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We should not raise the tax rate because it is not fair. People earn more if they work harder. They should not be punished for that. A higher tax rate will make people not want to work as hard. Think about this in terms of being a student where if a student gets 100 points on their exam, they have to give their parents money. And if the student gets 90 points, they won't have to pay. Which would you rather be, the student with 100 points, or 90 points?



**Heidi Tsang Chiu, 15,  
PLK Ma Kam Ming College**

I don't think it's a good idea. Banning laptops from passenger cabins will bother a lot of people. Passengers use their laptops to work on the go, and even when they fly, they still need to stay in touch with their colleagues or customers.

A laptop helps them to write down notes, to prepare presentations, and to work even when they are not at their desk. Instead of banning laptops, passengers should be reminded to not use any electronic devices when the plane is taking off, during turbulence, or when landing.



**Henry Chan Cheuk-hang, 15,  
PLK Ma Kam Ming College**

It's undoubtedly worth it. From an economic standpoint, the spectacular fireworks display attracts a lot of tourists, offering great opportunities for local businesses. From a social and cultural perspective, the fireworks represent the beauty and prosperity of our community. This display can be interpreted as a celebration of a year of hard work and effort by the people of Hong Kong. Therefore, it's obvious that the New Year's Eve fireworks display is beneficial to our society.





**Alice Interliggi, 16,**  
**PLK Ma Kam Ming College**

Absolutely! I think everyone should learn how to protect themselves. Learning self-defence promotes discipline, encouraging students to respect each other, reduces bullying, and prevents fights in school. After all, who would want to fight when everyone has an equal chance of winning?

Basic self-defence lessons could come in handy outside school, too. Young people could use their skills to defend themselves instead of fighting.

Introducing self-defence lessons to our physical education curriculum is good for us and society as a whole.



**Hazel Lui, 15, PLK Ma Kam Ming College**

Many parents think that social media is a waste of time, but they don't really know how we use it. I, for instance, use it to talk to my friends every day.

I can use apps like Snapchat to check what my friends are doing, no matter where they are. We send each other photos on Snapchat until we get a "streak". The fire emoji next to a friend's name is special - it means we're talking every day, which helps make our relationship stronger. Isn't that a good thing?

**Paco Hau, 15, PLK Ma Kam Ming College**

Sure! Such a move would enhance students' competitiveness and offer them better job opportunities. Mandarin is already the most popular second language among Cantonese speakers. It will probably soon replace English as the world's international language.

Nowadays, most companies here hire workers who have a good knowledge of Mandarin. If you speak it, you are likely to get a higher salary and have more opportunities to work abroad. It could be just the ticket to a successful career.

After all, all Chinese people should learn their native language; it would be weird if they cannot speak Mandarin.





**Anais Leung, 15, PLK Ma Kam Ming College**

Honestly, I don't think it's a good idea, because students would order meals from many different restaurants, and schools would not be able to cope with the chaos. Campuses would be packed with delivery drivers at lunch time, resulting in arguments and all sorts of other problems.

Before schools give the green light to delivery services, they should figure out how to deal with such problems first.

**Sunnie Ng, 15, PLK Ma Kam Ming College**

Yes, they definitely should. Our parents have far more life experience than us, so they know how to use the money in a more worthwhile way. Take my parents, for example. They deposit my lai see money in a bank account and use it for future expenses, such as fees for extracurricular activities. There's no doubt that teenagers (myself included) are not mature enough to manage their money.

That's why we should give all our lai see money to our parents.







**Miko Wong Wing-man, 15,  
PLK Ma Kam Ming College**

Absolutely! Public exams are very important for students. They don't just get a certificate; their future may depend on the exam results. For example, students need to get good HKDSE results to get into university. If public exams are "free", they may suffer in terms of their recognition around the world.

Also, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority pays people to mark each DSE paper. It would be a waste of time and money, if there were students who weren't taking the exam seriously.