

# Hebron Times

Assembly of God Hebron Secondary School

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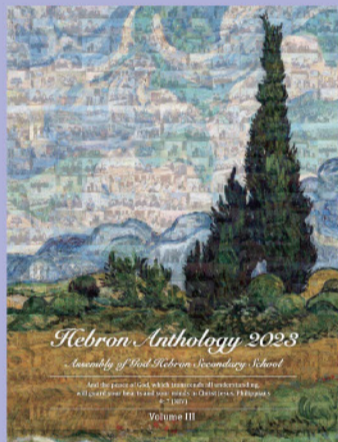
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## Principal's Message



Principal Richard Hong-nin CHOI

Christian education has always been the cornerstone of our school. It is my firm belief that through God, we can provide the best education to our students. In the past three years, we have been promoting the Fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in the school, and I believe that it has been a great success. Through different activities and collaboration across all subjects and parties, we have achieved the goals of encouraging our students to live their life with good morals and motives, as well as doing good things for others.

Team spirit is one of the pillars of success. With a team of extremely dedicated and professional teachers, I have no doubt that in addition to Christian education, we are also catering for different needs and making our students shine in all aspects. With the coronavirus pandemic coming to an end, the aftermath of the past few years on our students cannot be underestimated. However, I can observe that after a few tough years of dealing with the pandemic together, the team spirit of our teaching staff has in fact grown stronger, and we have never been more ready in facing all the challenges ahead.

In Hebron, we put major emphasis on English Language education. Every single English teacher in the English team tries his or her best to provide a well-rounded English curriculum and a rich English learning environment to our students. The English Friday programme has been a signature in terms of English activities in our school. Not only has it been popular among students in the past six years, very recently it has also received very positive feedback from the EDB in our most recent External School Review. We publish annual English publications. Our English newspaper Hebron Times and our English anthology Hebron Anthology are two of the highlights. With the recent improvements of our student intake, we have also introduced both Maths and Science classes taught using English as the medium of instruction starting from this year.

Our students have great potential. With students entering top universities such as The University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, studying top tier programmes such as HKU Bachelor of Laws, in recent years. We believe that every student has the potential to achieve under proper guidance and nourishment. We aim to bring out the best of our students and help our students reach their potential in every way possible.

Here I would like to thank our church again for their great support to the school. Not only does the English NET team from the church give our students numerous extra English learning opportunities, the pastors, brothers and sisters from the church also never cease to provide emotional and spiritual support to our students whenever necessary. It is with this close bond I believe that we are truly doing God's work under the same roof.

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

*Ephesians 2:10*



## English Panel Head's Sharing



**Mr. Vincent Wen**  
English Panel Head

Providing a good English education for our students has always been the core mission of the English department, and it is with this goal in mind that we have sailed through another turbulent year in the education sector, with the aftermath of the pandemic being the main challenge. We are happy to report that despite the uncertainty and challenges brought about by the pandemic and school suspension over the past few years, our students have prevailed and achieved as much as they can in the public examination, with roughly 20% of our S6 graduates meeting related English results requirements and securing a place in university in the past year.

There are two main areas of focuses in terms of English language education in our school. In order to develop a solid curriculum to help students build a good English foundation and achieve good results in public examination, we dedicate time to constantly renewing and refining our teaching materials, developing school-based vocabulary learning programme and providing Saturday English tutorial classes. To provide a rich English environment for students to immerse in, we have been developing the large scale English Friday programme, publishing English newspaper and English anthology annually, and promoting a reading programme incorporating the award winning online reading platform Raz-Kids.

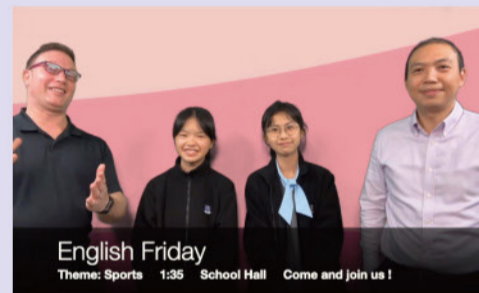
I am happy share with you more details about different aspects of English education in our school.

### English Friday

English Friday has arguably been the most highlighted English programme in our school in the past few years, and has so far received the most attention and recourses. Over the years, it has been developed into one of the most comprehensive programmes in our school.

Taking place every Friday with different themes every month, the English Friday programme offers students in our school a staggering amount of opportunities to immerse themselves in a rich English environment. The monthly themes include Movies, Video Games, Sports, Technology, Crafting, Creative Drawing, Christmas, New Year, Around the World and Music, and have received large student attendance counts every time.

In each of the English Friday mornings, a morning video show, The English Friday Morning Channel, will be broadcasted to the whole school. In the English video show, students and English teachers will introduce the activity of the day and review activity of the past week. Eye-catching special effects and trendy music are often edited together with pictures and videos to attract students' attention.



### English Publication: Hebron Times and Hebron Anthology

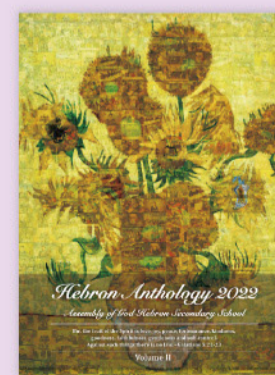
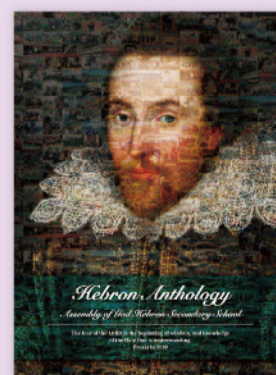


The English Department has put major emphasis on English publications and has published the 3 editions of the English newspaper Hebron Times, and 3 editions of the English anthology Hebron Anthology in the past few years. Both English publications have received critical acclams from students, teachers, parents and the general public.

Hebron Times is an 8-page-long, A3 sized English newspaper, highlighting the latest developments of English language teaching in the school, including the principal and English panel heads' messages, English activities, elite students' sharing, NET teacher' s sharing and our latest English-related programmes.



Hebron Anthology is our English anthology, compiling 60 pieces of English essays and 60 pieces of artwork, all produced by our students. As conveyed by the cover arts of the past few issues, William Shakespeare and the famous paintings by Vincent Van Goh, Hebron Anthology is a testimony of both our students' literacy and artistic talent.



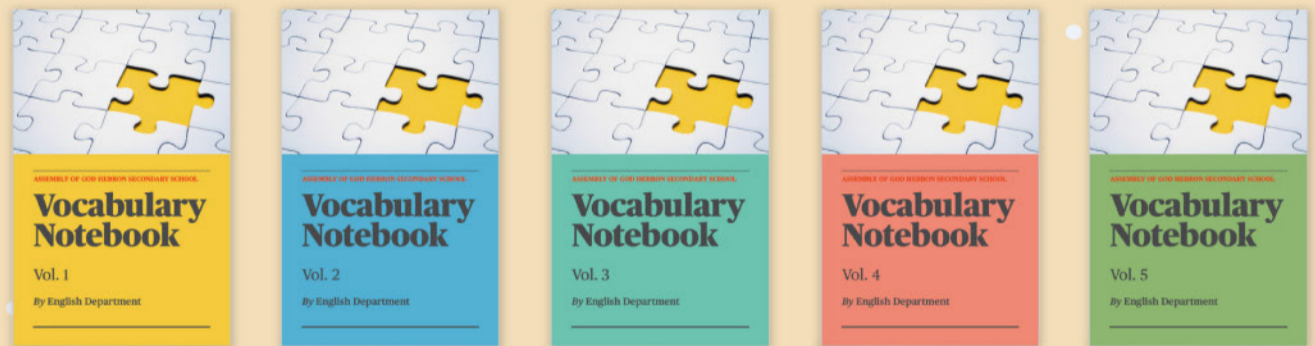
## Saturday HKDSE English Tutorial Class

Helping students to achieve good results in the HKDSE has always been one of our main focuses. With the support from the principal and the school, the Saturday HKDSE English Tutorial Class was successfully launched in September, 2022. About 50 students in total were invited to come back to school on Saturdays to receive extra training on tackling HKDSE past papers and improving their English skills in general. The programme received very positive feedback from students, which was reflected both in students' surveys and attendance rate. Most importantly, students' HKDSE English results of the past year has seen significant improvements, of which the Saturday HKDSE English Tutorial Class has no doubt been a positive factor. The programme is being re-run and doubled in size in the current academic year, providing nearly 100 students with extra tutorial lessons on Saturdays this year.



## School Based English Vocabulary Notebook

We understand the importance of students acquiring a sufficient amount of English vocabulary to help them success in both using the English language and in English examinations. With the school-based vocabulary notebook tailor made by the English Department for our students, in total about 3000 new English words, theme-based and matching students' learning progress in their textbooks, were introduced to our S1-S5 students in their secondary school study in our school.



## The Raz-Kids Online Reading Platform



We understand and value the importance of reading. Over the past years, to facilitate our department-based reading programme, the English Department has been renewing our subscription to the Raz-Kids online reading platform, a winner of numerous awards, including CODiE and EDDIE Awards and a Teachers' Choice Award for the Classroom, providing our students free access to more than 800 levelled English eBooks online. English teachers carefully guide our students as they progress through different reading levels, providing opinions on picking the suitable English books, as well as assignments to consolidate students' knowledge related to the books they are reading.

After reading through the various programmes and activities above, I hope that you will share our vision and commitment in bringing a good English education our students in Hebron, and we can work together to support, nurture and help the young generation to achieve excellence in the future. All the English teachers our school are more than happy to share more about English education and discuss more about how to better cultivate our young learners with you.

# ENGLISH NET TEAM

## Friday Gathering with English NET Team



As a Christian school with a close tie to the church, our school enjoys the benefit of receiving constant support from the church. Seeing the potential and the opportunity, our principal Mr. Richard Choi has forged the collaboration between the English missionaries and the English Department, forming the English NET team.

Led by Pastor Vick and Pastor John, together with other native English speakers from the church, an English NET team, aiming for providing our students with extra English support and exposure, has been formed, and a series of activities has been held in the past year.



In the third term, on Fridays after school, a group of S1 elite students were invited to English gathering sessions carefully planned by the English NET team. During the gathering sessions, students enjoyed activities such as word games, memory games, drama acting and discussions. Even more importantly, during the activities, students developed close relationships with Pastor Vick, Pastor John, as well as other missionaries, and the whole experience has definitely brought them closer to God.

## Should ChatGPT be allowed at school?

### Agree

In my opinion, I think ChatGPT should be allowed at school. First, ChatGPT is convenient. Students can ask some questions on it and ChatGPT could answer them accurately and correctly. Also, teachers may not have any time to answer students' questions. ChatGPT will be a suitable app for students. Although some students will use ChatGPT to do homework, ChatGPT has more advantages than disadvantages. So, ChatGPT should be allowed at school.



4C18  
Chung Ka Hei Anson

Personally, I think ChatGPT should be allowed at school, but I think it should be limited because I think when we use it appropriately, ChatGPT can help people do a lot of things quickly like gathering a massive amount of information in seconds, which would be useful for writing essays that require a lot of information, but ChatGPT shouldn't be a tool for students to generate answers. I hope ChatGPT can be used at school in the future.



3C28  
Wong Tsz Fung Wallace

I think Chat GPT should be allowed at school regarding these benefits.  
First, Chat GPT can help students get the information that they want to know quickly. If students come across with questions that they don't know, they can ask Chat GPT immediately and Chat GPT will explain the answers in less than one minute.  
Second, Chat GPT can provide personalized teaching based on the students' levels. It is good for students who have difficulties in studying since it can teach students step by step.  
In conclusion, if we use Chat GPT correctly, it will become an effective learning tool. As it can help students with studying, we should allow Chat GPT at school.



4D08  
Tang Wing Ching Winnie

Schools should allow ChatGPT to be applied in schools, as it can help students learn more knowledge, broaden their horizons and help students establish more comprehensive perspectives. Moreover, the answers on ChatGPT are neutral, and they do not give students biased perspectives, which helps them establish correct values. However, schools should teach students how to make good use of ChatGPT.



6B09 Yip Wing Sheung Wincy

I think we should use ChatGPT in schools because ChatGPT is a very powerful AI app. It can answer questions that are beyond our comprehension. And it can chat with us like friends. ChatGPT is a question answering machine. As long as we input questions, it will give us answers, which is very helpful for our learning.



4D11 Xie Yan Ting Mary

### Disagree

No. Although ChatGPT can be a valuable tool for schools to enhance students' learning experiences, Chat GPT can also have negative impacts. For example, students might feel tempted to take advantage of the tool and use it to write compositions to save time. If ChatGPT is allowed at school, students will rely on technology for answers and be lazy.



5D30 Xu Pok Yuen Max

In my opinion, ChatGPT should not be allowed at school. Although ChatGPT is a good choice for students who want to learn more different knowledge, their creativity may be limited. ChatGPT will provide a lot of useful data for students. They don't even need to think about the questions and use the correct answer that come from ChatGPT. ChatGPT can help us to get correct answers. However, we should try to find the right answers by ourselves.



6B10 Chau Tsz Him Victor

I think ChatGPT should not be allowed at school. Nowadays, as technology like ChatGPT becomes more and more popular, a lot of people use it. They think it is very convenient and benefits mankind. A lot of them think that ChatGPT should be allowed at school. I disagree with that. Although ChatGPT can bring a lot of benefits like if students ask it some questions, they only need to wait for a few seconds and it can answer their questions in details, it also has a lot of problems. Students may use ChatGPT to finish their homework. Teacher may think they understand it and do not teach it again. But they cannot use ChatGPT in exams so their exam results may be bad.



4C06 Lau Yuk Ting Candice

The downside of schools allowing ChatGPT is that it harms students' learning. ChatGPT can write a high-scoring composition and solve a complex math problem in seconds. Unfortunately, this incentivizes students to abuse the app. This makes it difficult for students to develop their critical thinking skills and for teachers to assess their development. ChatGPT may have its fair share of advantages, but the possible negative impacts are too catastrophic for even those with the most vivid minds to imagine. Therefore, banning ChatGPT at school is the correct thing to do and the best thing for students.



4C24 Lin Zi Yang Jacob

No, school should not allow students to use ChatGPT. ChatGPT is an advanced technology that can help you on everything, but if you use it for finishing homework, that is basically copying answers from the Internet. Instead of allowing people to use it, I think people who misuse ChatGPT should be punished.



4D18 Cheng Yan Ho Gabriel

## What is an unusual place that you would like to visit on a school trip? —

I think that factories, such as those that produce paper, chocolate or packing are great places for school trips. I think that visiting those unusual places can help students know more about how various factories run and let students get more experiences by trying out some work in these factories.



5D23 Fong Kwan Ching Choco

I want to go to the Hong Kong Palace Museum because there are many different cultural relics. I think these relics are very interesting and I believe that I can gain much knowledge. The museum is about 3000m<sup>2</sup>. It features an exhibition space of 7800 m<sup>2</sup> across nine exhibitions. There are many facilities such as a lecture hall, a gift shop and a dining room. I think these facilities are really great!



1D12 Tsui Wing Ching Dora

In Hong Kong, there are a lot of unique places. For example, the Avenue of Stars and Ten Thousand Buddha's Monastery. However, the place that I hope to visit on a school trip is Sheung Yiu Folk Museum, located in Sai Kung. I visited it once when I was 11. When you arrive at Sai Kung Country Park, you will find Sai Kung Country Park Visitor Center. There are many places for you to take photos. After visiting the Visitor Center, you can start hiking on the Pak Tam Chung Nature Trail. After crossing a bridge you will see a sign that says Sheung Yiu Folk Museum indicating you're near the museum, after the 8-minute hike, you will see a creepy-looking door greeting you. Then, you can start visiting the museum. Inside the museum, you can find lots of unique and old-looking furniture and pots. There is even a winnowing machine. After visiting the museum, you can walk down the mountain and discover the ruins of an old village house. It is an awesome rare and unique place. I hope that you can enjoy and learn more things about these ancient ruins. I hope this could be one of the places we visit on our school trip. I would be very happy if it is chosen as one of the unusual places we visit.



2D03 Hui Suet Ying Crystal

During our last school trip, we went to a country park so that we could have a good time to learn from the environment. For the next school trip, I want to visit a special place which is rich in culture and history. I like the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.

There are some reasons for my suggestion. Firstly, I am interested in Cantonese Opera. There is an exhibition dedicated to the characters, costumes, and Cantonese Operas. It is worthwhile to know more about our culture.

Secondly, it is beneficial to learn from history. By learning past mistakes, we can avoid repeating them in our lives. For example, understanding the impact of the world wars, which tells us the significance of maintaining peace. Moreover, it is of vital importance to broaden our horizons. The museum shows many artworks whose merits are undisputed. We ought to pay more attention in these artworks so as not miss their value.

After all, I highly recommend the Hong Kong Heritage Museum for our school trip. It is a proper way to enhance our knowledge of history and culture.



4D06 Qiu Yu Huan Coco

I think an unusual place that I would like to visit on a school trip is a farm. First of all, most students haven't visited a farm in their lives, so it offers an opportunity to learn a lot of things that we can't learn in the classroom. Secondly, visiting a farm can help us improve in Geography grades. Our Geography teacher always teaches us how agricultural activities can destroy the environment. If we visit a farm, we could better understand and remember these points. Finally, a visit to the farm can help us know why we should appreciate food. Many students, including you and me, know the importance of appreciating our food. However, we often don't see the difficulty faced by farmers. Visiting a farm can help us know the hard work of the farmers and why appreciating food is important. These are the reasons why I think a farm is an unusual place that is worth visiting on our school trip.



4D04 Lo Sze Sze Cecilia

## A lesson that you enjoyed a lot —

I love my English lessons so much, and I feel really thankful for it. The lessons were really fun and I learned a lot. My teacher was great and made the class exciting. We talked about interesting things, did activities together, and wrote creative stories. I got better at grammar and learned new words. I also started to love reading and writing more. It was a special time for me to discover new things about English and myself. I am so happy I had great English lessons!



6B11 Lam Ou Sum Sam

I think English class is my favorite lesson because my English teacher is very interesting and lively. She can tell every English word. She also plays some games with us from time to time. We can have fun activities. My favorite and the most enjoyable lesson is English class.



6B07 Wang Nga Man Sandy

My favorite class is the percussion class because I like playing percussion and rhythmic drums very much. The teacher teaches us patiently during the class, and sometimes senior students come to teach us.



1D14 Zhan Ya Ting Zoe

I really enjoyed my English lessons because they were fun and interactive. My teacher incorporated games and activities that made learning enjoyable. We would often have group discussions and debates, which helped us improve our speaking skills. Additionally, we read interesting books and had lively class discussions about them. The teacher also used creative exercises to improve our grammar and vocabulary. Overall, the English lessons were engaging so I feel happy to learn English.



1D07 Lam Wing Hei Judy

I love music, so my favorite lesson is music class. Music class is the most relaxing class. I can learn different kinds of music from different eras. I can also sing and relax by myself. Whenever my music teacher plays the piano, I feel very impressed. As long as he hears the title of the song, he can play the melody. I think it is incredible.



4D14 Lam Lok Wai Constance

The lesson I enjoyed most is the Art lesson in Form3. I remember I was asked to draw a picture about a scenery. I drew a dark pond with some ducks. It was melancholic but elegant. I enjoyed the clash of colors and emotions. Every time I painted on a piece of paper, this let me feel relaxed and free. I like doing flexible things, so I like my Art lesson.



4D16 Zheng Sum Ching Mickey

I always think that VA lessons are the most interesting lessons. It is very relaxing that I can draw anything I want. Drawing out all my emotions on artworks is stress-relieving for me. In other lessons, I always need to use my brain and it is so tiring. However, I can express all my bad emotions on painting. That is the reason why I enjoy VA lessons.



4D05 Ma Lok Yi Fiona

## New Teacher's Sharing

Hello everyone,

I am delighted to be part of the Hebron family in my first year here. I have been hugely impressed by the friendly, disciplined and respectful students at Hebron. It is heartwarming to see how you all greet each other with smiles, even when someone is new to you. The school campus is always filled with laughter and fun, and you are fortunate to have such a wide range of educational activities tailored for all of you.

This year, I am teaching English in S.2 and S.6. I am also a member of the Gospel Team and the Counselling and Guidance Team. During my leisure time, I enjoy playing badminton and hanging out with friends at various cafes, where we love to explore delicate desserts and savory dishes. My favorite hobby is TRAVELLING although I have missed it for almost four years due to the pandemic. There is an old Chinese saying goes, "Reading ten thousand books is not as good as traveling ten thousand miles." In addition to reading, traveling allows us to understand and experience different cultures and lifestyles, and provides us an excellent opportunity to practise the target language by immersing ourselves in a favourable language environment.

One of my most memorable trips was to Madagascar in Africa in 2019. It was a 10-day missionary trip in which we organized an English summer camp for local university students there. Since their first language is French, they are eager to learn English. Over a hundred teenagers participated in the camp. Through different activities including singing hymns, role plays, bible study and sharing, we not only built trust and friendship but also had a wonderful and unforgettable time. Those beautiful memories are still vivid in my mind.

Teaching is a profoundly meaningful career choice for me. I love working with young people as this keeps me feeling youthful and it is truly rewarding to witness their growth during their teenage years. Inspired by my dedicated and passionate teachers in my secondary school, I decided to pursue teaching as a lifelong career. As a Christian, I also hope to bring my students to Jesus and help them develop a deeper understanding of Him.

I warmly welcome all of you to come and have a chat with me. Whether you want to share your dreams, funny stories or discuss any difficulties you may be facing, I will be available during recess or lunchtime.

Ms. Jennifer Wong



Ms Wong Wai Kuen Jennifer



"Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine." This famous memorable quote from Casablanca can best describe my relationship with Assembly of God Hebron Secondary School. After a few years of being wild and free, I am currently an English teacher here.

Before joining Hebron, I had worked in other secondary schools for a few years. This year I am responsible for teaching Form 1 and Form 5 students. I am honored to be their teacher to help them brush up their English and most importantly, to instill life lessons into their minds. Nothing can be greater than witnessing the moment that your efforts eventually bear fruit.

Influenced by several English teachers at my alma mater, I decided to pursue a teaching career when I was a Form 4 student. When I was a senior form student, I was fortunately given the chance to help my classmates with English by my English teachers. In retrospect, the trust my English teachers had bestowed paved the way for my future career in education. It is always through teaching that I can gain a sense of satisfaction and achievement.

I enjoy reading and watching movies in my leisure time to strike a balance between work and life. I am particularly fond of reading historical novels. If you want to improve your English by reading more and in an interesting and inspiring way, I would undoubtedly recommend the novels written by Kazuo Ishiguro, of which "An Artist of the Floating World" and "The Remains of the Day" are my personal favourites. For movies, "Boyhood" is a must-see for students who are at the crossroads of their lives or soon enter adulthood. I can always learn some good English and reflect upon my life through reading and watching movies.

This year I am also a member of the Career and Life Planning Committee. If students struggle to find their way around, I am always available to lend them my ears and offer career advice to them. When you see me on campus, please don't hesitate to say hello to me. I will endeavour to share more about myself and recommend good books and movies to you. Let us all become well-read and civilized individuals!



Mr. Tang Tsz Wai Patrick

## English Friday Host

My name is Olivia Ho. I'm in class 2D. I've been an English Friday host for a year. Last year, Mr Wen invited me to join English Friday as a host online. English Friday has improved my speaking skills. There are very interesting topics to talk about and it has let me think of ideas on the spot. English Friday lets you share your interests and opinions on specific topics such as sports, music, games, etc. English Friday promotes students to speak in English more often.

The main thing I've learnt in English Friday is to always smile on camera and talk in a clear and loud voice. When you aren't talking, you should look at the person who is talking, showing that you are interested in what they are saying. You should always stand up straight to show that you are confident. You shouldn't cross your arms while talking or listening to someone talk and it is best to put your arms in front or behind you. When you are speaking to the camera, you should look directly at it.

Speaking from personal experiences, your English will continuously improve, reading and watching videos that include English will improve your pronunciation and reading skills. My English writing and speaking have improved daily. I learn about words to use instead of basic adjectives. If you want to, come to join English Friday after lunch or join English Friday as hosts. I encourage students to speak in English more with your classmates and teachers. Speaking in English more will definitely improve your pronunciation and speaking. It is important to be confident when you are talking. Here are some tips: speak loudly and clearly even when you are nervous; look up at the person you are talking to; it is okay to ask questions since you wouldn't know unless you ask. You are always welcome to join English Friday!



2D Ho On Yi Olivia

Hi to everyone who's reading Hebron Times! I'm Crystal from 2D and it's pretty obvious that I have been an English Friday host for the past two years.

I really suggest that you should be a host for English Friday because Mr. Wen is really a very nice person. He always encourages me to join more English activities. So is Mr John Chiva! He is really funny.

Being an English Friday host has improved my confidence in speaking English and the recording process is really fun. We talked and laughed a lot. I've even got to know some awesome people. For example, senior form student Michael Chung is really nice, and this experience of making friends through English Friday has given me a chance to share more about myself and to get people to know me. Now, I know how to behave in front of a camera and it makes me feel like an actress.

My word of encouragement to all students is that if you have a bit of English talent then join the English society. I swear this will make your English improve and be more confident while speaking English. I hope that you will join the English Society and probably be an English Friday host like me. You would like it!



2D Hui Suet Ying Crystal

I'm glad to be here with you all again. Let me introduce myself first. I'm Chloe Ho from class 5D and I'm one of the hosts of English Friday.

Unconsciously, I have been being an English Friday host for 5 years now and it makes me sigh that time flies by so fast. I've been thinking lately about what keeps me doing this job, and if you ask me, I would say that the themes and the people in English Friday are the reasons that I love doing this. Trends change every day, but our activities can always keep up. For instance, regarding movies, we talk about the latest ones and we covered Elemental, Luca, Marvel, etc. in the past two years. Or when talking about music, we had some quizzes about the latest K-pop trends just last month. Everything is so suitable for students and I think students are so into it.

The epidemic has also affected English Friday. Do you remember the time that the hosts used Zoom to record the videos? That was much easier than having the recording at school interestingly enough. We just put the script together with the iPad and read it out. We didn't need to recite anything and I could put on the filter to make me have a better look (LOL).

The way I see myself is that I am not the kind of people that are really smart. I am just that kind of people that have a talent for performing and it was lucky that my teacher found my talent. It seems to me that English Friday has brought me a lot of fun and experiences. Although I always feel embarrassed when I'm on the screen, I also feel satisfied because I have been doing something for 5 years. To my way of thinking, English Friday has brought me a lot of confidence and joy. Every time after the recording, Mr. Wen would praise us and say we had done very well. And sometimes when I met some junior form students, they can recognize that I am the Chloe on English Friday.

Last but far from least, when I see the new members of English Friday, I always feel very touched. It makes me feel like they are the new members in this family and English Friday will go on and on.



5D Ho Tung Ching Chloe

## Study Tips by S6 Students

What's up everyone. I'm sure that you are reading my words now because my words can see you. Anyway, I'm Michael Chung, the versatile, wholesome and tall guy from class 6D.

I have my own way to learn English, an extraordinary way. Back then when the virus was still prevalent, I did a lot of things to kill time since I was literally too bored. I started scrolling short videos on TikTok and it helped me understand how English is really used among the Gen Z world. English is a language. You can't just bury your head into the textbooks and think that you can understand all the slang and abbreviations. From listening to radio to scrolling through short videos, as long as it is in English, it can help you to learn English. So, immerse yourself into the world of English. You will love it.

If you are looking for a healthier and less decadent way to learn English, the approach down here is for you. Take your time and communicate with your friends in English. You can even make new friends. It's good for us to learn English as we live in Hong Kong, which is the "cultural melting pot". You can easily meet native speakers and you can broaden your horizons by doing this.

I'm not really academically inclined, but if you ask me how to study, I recommend you to pay attention in class and play hard when it's your leisure time. A good school/life balance can help you much for your grades. No one can change your life but yourself. So, be a self-disciplined individual.

Life as a S6 student is insane and harsh if you don't build your roots properly when you are in the senior years. For me, I'm the one of them. Please listen to your teachers' words and advice. They are right.

I'm planning to be a teacher. I believe that it's my opportunity to change the game. As a dyslexic, I know what's hard and what's easy for SEN students. I am going to contribute to the Hong Kong educational system in this area if I can. I would be glad if I can be what I want to be. Wish me luck!

I want to end my article with my life motto "You only live once. Live your life and seize the moment. Make a good movie of your own life. Don't give up."



6D Chung Ching Michael

Hi everyone! My name is Candy Wong. I am a Form 6 student and this year is the last year when I can enjoy my school life.

Although I am coping with the hardship of studying to prepare for the DSE, I have also experienced school life for five years, and I have accumulated my own study skills which I find suitable for me to help improving the efficiency of my study. For example, I insist on constantly learning new English vocabulary. I deem if I can grasp more vocabulary, I can easily express my ideas in writing and find it easier to understand the articles in the reading paper.

There is also a tip which is useful for remembering the knowledge on textbooks. The skill is that you can use your hands to cover your ears and read aloud. It can really help enhancing the memory! Moreover, everyone should know that "practice makes perfect". Therefore, the key point in study in general is that you should do more exercises to consolidate all the knowledge you have learnt and apply it when answering questions. If you keep doing exercises, you are bound to find that there is always the same question type in the exercises and past papers!

Everyone, study life is hard indeed. I do also feel anxious every day because time is still passing unconsciously and DSE is coming. We are all facing pressure on the road of study. However, please remember not to compare yourself too much with your classmates or anyone surrounding you. Just focus on yourself because you have your own pace of advancement!



6C Wong Pui Hei Candy

Hi everyone, here's Brian Li from 6C. I am glad that I have such an opportunity to talk to you. Hope you guys are having an enjoyable school life.

Let me talk about studying English first. It has become a tough problem for our students, but there are always some ways to solve the problem actually. The key is to work consciously to build a solid foundation. Honestly, I am too late to realize that I need to work hard on some boring things such as enlarging my vocabulary bank and studying different grammar structures. It would not be too late before you become a secondary 6 student. You will feel like someone is pushing and impelling you to go forward when you prepare for your DSE in Secondary 6. It is my fervent belief that it is uncomfortable when someone forces you to study something like that, which makes you feel tired. So, my advice is to get started early and build a solid foundation.

Except for the general way of studying English, I have some "tips" about preparing for your English exam. The core thinking about preparing for your exam is to hide something you are not good at. For example, don't write anything that you don't know in your writing paper. Accumulating some fabulous sentences may also help you to perform as a student who has mastered the course. It is the same in other papers, which is called "skills" with By the way, you should focus on raising your ability first because you have enough time. You will learn these skills when you do more exercises and past papers.

Next, I am going to give you some suggestions for general study. I would like to talk about something special, which is never to push yourself too much. The exams are just a part of our life. Never take it too seriously. It doesn't mean that working hard is not important. But it should be a long run. Enjoy your life when you have done everything you can do. In the past, I used to be very anxious about my results. I wanted to prove myself in different ways. I guess you have been in the same situation. When I grew up, it became less and less important in my life. However, you also need to work on it if you want to get into university. But just relax, stay calm, and get ready. Apart from this, some of my friends have asked me whether they should make a timetable or notebook, etc. In my opinion, it's up to you.

There are different types of people.

For me, a timetable does not work but a to-do list would help a lot. And I just note down some of the wrong concepts in my mind and collect some information I need for my exam in my notebook. So, my suggestion is to give it a try to see whether these things are efficient for you.

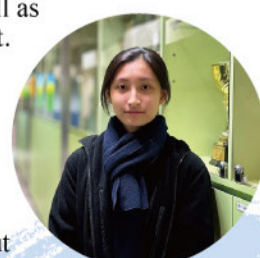


6C Li Guanren Brian

Hello, my name is Rosy and I am from 6D. I feel honored to share my tips about learning English.

I think one of them should be watching films or just short videos in English. I like to watch Harry Potter or some British films as I like their accents and their outfits, which are gorgeous. I prefer live action movies. In this way, by understanding British culture, you can learn some English, and even some English phrases that are not very common. By the way, short videos are more common and easier to watch anytime anywhere, just with a phone. Because short videos can enable me to make use of fragmented time to a large extent, it is possible to learn some English very effectively even with limited time.

Another way to learn English is talking to my friends in English. For example, talking to Michael, whose English is better than mine, is really a chance to learn how to communicate. He uses very native vocabulary and sentences, as well as having a native American accent. Communicating with him can help practice and improve my pronunciation. Moreover, the colloquial expressions of American English are different from those of British English, so I can learn more knowledge about different types of English.



6D Zhou Ho Yan Rosy

Hi everyone! I am Jenny Zhao from class 6D. I'm chuffed to be able to share my study tips here.

Learning English is an ongoing process and here are some tips that can help you improve your English proficiency. The most crucial method is vocabulary accumulation. Learning new vocabulary is the key to improving your English proficiency. For myself, I usually use the Ebbinghaus memorization method to memorize vocabulary. The Ebbinghaus forgetting curve is based on people's forgetting pattern. It will provide a scientific review time that lets you revise on the first, second, sixth, fourteenth, and thirtieth days to make you remember the vocabulary more firmly. What you need to do is to persist in repeating and revising the vocabulary at these times. Memorizing a few words every day can be rewarding even if there are only five, so come on, let's try it! As mentioned above, learning English is an ongoing process. Therefore, you need to develop a reasonable study plan and allocate some time to learn English every day. Moreover, you can set specific goals that can give you motivation to study and persist. For instance, I usually spend one and a half hour studying English every day. During this period of time, I memorize the vocabulary that I need and I read a passage of reading. If there is any remaining time, I will imitate the sentences from other people's model writing to ensure that I can fully utilize most of the time. Of course, no one is a 'learning perpetual motion machine' and no one can become a 'learning perpetual motion machine'. Learning can be a 'limited' process, so when you feel fatigued, you can do something that makes you happy and relax yourself.

Ultimately, I would like to tell everyone that it is normal for everyone to experience a painful bottleneck period in which you've worked hard for a period of time but cannot see the results. You should understand that nothing can produce results at once. Sunshine always comes after wind and rain. Never give up, maybe everyone is tired of hearing it. But really, don't give up.



6D Zhao Yap Chit Jenny

Hello everyone, I am May Yeung from class 6D. I would like to share some tips on learning English and studying in general.

I prefer to learn new vocabulary from past papers and samples of candidates' performance, such as taking notes of the recurrent words that I don't know the meanings of, and some practical sentences in writing, so as to learn more new words, synonyms and context awareness. Then, I can use them in writing. Sometimes, I take a picture of my vocabulary notes and set it as my phone wallpaper, and hence, it is easier to revise and have a profound memory.

In the aspect of studying in general, I usually use handwritten notes because I love the feeling of the pen on paper. It can increase my quality of focus and comprehension. When I see my own handwriting, the connection to messages is stronger. I think using paper notes to learn and remember is more effective. As a S6 student, I become more and more 'chur' (demanding) in the daily life, including but not limited to doing past paper in the lessons, having make-up lessons after school and having the English tutoring class in school on Saturdays. Besides the above mentioned, I also have extra lessons on Friday and Sunday to study English and Mathematics. It takes a lot of attention and energy that although it makes me have a fulfilling life, it is really tiring. About my future plans, actually I don't have a specific plan because there are many possibilities in the future. I think I will develop in design, nursing or pet grooming. Regardless, I just need a degree and to get the certificate then I can find a job easily.

For junior form students, I wish you guys could find a way of studying that is suitable for you. You have enough time to prepare for the DSE, so don't stress too much on it. In addition, having a good life schedule which affects balance of study and entertainment is imperative. Enjoy your school life!



6D Yueng Wai Ying May

# The Biliteracy and Trilingualism Campaign launched by SCOLAR

As The Chairperson of the EDB Committee on English Language Education, our principal Mr. Richard Choi constantly seeks opportunities to promote English language education in our school. This year, Mr. Choi brought students in our school to the Opening Ceremony of The Biliteracy and Trilingualism Campaign launched by the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR) in December 2023.



The Opening Ceremony for the Biliteracy and Trilingualism Campaign started off a series of activities bringing together people from all walks of life for the promotion of biliteracy and trilingualism in various fields in the five months following December 2023. The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki; the Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin; and the Chairman of SCOLAR, Dr Anissa Chan, officiated at the event, and to echo the theme of "biliteracy and trilingualism", the three of them delivered speeches in Cantonese, Putonghua and English respectively. In addition, a number of guest speakers, including Olympic Games Table Tennis medal winner Minnie Soo, the vice-principal of a local secondary school, a French author who published Chinese books, were invited to share their experience in learning English as well as Cantonise in a chit-chat session.

In the five months following December 2023, SCOLAR has planned a series of events and competitions to promote the use of biliteracy and trilingualism in Hong Kong. In addition to the One-minute Video Production Competition, which enables students to explore the importance of biliteracy and trilingualism in their daily lives, SCOLAR also invited community partners to organise a series of activities for people from all walks of life, as listed below:



| Organisers  | Activities   |
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| The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups                                | Write Up! Flash Story Competition  |
| Yale-China Chinese Language Centre, The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Exploring while filming: Cantonese Short Video Production Competition                                |
| HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education                     | Voices of Putonghua: Dubbing Competition   |
| HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education                     | Hong Kong Local Food and Traditional Festival Check-ins - Chinese Learning Activity for NCS Students |
| Xianggang Putonghua Yanxishe  | The 19th Hong Kong Kindergarten and Primary School Putonghua Competition                             |

On that day, around 120 Form 3 students in our school were invited to attend the event. In addition to listening to the speech delivered by various honourable guests who officiated the event, our students also had the opportunity to listen to representatives from the Hong Kong Hotels Association, the Hong Kong Retail Management Association, the Hong Kong Association of Registered Tour Co-ordinators and the MTR Corporation sharing the importance of biliteracy and trilingualism in different trades from their unique perspectives, not to mention the fun chit-chat sessions conducted by the guest speakers. It has been a meaningful experience for our students.



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