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Message from the Principal

Stepping into the Second Year **Pursuing our Major Concerns with Devotion and Commitment**

"Engagement and Bravery" is our theme of positive learning in the academic year 2022-2023. As the school principal, I would like to share a few notes with you as we enter the second year of our development cycle, with indeed a spirit of engagement and bravery.

Firstly, one of our major concerns is to develop "learning, teaching, assessment" strategies to accommodate diverse learning modules and enhance learning and teaching efficiency. We put our focus on deepening the staff's understanding of assessment in the first year; what critical facets or strategies account for a productive assessment, on top of tests and grading?

Alongside the assessment quality of the staff, we also made attempts to improve self-assessment skills for the students. The introduction of class summaries, selfassessment sharing, and self-assessment columns in different classes for diverse subjects enhances the way students track their own learning progress. We had also spent more effort collecting data from students in class. Together with regular unit-based and annual assessments, teachers subsequently host regular meetings to discuss student progresses and challenges, reinforcing the positive impact that the assessment data has on teaching and learning.

The coming school year aims to strengthen the set of assessment strategies we deployed. Revisiting the process of supporting class learning, our teachers would further develop an assortment of assessment tools, as well as self-assessment and peer assessment skills. Through diverse assessment strategies, feedback, and continuous improvement, we hope to enhance students' learning efficiency and help them build a foundation for

active learning.



The second major concern is to establish a systemic and holistic support for students' growth, and to nurture their positive values. This concern grows out of the need to enhance the education surrounding emotional literacy and values for our stakeholders.

In the last academic year, we have established an allrounded database of resources to support students' growth; materials of which are used every Friday on themed morning assemblies regarding positive education, as well as the students' first life planning classes. Teachers and professionals are given more time to share information, thus building a great rapport with students, understanding their strengths and fostering positive values.



Finally, the planned series of learning programmes for parents are mostly conducted online in the last semester due to the pandemic, which impacted the participation and feedback. We look forward to organising more inperson events for parents as the pandemic eases. With parent-school collaboration, I truly believe that we create an all-rounded development for our students.

Mr. Cheng Yui Wai, Kenneth **School Principal** January 2023

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School Self-Assessment Committee Running External School Review Based on Self-Assessment

Mr Ma Tak Wah

Since 2003, our school has implemented a framework for school development and accountability. Aligning the idea of school-based management, the purpose of the new framework is to push for a more systemic and empirical self-assessment system, supported by external school review and focus inspection. The result of which would be a sustainable operational model with room for further enrichment and development, as well as one that highlights the spirit of accountability (Performance Indicators for Hong Kong Schools (2022), Quality Assurance Division at the Education Bureau).

The Quality Assurance Division at the Education Bureau visited our school in autumn for an external school review that lasted for a few days. The assessment aimed to understand and verify the school's self-assessment performance and outcomes. The external school review had not only promoted the importance of sustainability and accountability, but also given constructive professional feedback that encouraged innovation and progression for the school.

Our school staff strived for excellence in various aspects at work; through preparations on the school decor, design of the flow of instructions, studying school information, putting together decks for different subjects, etc., we hope to manifest a sense of professionalism and earnestness. In addition, we would make relevant announcements at our communication meetings and staff training day, stimulating further brainstorming and collective learning.



The Enhanced School Development and Accountability Framework

Aims of Education School Vision & Mission

External School Review & Focus Inspection

Planning

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Outcomes

• School Development Plan
• Annual School Plan

Evaluation Result & Review
• School Report

Evaluation

Implementation





Reflecting upon the study impact during the process

4 Continuous editorial process while preparing the reports

The School Principal summarising the reports on external assessments on Teachers' Development Day



The external school review team examined our work progress from multiple perspectives. On top of class inspection and interviews (with School Supervisor, School Managers, staff, parents, and students), they had also reviewed our paperwork, and get acquainted with our school environment and culture. The school would like to express gratitude to the staff who worked ceaselessly in the past few months. Their attentiveness and humility are certainly heartening to see; together, we have made smooth preparations for the external school review possible.

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Finally, our school has committed to follow up the external school review report. The report itself will be uploaded to the school website soon, while the summary of which will be available on the Education Bureau website. In the spirit of accountability, we welcome the public to view the report.

Development of Major Concern (1): Teaching and Learning Establishing Self-Assessment Skills Together With Our Students

Ms Chan Ka Yan, Ms Li Wai Yin

From last semester onwards, our school began our 3-year plan focusing on "assessment", striving to elevate the assessment literacy among various stakeholders, and to improve the efficiency of teaching and learning through proper assessment. In terms of our students, we hope to help them understand how assessment could raise awareness upon their own learning progress, thus improving their studies. Moreover, the school also provides opportunities for students to participate in the evaluation, and to self-reflect with teachers' comments, subsequently improving their abilities in active learning.

Our school made concerted efforts in helping students establish self-assessing skills across different subjects (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics, General Studies, Visual Arts, and Music). Students could better understand their study progress and performance through self-assessment forms, exercise, worksheets, or standards and guidelines delineated in e-books, thereafter conduct self-reflection.

Self-assessment is a process through which students collect feedback regarding their own performance, reflect and evaluate their own learning process and outcomes, as well as identify their own strengths and weaknesses.





Students making self-assessment during a class



Visual Arts: a student making assessment on her own artwork



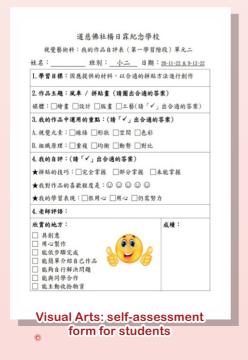
Making use of self-assessment form during class



Chinese Language: self-assessing answers on e-book and evaluating one's understanding of the selected texts in the lesson



the key ideas in a lesson





Chinese Language: students making self-evaluation according to a specific set of criteria.

Students can then reflect on their own learning and gain a better sense of their progress and room for improvement



English Language: the command level in vocabulary



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National Security Education Committee National Education is Critical in Our Lives







Our school has rolled out national education for a few years now. In addition to observing the National Day, Constitution Day, and participating in online quizzes on national security, our students also learn about Chinese culture through various events, such as writing spring couplets and celebrating Chinese New Year.

Moreover, the National Security Education Committee at school introduces important and commemorative days for the nation at morning assemblies. Examples include the Victory Day of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, the September 18 Incident, National Day, Constitution Day, and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day. Through a vast array of programmes, students learn and pass down the Chinese virtues of resilience, sense of duty, respect, sense of responsibility, diligence, and lawfulness.



Ms Ng Man Yi, Cara

Students participate in various online quizzes with enthusiasm



Students learn and experience Chinese culture through diverse activities





Our teacher introducing national commemorative days at a morning assembly

Leading a Positive Life, Living in Abundance 2022-2023 Positive Education Theme: Engagement and Bravery

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Our school principal gifted Mr Wong Kam Po a souvenir (portrait painted by our alumni Poon Tsz Chai)

Students taking photos with Mr Wong Kam Po; his inspiring sharing was a great learning experience for them



Ms Wong Yin Ching Vice School Principal

Promoting "Positive Education" has been our school's priority. Through parent-school collaboration, we hope to nurture a growth mindset and to uncover the individual qualities and strengths of our students; as a result, our students could approach any mishaps and challenges in life with enthusiasm and optimism.

The 3-year plan is articulated and executed through 6 specific elements; "Human Relationship and Kindness", "Engagement and Bravery", "Positive Achievement and Moderation". When students are learning or participating in activities, we hope for them to be "engaged", and subsequently find meanings and a sense of accomplishment.

Echoing this year's theme "Engagement and Bravery", we have invited Mr Wong Kam Po, ex-Hong Kong racing cyclist, to host the launch event and give a sharing titled "Grasp the Nettle: My Life as a Cyclist". He encouraged the students to hold onto their dreams and rise to the challenges, with gratitude and appreciation.



Ex-Hong Kong racing cyclist Mr Wong Kam Po at our school, hosting the launch event
"Engagement and Bravery" for positive education



Our guest visited different classes after the sharing and took photos with the students

The 58th Schools Dance Festival Award of Excellence in Modern Dance (Duet) and **Choreography Award (Special Schools Section)**

Ms Wong Yin Ching **Vice School Principal**

To facilitate holistic development for our students, the school is keen to encourage the learning of performing arts. Professional dance and aesthetic training aside, it is also good practice for fitness, and nurtures well-being and collaborative spirits.

Our students Leung Chun Fai and Wong Chun Chun participated in the 58th Schools Dance Festival. After vears of practice, they have attained the Award of Excellence in Modern Dance (Duet) and Choreography Award. Their smooth and exquisite dance moves have won great praises among the judges. We very much look forward to having more students enjoy the fun and satisfaction from dancing.



Our awardees are invited to attend the Schools Dance Festival and **Award Ceremony 2022**





The two students worked well together with smooth dance moves and great enthusiasm

Two savages gesturing to fight in a village in the forest

Special Olympics Football Game: Second Runner-Up!



school's football team





Photos of our team alongside other winning teams

Mr Chao Weng Tak

After three long-awaited years, the Special Olympics Football Game finally made its return in October 2022! Due to the pandemic regulations, only students who have had 3 doses of vaccination are admitted to the match. Despite the extra hurdle to form the team, we managed to form a hybrid team for the game (6 students and 4 teachers). The participating students were exhilarated!

The match aimed at making every participant stay engaged in the field and enjoy football. The team was energetic and committed, and they experienced the joy and fun of playing football. Afterall, it is never just about winning or how skilful one plays, but the communications and comradeship among the team.

TEAM MEMBERS

Students

Yau Wai Chun, Wong Yiu Hang, Mobeen Akhtar, Tang Yau Yuen, Cheng Man Leong, Wong Tsz Hei

Teachers

Mr Chim Ho Kai, Mr Wong Kwan Ho, Mr Wong Chiu Sang, Mr Chao Weng Tak