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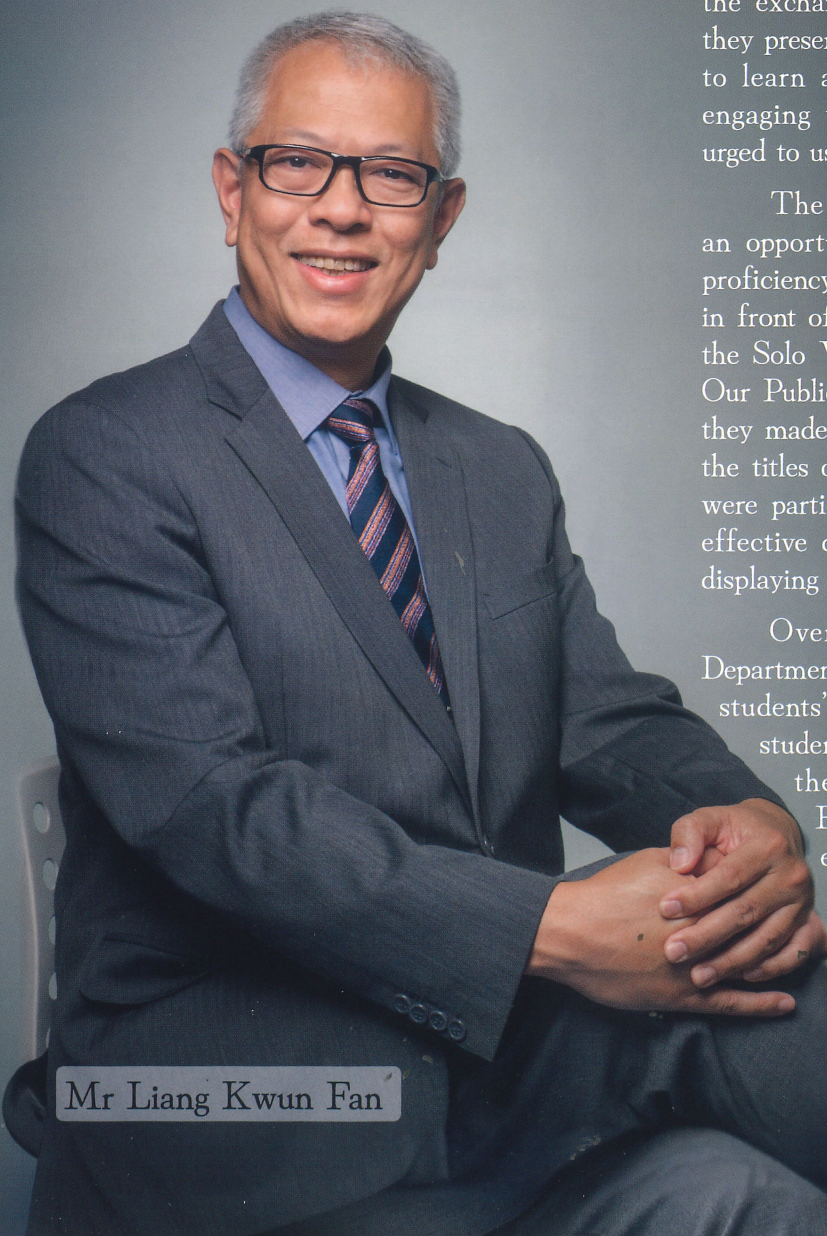
# From the Principal's Desk

Throughout this academic year, the English Department has implemented several initiatives with the goal of enhancing our students' English proficiency. The English-Speaking Days and English Week provided a comprehensive platform for students to refine their language skills and bolster their fluency, as everyone was encouraged to communicate exclusively in English. These events also broadened students' knowledge in subjects with English as the medium of instruction (MoI), including Geography, History, Science and Mathematics, thereby promoting a Language-across-the-Curriculum approach at our school.

Regarding the visit by Professor Hakeem Oluseyi and the exchange program with Northland Secondary School, they presented Lutheran students with immersive experiences to learn about American and Singaporean cultures. By engaging with native speakers of English, students were urged to use the language and appreciate the nuances thereof.

The Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival provided an opportunity for students to demonstrate their English proficiency and to develop their confidence while speaking in front of an audience. Almost 70 students participated in the Solo Verse category, with the majority receiving Merit. Our Public Speaking Team deserves special recognition, for they made an outstanding debut, with two members earning the titles of Champion and Second Runner-up. The judges were particularly impressed by their scriptwriting skills and effective delivery, in which our entrants are confident in displaying again in next year's competition.

Overall, the activities organised by the English Department this year aligned with our objective of improving students' English proficiency. Not only did they allow students to practise and showcase language skills, but they also fostered a greater appreciation of the English language and culture among students. I express my gratitude to the English Department and our English Ambassadors for their dedication and hard work in making our school an English-rich learning environment, and I have every confidence that our English activities will continue to help students excel for years to come.

A portrait of Mr. Liang Kwun Fan, the Principal. He is an older man with short grey hair, wearing black-rimmed glasses, a blue collared shirt, a striped tie, and a grey suit jacket. He is seated and smiling at the camera, with his hands clasped in his lap.

Mr Liang Kwun Fan

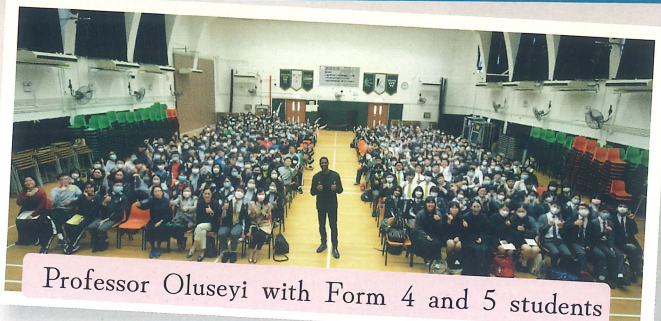


# Astrophysics Talk Quantum & Universe Exploration by Professor Hakeem Oluseyi

On March 14, 2023, our school had the privilege of hosting Professor Hakeem Oluseyi, an internationally recognized astrophysicist, science television personality, and global education advocate, on his visit to Hong Kong. While the former NASA employee presented at the Hong Kong Space Museum and several universities during his trip, we were the sole secondary institution he visited, adding to the significance of the occasion.

Oluseyi's talk centred around the theme 'Learning English Through Science: Quantum & Universe Exploration'. Focusing on the intersection of quantum physics and space exploration, he delved into the principles of quantum mechanics and their application in modern-day technology. Oluseyi took the audience on a journey through the history of the universe, from the Big Bang to the present day, and elaborated on how NASA's exploration contributed to our comprehension of the cosmos.

Throughout the talk,



Professor Oluseyi with Form 4 and 5 students

Oluseyi broke down complex ideas with occasional sprinkles of humour, which made the presentation engaging and accessible to everyone in the audience. His ability to explain intricate scientific concepts in a straightforward manner was instrumental in helping our students grasp the key ideas.

The Q&A session that followed was the highlight of the talk, with students raising well-thought-out questions on astrophysics that demonstrated their interest and engagement. The talk concluded with the audience asking for autographs and photos with Oluseyi, which was a testament to his popularity and the impact he had on our students.

We are grateful to Professor Oluseyi and the Consulate General of the United States, which provided assistance in liaising with him and making his visit to our school possible. We hope to have more opportunities to learn from experts like Oluseyi in the future and continue to inspire our students to pursue their passions in science and beyond!



**Learning English Through Science: Quantum & Universe Exploration**

**Prof. Hakeem Oluseyi**

*14 March 2023 (Tuesday)*



*Session 1*

*The Quantum Technology: Science & Space  
3:15 pm - 4 pm (Room 602)*

*Session 2*

*Evolution of the Universe: NASA Universe Exploration  
4:15 pm - 5 pm (Hall)*



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# English-Speaking Days

## Learning English across the Curriculum

*English Speaking Day*  
12th October




*The English-Speaking World*

Tell an English Ambassador or teacher...

- which English-speaking country you would like to visit and why. (Junior forms)
- something interesting or surprising about the English-speaking world. (Senior forms)

*English Speaking Day*  
7th December

*Amazing People*




If it were possible...

- Who would you invite to give a speech in the morning assembly? Why? (Junior Forms)
- Who would you like to go out to dinner with? Think of one question you would like to ask him / her. (Senior Forms)

*English Speaking Day*

**Cheung Ka Long**

Cheung Ka Long is an incredible Hong Kong sportsman. He is a fencer, or a sword fighter, if you will. His fencing career began when he was in Form 4. With his dedication to this sport, he became the first Hong Kong athlete to win a gold medal in fencing at the Olympic Games. He is also a two-time Individual Asian Champion!




Amazing People

*English Speaking Day*

**Siobhan Haughey**


Siobhan Haughey was born in Hong Kong in 1997. She is half Irish and half Chinese. In the Tokyo Summer Olympics, she became the first Hong Kong person ever to win a swimming medal. In fact, she won two silver! She also holds one world swimming record, six Asian records, and eighteen Hong Kong records.




Amazing People

*English Speaking Day*  
8th February

**TRAILBLAZING INVENTIONS**




QUESTIONS

- WHICH INVENTION DO YOU FIND MOST INTERESTING? WHY? (JUNIOR FORMS)
- WHICH INVENTION DO YOU THINK WILL BENEFIT HUMAN BEINGS THE MOST? WHY? (SENIOR FORMS)

TRAILBLAZING INVENTIONS


**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**



Artificial Intelligence, more commonly known as AI, can think and learn like a person. Now, AI computers can play chess, solve medical problems, translate languages, and even drive cars. In the future though, we are hoping that AI can find solutions to all the problems in our world, become our best friends, and even make us more intelligent through implants!

TRAILBLAZING INVENTIONS

**GREEN ENERGY**



The world has a big problem with global warming. This is caused by pollution from burning fossil fuels. Green energy is a kind of energy that does not cause pollution when it is made. Some examples of it are wind energy, water energy, and solar energy. In the future, we hope we will only use green energy to make electricity and stop global warming!



Students solving riddles on the English Speaking Day in May

English-Speaking Days have become a beloved tradition in our school, providing students with a platform to enhance their English language skills, expand their knowledge of the world, and develop critical thinking skills. This year's Speaking Days were even more special, as the themes were related to subjects with English as the medium of instruction, including Geography, History, Science, and Mathematics.

In October, students explored 'The English-Speaking World', visiting countries with English as their primary language and learning about their tourist attractions and cuisines. This was followed by 'Amazing People' in December, which featured famous icons in various fields and their accomplishments, including sportswoman Siobhán Haughey and K-pop idol group BTS. 'Trailblazing Inventions' in February introduced students to technological inventions that transformed our world, along with their modern usage and future development. In March, 'Wild Nature' focused on natural disasters and their impacts, prompting students to discuss ways to protect ourselves from

these destructive forces. Finally, 'Fun with Maths' in May taught students how to understand mathematics expressed in English through solving riddles and translating sentences into algebraic expressions.

On our Speaking Days, broadcasts are made entirely in English and students are encouraged to speak only English for the duration of the day. During recesses, English Ambassadors and teachers are stationed on each floor to ask students theme-related questions. Students who give insightful responses receive prizes, and our Ambassadors often have fun as well when learning about ideas and thoughts of their peers.

We wish to express our gratitude to English Ambassadors and teachers who have worked tirelessly to make our Speaking Days possible. Their dedication and effort have undoubtedly helped students improve their English proficiency and create a rich English learning environment in our school. We hope that English-Speaking Days will continue to inspire and motivate students to learn and grow!





English Ambassadors with our NETs, Mr Gavin Colley and Mr Jenkin Leung

## ENGLISH SPEAKING DAY 8TH MARCH

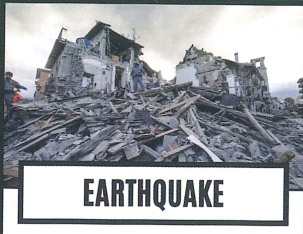
### WILD NATURE



#### QUESTIONS

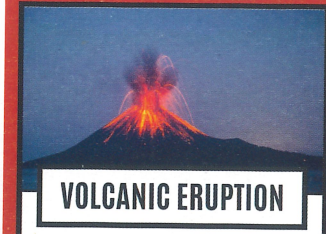
- WHAT NATURAL DISASTER DO YOU FIND THE MOST TERRIFYING? WHY? (JUNIOR FORMS)
- WHAT NATURAL DISASTER DO YOU FIND THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE? HOW CAN WE PROTECT OURSELVES FROM IT? (SENIOR FORMS)

### EARTHQUAKE



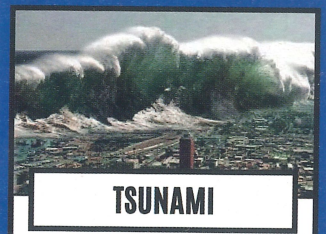
Earthquakes occur in certain places where the plates of rock beneath the earth meet. When they move, the ground shakes violently. This can cause buildings that are not earthquake-proof to fall on people. Earlier this year, over 40,000 people were killed in Turkey because of this!

### VOLCANIC ERUPTION



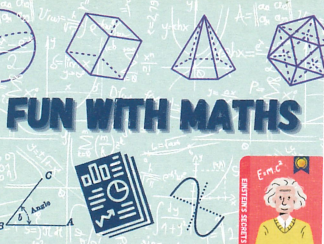
A volcanic eruption happens when boiling liquid rock and toxic gas from inside the Earth explode out of a volcano. The liquid rock and poisonous gas can destroy towns that are too close to the volcano. On May 8th, 1902, Martinique's Mount Pelee exploded. Five minutes later, 30,000 people in the nearby town of St. Pierre were dead!

### TSUNAMI



When earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur under the sea, they can cause a tsunami. This is a high-speed wave up to 50 metres tall! Tsunamis can destroy towns and villages in lowland areas next to the sea, where earthquakes and volcanoes are common. After the massive Indonesian earthquake in 2004, tsunamis killed 250,000 people across the region!

## English Speaking Day 10th May



#### QUESTIONS

- DO YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO LEARN MATHEMATICS? WHY OR WHY NOT? (JUNIOR FORMS)
- HOW CAN WE APPLY MATHEMATICS TO OUR DAILY LIVES? (SENIOR FORMS)

### THE MONSTER HOUSE RIDDLES



As you venture into the woods, you stumble upon a mansion. You enter the mansion, but little did you know that it is the infamous Monster House! To escape from it, you would need to solve some riddles...

1. You see 12 monsters in the mansion. 4 are wearing shoes, 6 are wearing socks, and 3 are wearing both. How many monsters are barefoot?
2. You're getting thirsty and you see a barrel of Monster Drink. To not cause suspicion, you can only take 1 gallon from the barrel. However, you only have a 3-gallon jug and a 5-gallon jug. How do you measure out the 1 gallon that you want?
3. You wish to escape from the Monster House by calling the Monster Hunting Company, but to activate the phone in the mansion, you need to first enter a passcode. The passcode is the number you get when you multiply all the numbers on the telephone keypad. What is the passcode?
4. You manage to contact the monster hunters, but the monsters are approaching you already! The nearest door to freedom is 50 metres from you, and each move you take advances you halfway to the door. How many moves will it take you to reach the exit?
5. The monster hunters have finally come to rescue! If 3 hunters can catch 3 monsters in 3 minutes, how long will it take 12 monster hunters to catch 12 monsters?

### A Letter from Dr. Maths

Dear avid (and also not-so-avid) learners of maths,

A student, frustrated during his maths quiz, recently asked me a question: Why is maths important? I thought many of you might have the same inquiry, so this is my take.

First, many young people are unsure about their future job. Since maths is used in many professions, knowing it can give you more options when you finally decide what you want to do. Another strategy would be to not learn maths now, wait and see what kind of maths you need for the profession you choose, and then learn it then, but you will end up playing catch-up all the time.

The second reason to study maths is that it can help you see things from different perspectives. Many people don't like maths because they think it's only about memorisation. However, the way to be good at maths is not to memorise everything but only a few things. You can then play around with those things and apply them to new situations. Take algebra as an example. We already know how to multiply, divide, add and subtract. Algebra is taking those things and using them with letters instead of numbers to solve more complex questions.

Maths is a language, and the more languages we speak the better off we will be!

Good Luck!

Dr. Maths



### CAN YOU SOLVE THE 50-CENT QUESTION?

A 50-cent coin has 12 sides of equal length. Two 50-cent coins are balanced next to each other on a table so that they meet along one edge, as shown below.



WHAT IS THE ANGLE FOR X?

There are many ways in which the question can be solved. Here are a few solutions.

#### 1. THE EXTERIOR ANGLES OF A POLYGON

The sum of all the exterior angles in any shape will always be  $360^\circ$ . Therefore, the exterior angle of one of the sides can be worked out by  $360^\circ / 12 = 30^\circ$ . This number must then be multiplied by two, because angle X is where two exterior angles meet. Therefore the answer is found by  $(360^\circ / 12) \times 2 = 60^\circ$ .

#### 2. THE INTERIOR ANGLES OF A POLYGON

There are 12 angles inside the polygons. The interior angles of the coins are calculated using the rule  $180n - 360$ , where n equals the number of sides. Therefore, the total interior angle sum of the coin is  $180 \times 12 - 360 = 1800^\circ$ . When divided by the number of sides, i.e. 12, you find each interior angle is  $150^\circ$ . As the interior angle is  $150^\circ$ , the exterior angle is  $360^\circ - 150^\circ = 210^\circ$  as a straight line is  $180^\circ$ . The exterior angle must be multiplied by two to find the answer, i.e.  $210^\circ \times 2 = 420^\circ$ . Alternatively, the exterior at a point is  $360^\circ$ . Once the two interior angles are found, i.e.  $150^\circ$ , they are subtracted from  $360^\circ$  to find the remaining angle, i.e.  $360^\circ - 150^\circ - 150^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

#### 3. THE ANGLE SUM OF A TRIANGLE (NOT A CORRECT SOLUTION)

Some students solved the question by assuming the unknown angle is part of an equilateral triangle. An equilateral triangle has three equal sides and each angle is  $60^\circ$ . However, people demand on social media that it is not known whether the angle is equilateral or an isosceles triangle which has two equal sides. Therefore, the angle sum of a triangle cannot be applied in this problem.



# English Week

## Seven Heritage Wonders of Hong Kong



### Activities

- One Question A Day  
7 Nov - 14 Nov
- Book Exhibition  
7 Nov - 8 Nov
- Speak My Mind  
9 Nov
- Itinerary Design Competition  
7 Nov - 14 Nov

Offered by our school's English Department, the English Week is an annual tradition that encourages students to share their thoughts and ideas on a particular theme using English. This year's English Week was dedicated to showcasing the 'Seven Heritage Wonders of Hong Kong'. As the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, international travel is expected to resume soon. With the imminent influx of English-speaking tourists to Hong Kong, we hope to equip students with the cultural knowledge necessary to help visitors make the most of their time in our city.

The Morning Assembly videos were the highlight of the week, showcasing the various heritage sites of Hong Kong, including the Big Buddha, Tai O Fishing Village, the Clock Tower, and more. Students who participated in the video shooting were Natalie Li 1A (16), Leann Liu 1A (19), Suyogya Thapa 1A (28), Rene Wong 1A (29), Jessie Tam 2A (20), Sophie Tsang 2A (21), Joey Ng 3A (19),

Jolane Tsang 3A (21), Wim Kuiper 4A (11), and Mandy Leung 4A (16). All of them did a brilliant job in presenting the attractions.

The Itinerary Design Competition was a new initiative. It served as a fun and creative way for students to plan a one-day itinerary that included one or more of the seven heritage sites. Students also had the chance to propose their own choice of transportation and restaurants.

The week culminated in a vote for the most popular heritage site, which was announced on the school's Instagram page and on Open Day. Overall, this year's English Week provided students with an excellent opportunity to learn more about the rich heritage of Hong Kong through English. We extend our thanks to our English Ambassadors and teachers who contributed to making this week a success.



Students reading books related to Hong Kong's history and culture

English Ambassadors introducing Hong Kong's heritage wonders to guests



# ENGLISH WEEK

## 7 - 14 NOVEMBER

### Seven Heritage Wonders of Hong Kong



#### Heritage Wonder 1 The Big Buddha

The Tsz Tan Buddha, more commonly known as the Big Buddha, is part of the Po Lin Monastery complex on Lantau Island. Founded over a century ago by three monks, the monastery is now an internationally famous Buddhist place of worship.

The Big Buddha itself is the second largest outdoor seated bronze Buddha in the world. On a clear day, it can even be seen from Mainland China. It is 26 metres tall and weighs over 250,000 kg. Its design is a replica of statues and temples from different parts of China. For example, the Buddha's face draws inspiration from a statue found in the Langmuir Grotto, which dates back to the Tang Dynasty (618-907). As for the base of the Buddha, it is a model of the Altar of Heaven in Beijing.



To get to the Big Buddha, visitors can enjoy a lovely ride on the Ngong Ping 360 cable car from Tung Chung. After walking through the extensive grounds to its base, one will need to climb up 268 steps to reach the actual statue.



#### Heritage Wonder 2 Tai O Fishing Village



Tai O is a fishing village on Lantau Island. It is home to the Tanka people, an ethnic group that has been building houses on stilts over tidal flats for many generations. Still, houses, being interconnected structures, the Tankas are a tight-knit community. On one side of the house, there are stairs going into the water, allowing residents to get out their boats. On the other side, residents have access to land through narrow walkways. As a result of this design, the village is known as the Venice of Hong Kong.

Visitors are able to find some ancient temples and buildings in this village. The Shing Hui Temple, for example, was built in 1616 to commemorate Shing Hui, a patriot official who protected the last emperor of the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279). Every year, Tai O residents hold ceremonies at the temple during the Dragon Boat Festival to add to the places of worship. There are other monuments in Tai O, such as the Fast Lane Fort. This fort was built in 1929 to protect the Pearl River estuary from pirates, who posed a major threat to shipping in southern China at that time.

Tai O is also known for its seafood and traditional food products. After visiting the aforementioned sites, remember to enjoy some local delicacies at the restaurant!



#### Heritage Wonder 3 Kowloon Walled City Park



The history of the Walled City can be traced back to the Song Dynasty (960-1279) when an outpost was set up to manage trade. During the Qing Dynasty, a small coastal port was established there. Later, in 1842, Chinese authorities built a defensive wall around the port. This gave rise to the city's present name.

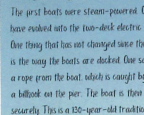


Eventually, the Chinese and British authorities agreed to tear down the Walled City. After its demolition in 1993, a 31,000 square metre park was built in its place. Some of the original buildings and artefacts are preserved while a number of gardens and pavilions have been constructed. With a visit!

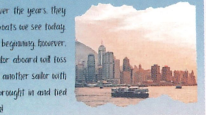
#### Heritage Wonder 4 The Star Ferry



The Star Ferry started in 1878. Before the Cross Harbour Tunnel opened, it was the most way for people to reach the other side of Victoria Harbour. It is said that 70,000 people use the Star Ferry to cross the harbour every day, which adds up to a whopping 26 million people a year!



The first boats were steam-powered. Over the years, they have evolved into the two-deck electric boats we see today. One thing that has not changed since the beginning, however, is the way the boats are checked. Our sailor aboard will toss a rope from the boat, which is caught by another sailor with a ballhook on the pier. The boat is then brought in and tied securely. This is a 100-year-old tradition!



During the Japanese occupation in World War II, the ferry service was forced to stop and the boats were used by the Japanese for different purposes. Both the Golden Star and Mandarin Star were used to transport prisoners of war. The Golden Star was bombed in 1943 and sank in the Pearl River after American bombers successfully hit the boat. Its sister boat, the Electro Star, was also sunk in Victoria Harbour. After the war ended, both boats were retrieved from the depths and returned to service after some needed repairs.

#### Heritage Wonder 5 The Clock Tower



When the Kowloon Canton Railway Station was relocated to Hung Hom in 1915, many wanted the whole complex saved for its cultural heritage. As a compromise, the Clock Tower was preserved. The Hong Kong Space Museum, Hong Kong Museum of Art, and Hong Kong Cultural Centre were later built on the former station grounds. This shows how big the original train station was!



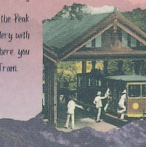
The clock of the tower has been telling the time for over a hundred years. In fact, it is a memorial to the early days of Hong Kong. During the Japanese occupation, there was three fighting around it. Some of the shells from the combat can still be seen on its walls. Also, however, the tower is set in a quiet peaceful garden where people can admire the city's oldest working timepiece and feel the breeze from the nearby Victoria Harbour.

#### Heritage Wonder 6 The Peak Tram

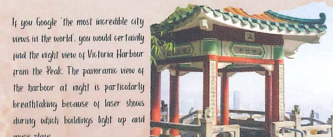
The idea for a mountain railway to take people up the Peak was first thought of in 1881. Four years later, the construction of the Peak Tram began and it was completed in 1886. In the early days, a trip up and about the Peak ranged between 30 cents for first class and 10 cents for third class. The modern journey costs a bit more – for adults, a round trip ticket is around \$60. Nevertheless, it continues to offer unparalleled views of the city as skyscrapers glide past at seemingly impossible angles!



For those who want to know more about the Peak Tram, visit its lower terminus is a gallery with over 200 items showcasing its history. There you also get to see a model of the first Peak Tram.



#### Heritage Wonder 7 Lion's Point View Pavilion



If you Google "the most incredible city views in the world," you would certainly find the right view of Victoria Harbour from the Peak. The panoramic view of the harbour at night is particularly breathtaking because of how shows during which buildings light up and music plays.

One of the best places to visit and get a great picture of this view is the Lion's Point View Pavilion on the Peak. It is a multi-level viewpoint only a two-minute walk from the Peak Tram terminus. Brimming with lion statues, its architecture is classically Chinese.





# Speech Festival

## Success in Solo Verse and Public Speaking



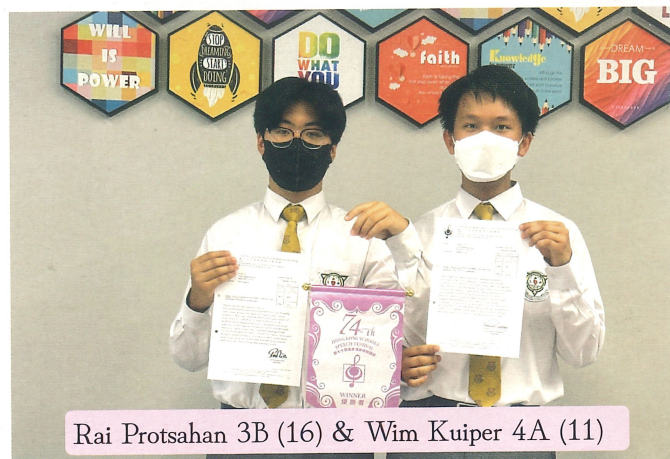
Awardees in Solo Verse with the Principal and English teachers

The Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (HKSSF) is a cherished and significant component of our school's English-speaking activities. For the Solo Verse category this year, the chosen poems were a delightful blend of humour, vivid imagery, and thought-provoking ideas. To perfect their skills in delivering the poetry, entrants attended daily training sessions held by our part-time NET Mr Gavin Colley. All the effort put forth by our students paid off eventually, with the majority of them awarded Merit. We extend our special congratulations to William Kuiper 4A (11), who secured the First Runner-up position with his excellent rendition of 'The Vikings'.

The highlight of this year's HKSSF is the remarkable debut made by our Public Speaking Team. All seven members participated in the Public Speaking Solo category and received the Certificate of



The Public Speaking Team debuted this year



Rai Protsahan 3B (16) & Wim Kuiper 4A (11)

Merit. Our students were lauded for their exceptional scriptwriting, which incorporated thorough research, personal anecdotes, and data. Additionally, their effective use of facial expressions, vocal dynamics, and gestures contributed to their excellent delivery, which was also commended by the adjudicators. Two of our team members even won awards - Rai Protsahan 3B (16) was crowned the Champion with an impressive 88 marks, and William Kuiper 4A (11) placed Second Runner-up with 87 marks. We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the entire team for their outstanding performance, which would not have been possible without everyone's hard work and time invested in preparing and delivering their speeches. A special thank you also goes to Ms Joey Lai, Mr Jenkin Leung, and Ms Kwan Li for their invaluable guidance in scriptwriting and presentation training. We look forward to seeing our Public Speaking Team grow and excel in future competitions.



# English Society

## Mnemonics Workshop for English Ambassadors



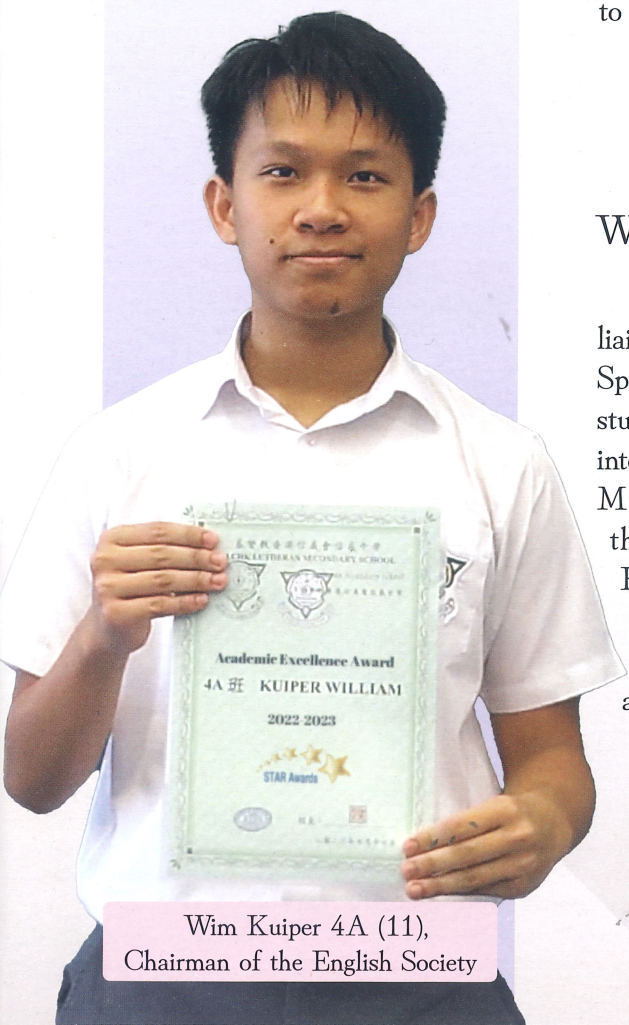
Our part-time NET Mr Gavin Colley organised two lunchtime workshops for English Ambassadors, focused on techniques to enhance memory. Known as mnemonics, these techniques involve the use of creative images, rhymes, patterns, associations, and acronyms to help remember facts, lists, vocabulary, and even grammar!

During the first session, students were introduced to the number-rhyme technique, which aids in recalling a list of ten things. In the second session, this technique was applied to help students learn the order of the first four planets in our solar system. It was incredible to witness students recalling the order of planets weeks later, using the mnemonic images they had created during the workshop.

Mnemonics are powerful tools that can significantly improve the retention of information. It was a pleasure to see the students' enthusiasm and engagement during the workshops, and we are grateful to Mr Colley for conducting these sessions.

## Words from the Chairman of the English Society

As the chairman of English Society, it has been a pleasure to liaise with both students and teachers on matters concerning English Speaking Days and English Week. I was also honoured to be the student host for Professor Oluseyi's visit, during which I organised interactive Kahoot quizzes about astronomy and served as the event's MC. Furthermore, I am proud to have represented our school in the highly competitive Speech Festival, where I was awarded First Runner-up in Solo Verse and Second Runner-up in Public Speaking. In summary, serving as the chairman of the English Society this academic year has been a truly rewarding experience, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to take on this role.



Wim Kuiper 4A (11),  
Chairman of the English Society



# Drama Show

## Beauty and the Beast



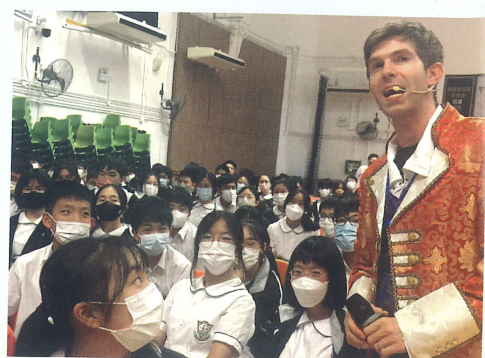
Our school hall was transformed into a magical wonderland on May 19, 2023, filled with enchanting characters and captivating drama when Dove Tales Theatre Company presented their production of 'Beauty and the Beast' to our Form 1 and 2 students. The classic fairytale came to life in an unforgettable way, with catchy original tunes and plenty of audience interaction.

The production was a retelling of the classic fairytale, following the story of Prince Christian, who was turned into a horrible beast by the wicked queen's spell. The only way to break the spell was if someone fell in love with the beast and said the magic words. Beauty, a beautiful girl living in the forest, became friends with the beast and tried to break the spell. However, the evil queen kept trying to thwart their attempt.

Throughout the play, the actors broke the fourth wall and interacted with students, asking them for suggestions on their course of action. Two lucky students from Class 1E, Valentino Wong and Joe Wong, even got to take part in the production as minions of the wicked queen!

After the show, the cast and crew set aside time to take pictures and hold a lively Q&A session. The actor who played the Beast led the audience, encouraging them to ask questions and engage with the performers. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to interact with professional actors and learn more about drama production.

We extend a huge thank you to the incredible team from Dove Tales Theatre Company for bringing this delightful play to our school. It was a cheerful and heartwarming experience that left our students feeling uplifted and inspired. Our students surely look forward to seeing more productions like this in the future!



Actors interacting with students after the show



# Exchange Programme

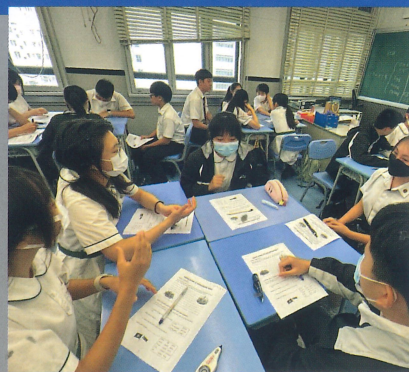
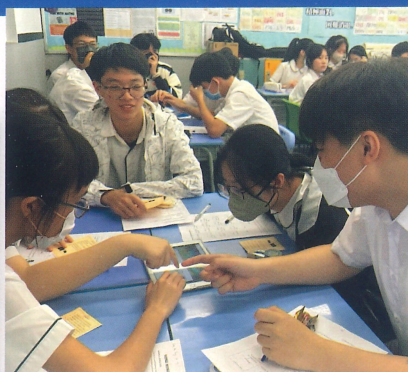
## LSS Welcomes Northland Secondary School



Our school has a long-standing tradition of exchange programmes with schools from various countries worldwide. Due to the pandemic, however, last year's programme had to be conducted virtually. Thankfully, the in-person mode resumed this year and we welcomed a group of 21 students from Northland Secondary School to our campus on June 1, 2023.

Our Singaporean friends joined us for two morning periods, which began with a warm welcome video prepared by our English Ambassadors. Through a series of activities with our Form 1 and 3 students, including the ice-breaking game 'Find Someone Who ...' and a thrilling object-identification game 'What Is It?', students from both schools were better acquainted with one another. The lessons concluded with a Kahoot quiz based on statistics and shared histories of Singapore and Hong Kong, allowing everyone to appreciate the similarities between the two cities while having fun together.

We are grateful to Ms Connie Wen for her liaison with Northland Secondary School. We would also like to thank Mr Gavin Colley, Ms Penny Ho, Ms Polly Li, and Ms Iris Szeto, our English teachers who hosted the lessons and made the programme a great success. In future exchange programmes, we look forward to welcoming more students from different parts of the world and fostering further cultural exchange.



Students finding out similarities between Hong Kong and Singapore through interactive tasks







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