the art of English.



Jolane Tsang (5A)

Chairperson of the English Society

Serving as Vice-Chairperson of the English Society has allowed me to make meaningful contributions to our student community. Leading our school team to a second consecutive victory in this year's Public Speaking Competition was exhilarating! Furthermore, interviewing one of our distinguished alumni provided invaluable insights; her stories deepened my appreciation for resilience and responsibility.

Our English Speaking Days were also a tremendous success, with students eagerly engaging with English ambassadors and teachers while earning snack prizes for participation. This initiative not only energised our school campus but also created spontaneous opportunities for language practice.

I am profoundly grateful for the chance to serve in this role, which has significantly fostered my growth in leadership and character.



Natalie Li (3A)

Vice-Chairperson of the English Society

ENGLISH WEEK 2024

11/11-15/11

THEME: HEALTHY LIVING

11/11
OPENING CEREMONY

11/11-15/11
MORNING BROADCAST
(CAMPUS TV)

11/11-15/11
ONE QUESTION A DAY

11/11-12/11
BOOK EXHIBITION

12/11
PLAYING  WITH **Stars**

12/11 & 14/11
MORNING ASSEMBLY

13/11-14/11
GAME BOOTHS

14/11
READING ALOUD
CHAMPIONSHIP



REST

RELAXATION

RESILIENCE

RELATIONSHIP

Organizer: English Department
Co-organizers: PE Department and HMSC Department

KNOW YOUR BASKETBALL VOCAB!

REBOUND:

To obtain the ball after a missed shot.



INBOUND:

To toss the ball inbound from outside the playing area.



JUMP BALL:

The ball tossed into the air by the referee between two opposing players in order to start the game.



FREE-THROW:

A free shot taken from the foul line.



SHOOT:

To throw the basketball toward the hoop to score.



BLOCK:

A shot deflected on its way to the basket.



DRIBBLE:

To bounce the ball continuously with one hand.



FOUL:

A violation of the rules, often through making physical contact.



ASSIST:

A pass to a teammate who scores a basket immediately.



PASS:

To throw or bounce the ball to a teammate.



DUNK:

To score by putting the ball directly through the basket with one or both hands.



STEAL:

To take the ball from the opposing team by knocking the ball out of a player's hands.



ENGLISH WEEK

What a week! LSS again celebrated the appreciation of English learning this year with our annual English Week. The theme this year was 'Healthy Living', a focus which was wholeheartedly embraced by our very active and sport-loving students.

An especially interactive programme of events was organised this year, with a book fair, classroom activities, game stall contests and a special basketball event all taking place over the course of one action-packed week.

The game stalls held in the school hall were, for many students, the highlight of English Week. In keeping with the theme of 'Healthy Living', the games focussed on basketball vocabulary, healthy eating, Olympic sports knowledge and vocabulary, and jumbled sports words. Prizes were awarded for various levels of achievement.

The week was a resounding success with very pleasing student engagement. Students were motivated and eager to participate in all activities. The English Department will look forward to and focus its energy towards an even more successful English Week next school year.





THE PROPER USE OF AI



A student uses AI as a personal tutor to help proof read and edit her essays.



THE PROPER USE OF AI



A student uses AI as the biggest encyclopedia in the world! You can find out anything about everything!



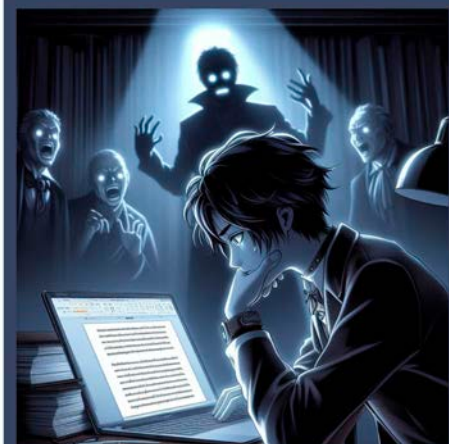
THE PROPER USE OF AI



A student uses an AI Art program to create all sorts of art for uses at school and at home!



THE PROPER USE OF AI



A student uses AI to write an essay but doesn't cite sources. Ghostly figures represent angry authors!



THE PROPER USE OF AI



A student secretly uses AI on his phone to cheat in an exam!



THE PROPER USE OF AI



A student uses AI to do all of his homework. He is taking the easy path and letting himself down.



ENGLISH SPEAKING DAYS

Our monthly English Speaking Days have once again played a vital role in enhancing students' English skills during the 2024-2025 academic year at LSS.

The programme aims to provide students with opportunities to discuss current and relevant topics beyond the classroom. With the integration of AI, we have created visually appealing posters featuring short, thought-provoking texts. Students are given engaging tasks that encourage them to express their opinions in English in a fun and accessible way.

This year, our topics focused on 'Values Education', 'National Security', and 'Information Literacy'. We extend our gratitude to the English Department Student Ambassadors for their invaluable contributions to making each English Speaking Day a success throughout the school year!





Celebrating Every Voice

SPEECH FESTIVAL

The 2024 LSS school year saw the commencement of the 76th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival, a major component of our English Department’s extracurricular programme. As usual, many LSS students were keen to be part of this significant event. Aside from the competitive element, it helps improve our students’ English skills and provides performance experience.

Similarly to last year’s competition, LSS entered students from Forms One to Five in both the Solo Verse and Public Speaking categories. We are pleased to announce that once again we achieved great success in the latter with a result of ‘2nd Runner-up’ in the senior division and ‘Champion’ in the junior division.

Our Solo Verse competitors also excelled, with almost all entrants attaining a merit certificate with scores over 80%. Congratulations to all participants!



Voices of Victory

BILITERACY AND TRILINGUALISM CAMPAIGN: ONE-MINUTE VIDEO PRODUCTION COMPETITION

Our Form 5 students secured 3rd place in the ‘Biliteracy and Trilingualism Campaign: One-Minute Video Production Competition - English Version’. Out of 1,200 entries from various educational levels, their exceptional talent and creativity shone through. Congratulations to the participating students on their well-deserved success!



Winners of Talent and Creativity





C.J. Gettys

Duncan Reid

What is Resilience?

Insights from Two Professional Basketball Players

During the English Week, we had the privilege of hosting professional basketball players Duncan Reid and C.J. Gettys, who shared their insights into resilience.

They emphasised that life consists of both highs and lows, and resilience helps us navigate these fluctuations. Using basketball as a metaphor, they described resilience as the ability to bounce back after setbacks, such as losing a game.

Every loss, they explained, offers a valuable lesson that allows us to adapt, improve, and persist. As one player noted, 'Resilience is getting knocked down 8 times and getting up 9!'

They also pointed out that this concept applies to the ups and downs of everyday life. We are grateful to our guests for imparting such an important lesson on resilience and how to cultivate it.

An Interview with Ms. Chan, Alumni School Manager

This year, our school has focused on promoting the 4Rs: Rest, Relaxation, Relationship, and Resilience. We were fortunate to host Ms. Winnie Chan, our Alumni School Manager, who shared her insights into this topic.

Ms. Chan recounted a memorable experience from her time at our school. As a shy student, she was encouraged by her Chinese teacher to read aloud to her classmates. The positive feedback about her voice inspired her to join the drama club, ultimately leading to her winning a 'Best Actress Award'. She used this story to encourage us to step outside our comfort zones, emphasising that 'growth comes from daring to face challenges'.

When asked which of the 4Rs had the most significant impact on her life, she chose resilience. She explained, 'In today's unpredictable world, resilience is the ability to adapt to challenges, overcome adversity, and recover from setbacks'. Thank you, Ms. Chan, for your inspiring words!



Italy

In late September 2024, LSS Form 3 to Form 5 students visited Salerno, Italy, showcasing the vibrant life of sustainable Hong Kong. Alongside peers from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Italy, they learned about sustainable development in Europe and Italian history. They explored historical sites, including churches and theatres, and visited the ENEA Research Centre focused on sustainability. Most importantly, this experience fostered friendships and cultural exchange.



Italy

Germany



Germany

This year marked a joyful milestone as we celebrated 15 years of an enriching partnership with Kustengymnasium Neustadt in Germany. We were thrilled to host our German friends in April and visited them this summer. LSS ambassadors in Germany enjoyed excursions to Berlin and Hamburg, visiting landmarks such as the Berlin Philharmonic and the Reichstag. The programme emphasised global cooperation and knowledge sharing, providing participants an enriching experience.

Singapore

We are excited to celebrate creativity and connection with Northland Secondary School! On June 3, we reunited with our Singapore buddies after a year apart. Together, we explored a STEAM lesson focused on art, tackled a challenging physical education session, and engaged in English lessons that emphasised cultural sharing at LSS. This was a fantastic opportunity to connect, learn, and create lasting memories together.



Singapore

Dynamic English Programmes Tailored for Junior Form Students & NCS Students



Form 1 & Form 2 Reading Aloud Initiative

The Form 1 & Form 2 Reading Aloud Initiative involved both Form 1 and Form 2 classes. Once per cycle Form 1 and Form 2 students would participate in a Reading Aloud session during their Thursday class teacher period. Native English-speaking Teachers, Mr. Colley and Mr. Corrie prepared the reading materials and facilitated the sessions.

The task of the students each session was to read aloud along with either Mr. Colley (Form 1) or Mr. Corrie (Form 2) as they recited the reading text (aligned with the general English curriculum) over the school/classroom broadcasting system.

The programme has been hailed a success with the enthusiastic participation of the students having been noted by many staff members, including English Panel Chair, Ms. Lai and LSS Principal, Mr. Liang.

The Reading Aloud Programme will continue to develop in the coming school year and is sure to be an integral feature of the school's English plan into the future.



LSS NCS Students Visited HKU and Met Esteemed Professors

On June 24, twelve LSS NCS students had the privilege of visiting HKU, where they met Professor John Wong, the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts, who is dedicated to supporting NCS students in their applications. They also met Professor Loretta Kim. During the talk, both professors shared valuable insights into how to prepare for a successful application to this renowned university. The visit was truly inspiring and rewarding!



F3 Excursion: Outback Journey

On May 2 2025, all Form 3 students and teachers enjoyed a special visit to Outback Steakhouse in the Olympian City mall. The visit aimed to provide an engaging and authentic English experience focused on table manners and proper etiquette, the art of making special drinks and house salad preparation, and the importance of making reservations in English. They also enjoyed a meal of Australian cuisine, making the trip both educational and memorable.





MUSICAL

An extravaganza of colour, music and dance enthralled parents and other attendees on the night of May 3 2025, when LSS presented this year's annual school musical. Entitled 'Hymn of Laughter and Light', this latest musical performance kept audiences dancing in their seats as they were treated to one of our school's most ambitious and spectacular shows yet.

Once again directed and led by Ms. Connie Wen, student performers and crew worked tirelessly for months in preparation for opening night. With lines to learn, stage sets to prepare and dance numbers to rehearse, the musical company had their work cut out. Their considerable efforts paid off however, with the premiere performance going off without a hitch in front of a packed school hall.



Highlights this year were numerous, and ranged from the jazzy musical numbers to the impressive light show to the over-the-top makeup and costumes.

Calls of 'encore' resounded around the hall and rounds of acclamation rang long into the night to signal the end of a wonderful evening of entertainment and the culmination of months of hard work. Here's looking forward to next year's LSS School Musical!





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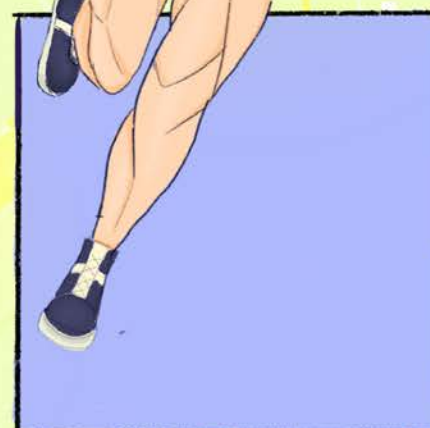
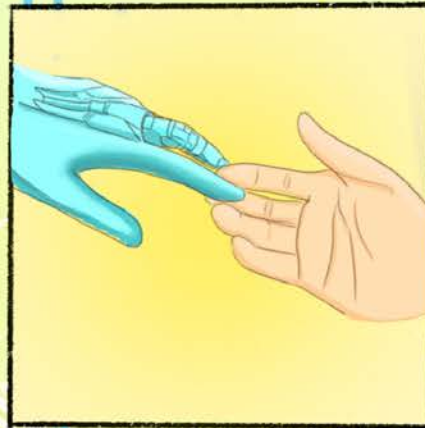
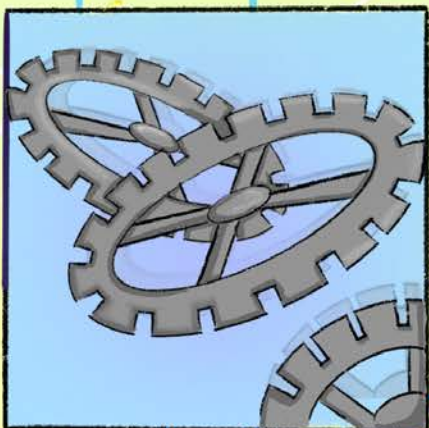
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