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### Postcard - Going Places: Hong Kong & Macau

By Leung Nga Wing (F.1A)

Dear Chris,

Greetings from Hong Kong! It's exciting to be able to introduce Tsim Sha Tsui to you. This is one of my favourite places in my home city.

There are different tourist spots in Tsim Sha Tsui. A special one is the Clock Tower. It has been standing beside the Victoria Harbour for a hundred years. The granite clock tower is a landmark of the city; it is always packed with tourists at weekends.

Second, the 1881 Heritage is also a great place to visit. It has lots of distinctive buildings. 1881 Heritage had been the headquarters of the Marine Police in Hong Kong until 1996. The Victorian style of the building itself is a touch of classical fragrance in a modern city.

Another popular destination you must visit is the Victoria Harbour! Its skyline view has been voted as one the most beautiful ones in the world as its night view is truly amazing. You can also enjoy "A Symphony of Lights", a spectacular light and sound show at Victoria Harbour every night.

I hope you can come to my home city to visit me one day!

Cheers,

Allie

By Chan Ming Wai (F.1B)

Mango pancakes are a well-loved dessert which has conquered the world with its chewy texture and deliciousness. That was why I decided to give it a try when Fruit Lover Dessert in Mong Kok introduced a juicy mango pancake on their menu last month.

The pancake batter was made of eggs, fresh milk, and flour. The texture was smooth and silky because the lumps in the batter had been removed. The first bite was rich and smooth; the cream was light and fragrant, but not greasy. The mango, which was in the middle, was juicy and chewy. Its perfect refreshing taste proved that I had made the right decision to try it.

As a fruit lover, I never refuse any fruit associated with dessert, especially this mouth-watering mango pancake. To accompany the dessert, it is ideal to drink a cold beverage, like iced milk tea. The dessert and the drinks will not only fulfil your appetite, but also makes a perfect match.

The price for this dessert and the drink is less than HK\$50. It is a good deal as the portion size is not too small. Therefore, I would recommend it to anyone who is looking for a fresh and chewy mango pancake for dessert or a snack.

#### **Picture Story**

By Ho Sze Wai Kloren (F.1C)

Last year, Joe went to an animal shelter to adopt a dog. At the shelter, he met a dog called Buddy. Since he did not look cute, no one wanted to adopt him. Joe decided to adopt him as he wanted to give him a home.

One month later, Joe took Buddy for a walk in the park. Suddenly, a butterfly flew in front of them. Buddy dragged Joe while chasing the butterfly. 'Hey Buddy! Stop! Stop!' Joe yelled. However, Buddy did not stop. He kept running and chasing after the butterfly. Joe felt exhausted.

Three days later, when Joe was preparing his lunch, Buddy jumped onto the kitchen table and took away Joe's food. 'Oh Buddy! Stop!' Joe shouted at Buddy loudly. 'Please stop doing this!' But Buddy did not stop and ate most of the food on the kitchen top.

Buddy was getting naughtier and naughtier. Joe felt very hopeless. He decided to take Buddy to a pet training school.

They arrived at the school called Pet Expert. Joe had a discussion with a pet trainer about how to improve Buddy's behavior. 'It will be quite challenging, so you have to be patient. Also don't just scold him; I believe he can be a good boy.' The dog trainer said. 'You see the dogs over there. They were more disobedient than Buddy before they received training.'

After a few lessons, Buddy was running around and was still reluctant to follow Joe's instructions. The trainer reminded Joe that he had to be patient. The training began to yield positive outcomes when Joe learned to reward Buddy with dog food at the right time.

Finally, after a year, Buddy successfully passed all the training tests. He is a very well-behaved dog now. He no longer takes food away from Joe and they enjoy their time with each other.

By Cheung Ka Yue (F.1D)

#### **Durian Pancake**

Durian Pancake is a much-loved dessert in Malaysia. I gave it a try at Honeymoon Dessert Shop in Fanling. It was very delicious.

It looked like a yellow pancake with a layer of cream. It was served with durian flesh inside it. The cream was a little greasy, but the pancake was soft and chewy. The serving size was medium.

The Durian Pancake not only tasted sweet, but was also creamy. The durian inside had a strong fragrant smell. To accompany this dessert, you can eat it with chocolate sauce.

It was good value as it cost HK\$50 only. Considering its taste and price, it was worth eating. I would recommend this dessert to friends because it was delicious. I really loved the sweet and creamy durian pancake at the Honeymoon Dessert Shop.

Food Review - Mango Shaved Ice: Cool Down in the Summer with Iced Treats

By Cheung Hoi Yan (F.1E)

Mango Shaved Ice: Cool Down in the Summer with Iced Treats

When the weather is hot and we feel like the heatwave will never end, what is more refreshing than eating ice-cream? Shaved ice!

A beloved Taiwanese iced dessert, mango shaved ice, is made by shaving mango-flavored ice into a huge bowl and serving the ice shavings with fresh mango cubes and condensed milk. You just can't stop digging in! It is great to share it and is perfect on a hot summer day.

This dessert has a smooth and melt-in-your-mouth texture. Wonderful! It has a fresh, fruity flavor with a mild sweetness. It is highly recommended to add salt onto the shaved ice. This sounds weird. However, once you try it, you can't stop adding it! Incredibly, the salt elevates the sweetness of the mango! It is a delight both in summer and winter.

Other typical accompaniments to the dessert include different types of fresh fruit, such as strawberries or kiwi, scoops of mango ice cream, sorbet, small sticky rice balls, and jelly.

Cooling iced desserts are a great delicacy for the summer heat and humidity. If you're after something icy to fight the rising temperatures, why don't you give it a try?

By Ng Chit Hin, Spencer (F.2A)

Animal shows are renowned for their entertainment and educational experiences. As these shows are very successful, many people thought that animals in such shows are treated well. However, I have to say that the reality is nothing close to pleasant; they are whipped, starved, caged and forced to obey their trainers' orders.

Animals in animal shows might look charming as they behave obediently on stage, just like they enjoy performing tricks. However, it is quite the opposite. They are imprisoned in circuses or zoos. They have no choice but to perform submissively. This practice that violates their natural behavior will ultimately lead to mental illnesses and should be banned.

Another argument for prohibiting animal shows is the animals' poor standard of living. It's mandatory for those animals to live in captivity; they are prisoners with no freedom. Moreover, as an act of 'operant conditioning', animal trainers use food to encourage the animals to perform actions that please the audience. The animals have to suffer from a lack of food, which may eventually escalate into malnour-ishment. Suffice it to say, neither of these treatments are advantageous to the animals' mental or physical health.

To date, there are still many people who believe animals are feelingless creatures. The truth is still not recognized by most of them: animals have human-like feelings. On top of that, if we kidnapped a human being, that person would inevitably be defensive and have the urge to rebel. The same goes for animals; kidnapping them is morally wrong. In this sense, watching animal shows is equivalent to watching somebody suffering immensely. With that being said, animal shows are not a moral way to entertain people.

In conclusion, animals should have same rights as humans. Being adorable and weak is not a reason to force them to entertain us. Unfortunately, until now, there are still many imprisoned animals and many people who make money off of them each month. They have taken away countless animals from their families. If the world ended animal shows, then their lives would no longer be devalued.

### Blog Entry - An unforgettable trip

By Woo Hoi Shan (F.2A)

#### Tokyo: A Paradise for Shopaholics and Foodaholics

Posted 5:30 p.m. 2 September

Are you a shopaholic or a foodaholic? If you are, there's no denying that going on a spending spree and tasting authentic cuisines in Tokyo must be on your bucket list. Distinctive shopping places and far-famed restaurants put Tokyo on the map. Right now, let me share my experience in this territory. To me, shopping is an 'entertainment' which makes me feel exhilarated.

#### **Shop Till I Drop**

My shopping experience first embarked on Shinjuku, a bustling nightlife district in Tokyo. All streets were decorated by multifarious lights in this hottest drinking precinct. While strolling around the sprawling warren of stalls, I discovered a great variety of well-known eateries and shops. After buying some handmade goods from a local artisan, we went to Don Quijote, a far-flung chain store which opens 24 hours, at midnight. There was a wide selection of neatly arranged goods, ranging from cosmetics and homewares to electronic equipment. Without the slightest doubt, you can assuredly find the items you want in a short while.

#### Taking a break from the bustle and hustle

After visiting the digital-art museum in Odaiba, we booked a dinner cruise package. Along the route, we enjoyed the scrumptious Japanese cuisine while listening to some gentle symphonic music. The Japanese Wagyu Steak set was exceptionally luxurious. Additionally, I basked in the panoramic scenery of the Rainbow Bridge and Tokyo Tower. During those two hours, I could escape from the bustle and hustle and sail into the Tokyo's dazzling night lights. This experience let

my hair down and relax.

#### Takeshita Street – a chic place for young teenagers

Takeshita Street caught the eyes of every teenager in Tokyo. To me, I was not an exception. I went on a pilgrimage to the Takeshita Street, which was acclaimed for selling varied cute goods and fashionable clothes. I stocked up on the local labels and handcrafted jewelry from tiny boutiques, for instance, JENNI, Wego, to name but a few. The money I spent there broke my bank. On top of that discovered that the clothing of the locals was in vogue. They were frequently on-trend. Other than fashion, I came across multicultural eateries and tea shops while wandering around the street. I recommend trying handmade drinks as this was a widespread trend in this area. it. Contrasted with handmade drinks in Hong Kong, each had its own specialty.

#### A shop free day

We journeyed to Asakusa, especially for dressing up in a Yukata and taking photos in front of its quaint temples and spectacular views. When I got a glimpse of the Yukata in the boutique, I felt awfully astonished due to the overabundance of choices. For anyone who has difficulty making choices, you must feel puzzled when looking at the countless racks of clothes there. After choosing for a thousand year, I picked one with handed-down Japanese floral pattern in light pink. The Yukata was gorgeous. Besides, we booked a professional photographer to take photos for us. Yet the weather was immensely balmy, I felt like I was burnt by the sun. At night, we had kaiseki cuisine, a traditional multi-course Japanese dinner. Nowadays, kaiseki is a type of art. All the food was fresh and finger-licking as only fresh ingredients were used.

Although these days were grueling, I grinned from ear to ear every day because of my interest in shopping and eating. Can you guess how much money I spent in these few days?

### Blog Entry — Let's hold an Eco-Friendly Christmas Party!

Lau Tsz Ching, Crystal (F.2B)

Let's hold an Eco-Friendly Christmas Party!

An eco-friendly Christmas party was held last year. The party was a great success. Many teachers and students tried their very best to avoid using plastic plates and disposable utensils.

At the party, the amount of waste produced was much less than before. It was because many participants were aware of the harmful effects of using plastic. Therefore, only reusable and recyclable ornaments were used to decorate the school.

Also, food waste was greatly reduced since every class could only bring an appropriate amount of snacks and beverages to the Christmas party. On top of that, every student was advised to bring their own cutlery instead of using paper plates and plastic forks. In this way, the amount of plastic tableware was kept at a minimum.

In conclusion, we should be made aware of protecting the environment when celebrating festivals. More effort could be made to produce less waste in terms of venue decoration and food control. It was very impressive that we could enjoy the party whilst going green to save the planet. It is sincerely hoped that another eco-friendly party will be held again next year.

Kuang Pui Ling (F.2C)

Posted on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Past Experience in Shanghai

I blogged about Shanghai last year. I want to use this post to remind you of my favorite things to do in this flourishing city.

#### Sea and Naval Museum

The first place I went to was the Shanghai Naval Museum. We walked around the area and saw many ships, cannons and mines. It was dazzling! There were four large exhibition halls: East Sea Fleet Exhibition, Ocean Wonder Exhibition, World Naval Equipment Exhibition and Exhibition of Chinese History. We saw a big naval warship display. Also, we listened to the honorable and upbeat symphony. I thought they were very majestic. If you want to know more about the history of Shanghai, you must go there to have a look!

#### Wild Insects Museum

We went to the Wild Insects Museum to see the famous "Butterfly Valley" and the hundred butterflies there. The colorful butterflies were flying in the sky and they looked like they were dancing happily. It seemed like we had just jumped into an ocean of butterflies. There were lots of different

**Guide - Paxton: Your Prefect Domestic Robot!** 

By Lai Wan Ting, Dada (F.2D)

Paxton: Your Prefect Domestic Robot!

Paxton is our latest invention; it is a high-performance domestic robot. Paxton can help you do a lot of things around the house. Let us tell you more in this guide.

#### **Functions and Features**

With its sensors and robotic arms, Paxton is very efficient in doing housework. You can use your voice to give commands. For example, you just need to say "Give me a cup of tea." and Paxton will make you a cup of tea right away! In addition, Paxton's cleaning performance is efficient. If you ask Paxton to clean your house, it can do it within half an hour.

### **Safety Rules**

Paxton can give you a great helping hand in your housework. However, if you do not follow our instructions, Paxton might break down and you may even hurt yourself. For example, remember not to touch Paxton with wet hands, or you will get an electric shock. Keep your hands dry all the time when you are using Paxton. Also, do not overcharge it, or it will overheat. If there is any problem with Paxton, do not try to fix it yourself. Send it to us so that we can fix it for you.

#### **Design Rationale**

The purpose of making this robot is to take care of the elderly and children. Also, workers can let Paxton do the housework if they are too tired after work. I am sure you will have a happier life if you have Paxton with you. Enjoy your time with Paxton!

insects. Some of them were pretty and lovely, especially the mini tapeworms. We learned many things about insects and the visit will linger in my memory forever!

#### Science and Technology Museum

We went to the Science and Technology Park to explore the knowledge for human body. Then, we played table tennis with robots. That was so amazing! The robots could play many types of games with us! Nowadays technology has become very advanced! This experience broadened my horizons! I thought it was fantastic and it is a must-visit hotspot.

### Disneyland

The last place we went to was Disneyland. We went on mechanical rides. Many staff dressed as cartoon characters and took photos with visitors. They were so kind and nice to us! We also bought some souvenirs. Disneyland is a world-famous theme park and its mechanical rides are so exciting. There are some shows and parades too! It was an unforgettable vacation! If you come to Shanghai, you must visit Disneyland!

Shanghai never fails to amaze me. What a wonderful city!

### One-Sided Argumentative Essay - Animal Shows should be Banned

By Yip Ka Yi, Candy (F.2E)

#### Animal Shows should be Banned

Some people think that animal shows should not be banned. However, if they are not banned, there will be fewer animals in the world as they are suffering from abuse and bondage. We should make an all-out effort to ban animal shows because behind the animal shows is cruelty. I will explain why animal shows should be banned.

To begin with, animals that perform in animal shows are often overworked and mistreated. For example, to prepare for the shows, animals are caged, beaten, starved and forced to work every single day. They are stressed and put in danger. Animals have feelings like humans. However, we hurt them to bring happiness to us. Don't you think this is a very unconscionable act? How would you feel if you were overworked and mistreated?

Another reason why we should support a ban on animal shows is that many animals die during training. In fact, studies have shown that more than 60 percent of animals die from training every year. Some keepers are irresponsible. They just want to make money and use some cruel means, like whipping, to make the animals perform. After a long time, animals

cannot bear the hardship. Sometimes animals attack keepers and keepers may shoot them. Personally, I feel that those animals are pitiful as they have not done anything wrong. They just do not want to be under human control anymore. We should consider their freedom and let them return to their original homes.

The last reason why I support a ban on animal shows is that it is not fun to watch animal shows. Caged animals are trained to obey orders and perform silly and unnatural tricks to make us laugh. Animals shouldn't be used to entertain people. Besides watching animal shows, there are many better ways to understand animals. For instance, going on a whale watch or simply visiting a wildlife reserve. Animals are happier in the wilderness. As a result, it is quite right to cancel animal shows.

To sum up, animals are not toys that we can control. They are creatures with feeling. Therefore, we should treat all animals as our friends. Furthermore, we need to think about the well-being of the animals. They are part of our family. Thus, we should say 'No' to animal shows.

# Two-Sided Argumentative Essay - Should Hong Kong Introduce A Waste Charging System?

By Chong Ka Tai (F.3A)

In recent years, many countries have set up their own waste charging system to deal with the increasing amount of waste. Some opponents have expressed their concerns over the inconvenience caused to them. In this essay, I will discuss the benefits and drawbacks of introducing a waste charging system to Hong Kong.

On the plus side, it is self-explanatory that a waste charging system can effectively reduce the amount of waste. According to statistics, on average, every citizen in Hong Kong disposes 1.33 kg of waste per day. Based on the population of Hong Kong, that means 9500 tons of waste are sent to landfills every day. Landfills in Hong Kong are expected to reach saturated conditions by 2020. Take Taiwan and Switzerland as examples; ever since the Taiwanese government implemented its waste charging system in 2000, the amount of waste disposal has decreased drastically from 2000 to 2011, with a reduction of almost 60%. Measures in Switzerland have also helped the country decrease the amount of rubbish by 15% since they were introduced more than ten years ago, despite the fact that the population of Switzerland has increased by 4%. Therefore, it is crystal clear that the effectiveness of a waste charging system in minimizing the amount of waste is significant.

What's more, there is no doubt that the quantity-based charging system can ensure fairness for everyone in the city. In Taipei, the residents must use garbage bags that are purchased from the city's Department of Environmental Protection. Also, both the Taiwanese and South Korean governments charge residents according to the amount of garbage they dispose. The more they pollute, the higher the fee they need to pay. It has successfully curbed waste production. Moreover, in Switzerland, garbage is taxed and each bag must carry a unique sticker to indicate that the tax has been paid. If these types of measures have been implemented in Hong Kong, people would have stopped producing excessive amounts of rubbish because they would know that doing so would cost them more. Consequently, it is an indisputable fact that everyone can be treated fairly if a waste charging system is introduced.

However, every coin has two sides. While implementing a waste charging system can dramatically decrease the amount of waste disposed, it also has its downsides. One of the disadvantages is that it can cause considerable inconvenience in our daily lives. In South Korea, some families reported that the system made them have to do more work to reduce the amount of waste as much as possible to pay less. Some also expressed their dissatisfaction with the time-consuming process of taking bags to be weighed. In Taiwan, the government removed some public rubbish bins, which led to inconvenience to residents and visitors. Hong Kong residents, as members of an international financial center, have been busy dealing with their overtime work. If this policy is implemented in Hong Kong, it will lead to more problems.

Another drawback is that illegal littering will become more common in the city. As this policy aims at only domestic waste, waste created out-

#### Letter to the editor

By Qiu Hau Yin (F.3B)

Dear Editor,

In this day and age, 'Future Homes' is very popular among teenagers. In view of this, I am writing to express my view on the life of living in the Homes of the Future. I would like to talk about the benefits of teenagers living in Future Homes, the problems that may arise and make suggestions on how the problems can be solved.

First, I will talk about two benefits of using technology at home. One advantage of using technology at home is that it can bring convenience. It is because it can save more time for work. When we use the latest technology, it can help us finish a lot of tasks at home. For example, a smart robot can help us project TV anytime anywhere. So using technology at home can bring more convenience. Another benefit of 'smart home' is that it can maximize home security. The reason is that it incorporates security and surveillance features at home. For example, home automation systems can connect motion detectors to surveillance cameras and automated door locks. Also, you can choose to receive security alerts on your various devices depending on the time of day an alert goes off. So, using technology at home can maximize home security.

Next, I would like to talk about two disadvantages of 'smart home'. The first disadvantage of 'smart home' is caused by the video surveillance. When the access to videos falls into the wrong hands, issues of privacy will occur. For example, video surveillance feeds can also be monitored. If the security feeds from the video and sensor fall into the wrong

It is clear that there are always arguments in favor of and against this system. Overall, it is important that the Hong Kong government should implement this solution as soon as possible so as to ensure that Hong Kong's landfills do not fill up so quickly. Furthermore, we should protect our environment by being eco-friendly and act as a great model to other cities. Is adopting the waste charging system in Hong Kong beneficial or disadvantageous to our lives? The answer is obvious. We should work together towards creating a better future for our city.

hands, issues of privacy will occur. For example, video surveillance feeds can also be monitored. If the security feeds from the video and sensor fall into the wrong hands, your smart home could be monitored by those who have managed to hack it. So, using technology at home will cause problems of privacy.

Another drawback of 'smart home' is that it is expensive. The reason is that using technology at home need much money to buy the equipment you need to use at home. It may also require expensive addons that replaces existing fixtures. For example, a standard light switch may cost forty cents, while a 'smart light' switch might cost \$40. So, using 'smart home' technology is expensive.

Moreover, I would like to offer two suggestions. In order to solve the problem, a suggestion is that people can use hi-tech equipment carefully. People should strengthen their network protection. For example, people can add a strong firewall on the computers which save the videos of surveillance cameras. Then, their computer will not be hacked easily. Another suggestion is that people can build the 'smart home' themselves. For example, people can buy the components to assemble the 'smart light'.

Finally, I think smart home technology is a good product because it can bring convenience and maximize home security. I hope people can use technology at home carefully.

Yours faithfully, *Chris Wong* Chris Wong By Ho Ching Fung (F.3C)

Hi Mandy,

I've read your letter and know that you are stuck in a rut. You told me you have some problems related to your demanding parents, insufficient time for your hobbies, and your weight problem. Every cloud has a silver lining! Here is some advice for you. I hope I can help you.

First, you mentioned your parents have extremely high expectations of you; this is a common problem that secondary school students may have. You told me your parents require you to get high marks in all of your exams and you feel pressured. First, you have to know that your parents want you to have a better life in the future. If you want to solve this problem, you can talk to your class teacher or some social workers. I know you may be afraid of telling your parents the problems you're facing. Your parents may listen to your class teacher or social workers since they're professionals and have experience. I'm sure they can help you deliver your message to your parents effectively. Don't worry!

You also said that you have no time for your hobbies since you need to attend tutorial classes after school every day and even on weekends! Plus, you have too much homework and revision to do. To solve this problem, you need to tell your parents and let them know you have no time for your hobbies. You may ask them to reduce the number of tutorial classes so that you can have more spare time to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity, like the basketball team, since you like playing basketball and it can make you happier. Be brave and don't be afraid! If I were you, I would tell my parents bravely why I need to have my hobbies. Never give up because good relationships start with good communication. Go ahead and tell your parents your feeling!

### **Description**

By Leung Hoi Ching (F.3D)

#### **English Game/Toy Design Competition**

My toy is called "New Groot the Robot" and it's the best companion for students to learn English.

First of all, I would like to tell you how it looks like. From its name, you know that my toy is a robot. Therefore, the appearance of "New Groot the Robot" is more or less the same as other robots. It has a head which is used to scan barcodes on books. What's more, there is a monitor to display multi-media materials on its body.

What makes "New Groot the Robot" the best companion to learn English? Some students would like to further enhance their English language skills while some may want to catch up with their work. With "New Groot the Robot", these students' needs are catered for as its head has a code scanner. All the information in the book, such as grammar notes, vocabulary bank, and pronunciation, is transferred to the robot once the code is detected. By pressing the buttons on the screen, the robot will start teaching the users English. "New Groot the Robot" becomes the English teacher at home!

In addition to being a teaching machine, "New Groot the Robot" contains quite a number of interactive games and interesting videos that can make students enjoy learning English!

On the whole, "New Groot the Robot" is the best language learning buddy.

Finally, you said that you have lost control of your weight; you cannot fit into your school uniform anymore. I know that you always go to the tuck shop and eat a lot of snacks. I think that is the main reason why you have this problem. You'd better eat fewer snacks and start eating healthier food. Also, you need to go to the gym regularly. If you do some exercise, you will become healthier and thinner. Take my uncle as an example. He was 86 kg last year. After he went to the gym for 2 months, he lost 13 kg. It might take a long time to solve this problem, but slow progress is better than no progress. Mandy, never lose hope!

I hope that this advice is valuable. Please write to me again if you need more help.

Yours truly, Daniel Ho

#### A Letter to the Manager

By Tsang Wing Shan (F.4A)

Dear Mr. Ng,

As discussed in our previous meeting, our company intends to tap into the mainland market with our new sportswear line. I am writing to propose some possible marketing strategies for our business plan.

To commence with, we can hire different Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) to promote our products on various media platforms in Mainland China, such as Sina Weibo and Tik Tok. Both teenagers and adults actively use these social media platforms, so we can make use of the popularity and reputation of KOLs, as well as their fans, to make the people in Mainland China learn about our products. Since KOLs need to maintain a good image in front of the public, they are generally slim and wiry. Their well-built images are very suitable and convincing for promoting our line of sportswear. Therefore, employing KOLs to promote our sportswear line is our first marketing strategy.

Second, we can adapt our goods to work with some brands in Mainland China and make crossover products. In recent years, crossover products have begun to be sought after by people. If we cooperate with some companies to produce co-branded goods, our design on sportswear, including the colour and patterns we use, will give people an innovative style and impression. Because of the rarity of co-branded goods, they usually gain high popularity and can easily become prevalent among new customers. With this promotion, we can not only get the public to recognise our products but we can also enter the Chinese market successfully. Cooperating with some local brands in China is our second marketing strategy.

Concerning the third marketing strategy, we are considering creating a social media presence to develop our brand in China. We can set up an account on a social media platform that is commonly used by Chinese citizens to introduce our products and collect useful customer data. Chinese netizens will be glad to see companies promoting different products on their local social platforms. This can attract our potential customers. Also, we can use these platforms to better understand the preferences and

Needs of Chinese customers, as we can use the statistical data of what they like browsing to make appropriate future business plans. When we have accumulated enough popularity and data, we can develop our brand in China.

We sincerely hope that the marketing strategies mentioned above will be approved. Please let me know if any further details are required.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Wong

#### **Email to a Friend**

By Chung Ka Yee, Coco (F.4B)

Dear Jasper,

How are you getting on? Recently, I have become a big fan of Adele; I admire her exceptional talents and singing skills. Also, she is my favorite idol, as she shows professionalism on stage. Therefore, I was so excited to attend her concert last week. However, something bad happened.

During the show, Adele found herself being videotaped by a fan with a tripod and some other professional equipment. She was furious and could not help yelling at them. She roared, 'Stop videotaping my show! You should simply enjoy the live show right now.' Everyone was shocked by Adele's reaction, as this incident was quite unexpected. The whole hall became silent and the atmosphere was awkward. Soon after, the staff asked those fans to leave the concert.

To most people, Adele overreacted as she shouted at her fans. However, to me, I believe Adele's reaction was understandable. It was because Adele is a professional singer. She just wants her fans to abide by the regulations set by the concert.

Actually, videotaping performers is considered illegal and disrespectful. You pay a lot of money for your concert ticket, so you should enjoy the live show. However, if you videotape a concert and post the video on social media, it infringes the copyright. Also, many concert goers just show off on their blogs or Facebook accounts. They do not really immerse themselves in the show.

What do you think of this incident? What is your view towards this matter? Looking forward to receiving your reply.

Best wishes, Chris By Law Sau Fong (F.4C)

Dear Mr. Ng

As discussed in our previous meetings, it is believed that there is a substantial market in mainland China because of the millions of potential customers. We can earn considerable revenue. Besides, with higher living standard in mainland China now, people pursue a better quality of life, like buying luxurious and quality products. In view of this, we are planning to tap into the mainland China market with our new sportswear line. In this letter, I am writing to propose some possible marketing strategies for our business plan.

#### Using social media

To commence with, we can make good use of the social media to draw the attention of our target customers by playing some appealing videos of our products. In mainland China, there are various popular social platform applications such as TikTok, Weibo and Xiaohongshu, which enable individual users or business companies to share the latest information online. For example, we can introduce our new sportswear line by uploading our promotional videos on different social platforms. It is deemed that a spate of viewers will be attracted by our videos and know our products.

#### Employing key opinion leaders (KOLs)

Second, I would like to recommend hiring different KOLs to promote our products. There is no doubt that building fame is essential to the sale of our products. Many people choose to purchase certain products because of its famous brand names. As we all know, some well-known products are popular because of their good quality and the recommendations made by famous people. In the digital age, many KOLs online like Kingjer, Mansonxoxo and RedPolly are hired to introduce various products to their followers, who will be encouraged to purchase the products in mainland China. To most teenagers, those KOLs online are more popular than some superstars. If we can hire them to promote our new sportswear line, they must attract thousands of new customers to our business.

### Designing a website

The last recommendation is to design a website for online shopping. In today's digital era, most people, if not all, spend long hours browsing

different websites. They usually see what they are interested in and click the links to view or even share the websites with their friends and family. Thus, as long as we can design a website which can catch their eyes instantly, we can quickly attract not only the young people, but also people of different ages to buy our new sportswear.

We sincerely hope that this proposal will be approved. It is hoped that we can tap into the mainland China market successfully. Please let me know if any further details are required.

Yours sincerely Chris Wong

# Argumentative Essay To Double the Number of Priority Seats on Public Transport or Not?

By Chong Yuet Ki (F.4D)

Recently, the government has proposed doubling the number of priority seats on public transportation. Different people have different opinions; some agree because the proposal can help people in need. At the same time, some oppose the increase of priority seats on public transport, like MTR trains or buses, because they think there are enough priority seats already. This issue has triggered a heated debate and sparked concern in our society. From my point of view, the government should double the number of priority seats.

The first reason why we should increase priority seats is that we should provide more support and care for people in need. As we all know, Hong Kong is a densely populated city; public transport is crowded and passengers tend to be unwilling to offer their seats. If there are more priority seats, people in need can enjoy a more comfortable journey.

The second reason is that the proposal can reduce social conflict. If someone does not offer his or her seat to people in need, like the elderly and pregnant women, other passengers may blame them or take photos. However, that person may just be unable to notice the people in need. If there are more priority seats, it can help reduce cases of misunderstandings.

The third reason why we should increase priority seats is that the proposal can create a more harmonious society. With more priority seats on public transport, people will be more aware of people in need around them. Passengers will probably develop a sense of helping others on public transport. In view of this, the proposal can help create a more harmonious atmosphere.

To conclude, it is believed that if we double the number of priority seats, that will bring three positive impacts -- providing more love and care for the needy, reducing social conflicts, as well as establishing a more harmonious atmosphere in our society. Therefore, I firmly believe that the government should double the number of priority seats on public transport.

### Article - Why Reading Short Stories is a Good Habit

By Tsang Pui Sang (F.4E)

#### Read, Lead, Succeed.

Nowadays, students are occupied with hectic schoolwork schedule, making learning feel like a complex, monotonous and stressful task. However, it is believed that acquiring knowledge should be fun, but what is the best way to learn? My vote goes to reading.

To start off, fiction books allow you to immerse yourself into the world of English language, which helps you enhance your writing skills. There is a tremendous amount of well-known literature from around the world, for instance, The Little Prince. Besides, some even have Chinese translation between each line, which is suitable for beginners. With dramatic storylines and vivid illustrations, students can enjoy learning by reading English books. Unlike textbooks which are filled only with complicated words and texts, short stories are more stimulating. Therefore, by reading more and more books, students can improve their English.

Secondly, reading reduces stress and helps us relax. Reading is not only about sitting in a library for an hour, but also a type of meditation. When you're concentrating on a book, imagining how the story will go, your brain tends to relax and be free from intensive thinking; this also helps you to get a better quality of sleep, as reading reduces anxiety. Therefore, reading undoubtedly benefits our mental health.

It is understandable that it might be difficult for some of us to locate reading materials. However, resources for books are always handy. We can buy books in bookstores and borrow books from libraries. However, you can also get your books without going out; for example, purchasing books from online bookstores, like Book Depository. If you're not a fan of reading, you can also try audiobooks as you can learn by listening.

To sum up, reading benefits not only our studies, but also our mental health. True, the beginning is always the hardest, but it is believed that persistence will be rewarded. Books are all around you. Pick up a book today and enjoy the fun of reading!

By Mak Kwan Wai (F.5A)

Good Morning Adjudicator, Chairperson and members of the Opposing Team,

The motion for today's debate is 'Binge-watching does more good than harm to teenagers.' Binge-watching can be defined as dedicating an entire day or at least an evening to sitting down and watching multiple episodes of a TV show. Our team is on the affirmative side because this activity brings numerous advantages.

To begin with, there is no doubt that binge-watching helps build connections with others. Some experts believe that parents can bond and learn with their kids through binge-watching. Not only can they have detailed discussion and a great teaching moment about the show's plot and the actions of the characters, they can also assist their kids with establishing boundaries and self-control by addressing the act of binge-watching in general. Besides, it has been found that binge-watching helps improve our relationships. Needless to say, binge-watching provides us a common ground to share the same interests and topics with others, such as the plot and the development of characters' personalities. Thus, we can get more and more opportunities to communicate with others. We even get included in a group more easily through these discussions. We will be more delighted because of the expansion of our social circle.

Alongside these connections, binge-watching brings convenience to our life. It is public knowledge that streaming media, like Netflix and Apple Prime TV, is gaining popularity nowadays. We can use this media anywhere and anytime. Therefore, we do not need to go to the cinema anymore, as binge-watching is more time-saving. For instance, we do not need to wait for the next episode and can even pause or skip scenes, especially those are too violent. Moreover, various studies have proved that money can be saved if we binge-watch, since the streaming media provides hours of entertainment for about one-tenth of the cost of one movie ticket.

The opposing team may try to persuade you to believe them by telling you that binge-watching puts our health in jeopardy. However, this is not true. An expert in this field, Dr Smith, claimed that binge-watching

Article

By Ho Tsz Yan (F.5B)

Mobile payment application is becoming more popular

Innovation in technology enables the development of e-commerce and fosters digitalization in the payment process. Nowadays, people prefer using mobile payment applications instead of cash to buy products. It is trendy to use account-based systems like Acc Apple Pay, Google Pay and AlipayHK. Products that use wearable payment technology, such as watches, wrist bands, and smartphones are gaining popularity. There are various reasons why businessmen and consumers favor the use of mobile payment apps.

From the companies' point of view, the use of mobile payment applications offers numerous advantages. In the past, purchases in online stores often required the use of credit cards or bank transfers, which took time. However, with the popularity of mobile payment, customers do not need to use credit cards; they just download the application and connect it to their bank accounts. They can complete the entire payment process using their smartphones. As it cuts customers' waiting time, it offers a convenient and efficient way for daily small transactions. Companies can reduce the number of cashiers and save on credit card fees. Besides, mobile payment systems can be integrated with online marketing and track customers' records, greatly improving the efficiency and promotion of their business.

In addition to improving efficiency, the use of mobile payment also helps to save transaction costs. With electronic and automated payment procedures, there is no need to spend human resources to check the amount of cash after the closure of stores every day. Businessmen do not need to go to banks to deposit cash regularly and reduce the risk of cash loss.

Overall, it is manifest that the benefits of binge-watching outweigh its drawbacks. Therefore, today's motion must stand. Thank you.

#### **Debate Speech**

By Fan Sze Ching (F.5C)

Dear Judges, Principal, and Fellow Schoolmates,

Today's motion is 'binge-watching does more harm than good to teenagers.' I am on the affirmative side of the motion. Recently, there is an increasing number of pupils addicted to watching television episodes online.

Firstly, some people claim that binge-watching is good for relaxation, while other people think that it has a detrimental effect on our eyesight. For instance, pupils suffer from various types of eye diseases, like short-sightedness. Without a doubt, if we watch television, our eyesight will be adversely impacted. Nowadays, people spend hours in front of their television, and this has become a common phenomenon. It is because people like to watch the whole series at once. They do not like the suspense and wait a week to find out what happens. Besides, some people are just plain bored and watching television is a way to kill time. As a result, there is an increasing number of pupils addicted to watching television episodes online. In our school, many students wear glasses due to short-sightedness. Undoubtedly, spending a lot of time watching television has an adverse impact on our health. Thus, I strongly believe that binge-watching does more harm than good.

In addition, pupils may suffer from various kinds of health problems because of binge-watching. For example, citizens love curling up on the couch. So, they may have some neck problems. Also, their sitting posture may not be right. Furthermore, they may eat unhealthy snacks like potato chips or drink fizzy drinks while binge-watching. This has a detrimental effect on their health.

statistics always available online. In addition, shoppers don't need to bring a lot of cash when they go shopping. They can use their watches or smartphones to pay for their purchases. It is easy to transfer money among bank accounts. There is no hurry to put cash into their wallets. Therefore, this greatly reduces the chance of cash loss or theft.

Provided that companies can improve their technology to prevent hacking, the use of mobile payment applications is expected to have further growth, surpassing credit cards payments and cash in the near future.

#### **Open Letter**

By Yeung Man Hei (F.5D)

Also, binge-watching is an inherently anti-social activity. For instance, when we watch television, we do not want anything to distract us. Therefore, if we binge-watch for a long time, it will make us less sociable and

In conclusion, I firmly believe that binge-watching has a negative impact and influence on teenagers. Therefore, today's motion should stand. I hope you will agree that binge-watching does more harm than good. Thank you!

care less about the people around us.

Dear Students,

Protecting the environment is significant. To arouse students' awareness of environmental protection and to make our school more environmentally friendly, the school will make the following changes to all sports activities and facilities.

Firstly, we should reduce the use of paper. As we all know, paper is made from trees that give out oxygen and reduce global warming. Heavy use of paper reduces the number of trees, therefore increasing global warming. In addition, when paper waste rots, poisonous methane, which is twenty-five times more toxic than carbon dioxide, will be released into the atmosphere. Therefore, it is advised that we should reduce paper use by releasing information and giving out notices electronically by email. No paper notices will be posted on noticeboards and sporting results will be announced on the school website. What's more, instead of using paper cups, students should bring their own water bottles. By adopting all these measures, paper usage can be greatly decreased. This will help reduce the number of trees being cut down and thus lessening the amount of paper waste to be sent to landfills.

Another measure we should also carry out is to reduce the use of plastics, as it cannot break down easily. As a matter of fact, when plastics break down, toxic gases will be released. Those gases contribute to air pollution, which affects human and animal health. According to a report from the United Nations, humans create 9 billion tons of plastic waste every year, but only 9% of it is recycled. Most of the rest is scattered around or discarded in landfills. This is a critical problem. Therefore, from now onwards, bring your own water bottles and refill them instead of buying

**Debate speech** 

By Kwan Tsz Ching (F.5E)

drinks from vending machines. By doing this, we can decrease the use of plastics, minimizing the damage to the environment.

Not only should we reduce the use of plastics, we should also cut down on the use of energy. Excessive use of energy leads to air and water pollution, which will exacerbate global warming, thus causing loss of animal habitat and even bringing harm to public health. To prevent this from happening, we should adopt various measures. Turn off lights in the gym or sports hall when they are not in use. Use fans and open the windows in the gym instead of using air conditioners, especially if it is getting cooler. If you need to turn on the air conditioners in the gym or sports hall, never set it below 25°C. All these could help to conserve the resources that we have on our planet, leading to a better environment with cleaner air and water.

Let us start taking these small steps at school. Everyone can play a role in protecting the environment. Living green is not as difficult as you think. By living green step by step, I hope we can all achieve the green goals in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Good Morning Everyone,

Today's motion is that "The sale of video games to students aged 15 or below should be banned." I definitely support the motion. Recent statistics have unveiled a sad but true fact; that more and more millennials are addicted to playing video games, especially those aged 15 or below. These alarming figures reveal that video games do more harm than good to teens.

First and foremost, playing video games can lead to addiction to youths aged 15 or below. Hong Kong is notorious for being an exam and achievement-oriented society. Therefore, students are requested to have stellar academic performance to guarantee a bright future. Playing video games 24/7 will undoubtedly affect students results in a negative way. While some who disagree with the motion may contend that playing video games can be a stress-relieving activity to students, what they don't consider is that millennials aged 15 or below lack true time management skill. On top of that, they cannot strike a balance between work and personal life. Therefore, playing video games is a risky act for youngsters aged 15 or below as it can lead to addiction.

Playing video games can also cause harm to youths' psychiatric well-being. It is no exaggeration to say that there is an increasingly worrying phenomenon in our territory about teens becoming shut-ins. Thanks to the popularity of video games, more and more millennials aged 15 or below show disengagement when it comes to interacting with their peers; they refuse to build close-knit relationship with their community. Also, they become timid and refuse to have face-to-face communication with anyone. Last week, a 13-year-old student was found dead in his room; his

#### Letter to the Editor

By Chan Cheuk Hang Henry (F.6A)

Is Violence in Movies that Unacceptable?

I am writing in response to a letter in the *Hong Kong Post* in which the writer argued that films which contain violence negatively affect our society. As we all know, many movies nowadays contain violence and it is generally accepted by the public. I believe these films are appropriate and they should not be banned. They are simply reflecting what happens in the real world. I hold this belief for the following reasons.

First and foremost, violence is inevitable in real life. Browse through the Internet and you will probably discover that there is news about violence from all around the world, ranging from burglary to murder. When shooting films about criminals and illegal activities, it is impossible to avoid violent behavior. Instead of creating a virtual world where people live harmoniously and peacefully together, I think movie companies should produce movies that reflect the real situation in our world, even if they are fictional. Reality is cruel and full of flaws; we have to acknowledge it and figure out measures to make improvements. Take the latest movie, "Joker" as an example. There are countless explosions and fights in the story with people screaming and being killed. Indeed, the movie exaggerates what is happening in the real world, but what is more significant is that it reveals the problem of inequalities and social injustice. No one will question that violence is dreadful, but what we are obligated to do is to face the problem directly. Neglecting the existence of violence is short-sighted and timid. In other words, keeping violence in movies reflects the truth instead of ignoring it.

Furthermore, films containing violence help us to understand how precious harmony is. Some think that watching violent movies make people irritable and resort to violence. On the contrary, many movies with violent content are highly educational, such as "Saving Private Ryan". The story takes place during World War Two, where a group of soldiers

Last, but not least, a wide range of people insist that the sale of video games to teens shouldn't be banned since playing video games can bring them comfort. However, they should also consider the physical health risk that can be caused by video games. Youths aged 15 or below should join more extra-curricular activities to develop their interest and enhance their psychological well-being. However, playing video games can cause eye strain, obesity and serious headaches. This will worsen millennials' well-being. Younger generations' health is of paramount importance to our territory's economic success in the future. Therefore, I think that the sale of video games to teens aged 15 or below should be banned.

It is crystal clear that video games do more harm than good to teens. As the saying goes, 'Prevention is better than a cure.' Therefore, I definitely agree with the motion. Thank you.

### **Article - Mobile Payment**

By Chan Nok Him (F.6C)

Mobile Payment: A New Way to Pay

Hong Kongers are more likely to make payments using mobile applications nowadays. They use various kinds of money-sending apps, such as Apple Pay, Google Pay, or PayPal, to complete payments instead of using cash or coins. What factors contribute to the proliferation of mobile payment?

The rise in awareness of public health among Hong Kong citizens may explain the trend. Due to the outbreak of SAR in 2003 and the Coronavirus Disease in 2019, Hong Kongers are very concerned about spreading or contracting diseases. During the time of a pandemic, they wear face masks whenever they leave their home in order to avoid being infected. However, there is still a possibility that virus may spread through cash and coins when people carry out transactions. This may increase the risk of infection. In a video game called *Tom Clancy's The Division*, terrorists attack America by smearing wads of banknotes with a virus and spreading them on Black Friday. Numerous citizens contracted the deadly illness. However, mobile payment apps can lower the risk of getting infectious diseases. Customers just need to scan the QR codes of the products they buy. This is completely touch-free. In order to protect themselves, Hong Kongers prefer using money-transfer apps to make payment. This may explain the rising popularity of mobile payment technology.

In addition to hygiene, the increasing penetration rate of smartphones also makes mobile payment a hit. In this day and age, there is at least one smartphone in our pocket; people can install and use mobile wallet apps without any difficulties. The mobility of smartphones and money is alike as people can easily use the apps to settle payment. People are attracted to this convenient way of transferring money, and they do not need to bring any cash when they go shopping. No doubt the rapid growth rate of smartphone ownership is conducive to the rise of mobile payment.

Last but not least, one of the reasons for the prevalence of mobile payments is the high level of security for identities and identity documents. Users need to set passwords and personal identification to secure

were told to save a soldier. During the movie, moviegoers will learn about the war crimes committed by both the U.S. and Germany. They will witness how innocent people were tortured to death. The experience will definitely be sad, which in turn would make viewers understand how disgraceful wars are. They will also comprehend that life is vulnerable and thus, cherish every moment in their lives. Despite the fact that the story is not real, it helps us to understand the importance of humanity and peace. What is more, movies about school life may also involve violence. Verbal violence is omnipresent in our daily lives, although it is hard to notice. Watching these movies can be a great chance for us to reflect on our behavior. Hence, films containing violence could be highly educational.

Some may argue that movies with mindless violence may adversely affect people's psychological health, especially teenagers. Because of immaturity, teenagers may go astray and imitate the violent acts they see in movies. This kind of opinion seems reasonable at first glance, but we can find that it is a fallacy if we examine it closely. First of all, adolescents are prohibited from watching movies with sexual and violent content, according to the law in Hong Kong. Besides, it is unfair to blame movies containing violence. As the old saying goes, 'every rose has its thorns.' It is an undoubted fact that these movies may negatively affect students slightly. Nevertheless, schools and families are responsible to make a concerted effort to inculcate proper values in teenagers. It is obviously unfair to neglect the benefits brought by movies.

Overall, films which contain violence have already become part of our life. I hope everyone will agree that these movies are not harmful at all as long as we enjoy them with a critical and independent mind.

Yours faithfully, *Chris Wong* Chris Wong

#### Letter to Parents

By Lei Laam Tsing (F.6C)

Dear Parents of Class 6A,

I am writing to provide you with details of the upcoming trip to Sky 100.

The following is the basic information. The Sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck is located on the 100th floor of the International Commerce Centre at 1 Austin Road, West Kowloon. The opening hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is the highest indoor observation deck in Hong Kong.

Students are required to pay the entrance fee \$150 to visit Sky 100. We suggest students bring their lunch food for the school trip, since lunch will not be provided by the school. There are several restaurants in the ICC building. However, the food sold in these restaurants is usually expensive. The transportation fee is free since the school will provide coaches to take students from our school to Sky 100.

The meeting place will be the school playground and the dismissal place will be the school entrance. The meeting time is 11:30 a.m. and the dismissal time is 4:30 p.m.

Students are allowed to use their mobile phones during the school trip for taking pictures and emergency calls. Students are advised not to bring a large amount of money to the trip and they will be responsible for their own belongings. Students are required to wear PE uniform. We suggest students bring a sweater, as Sky 100 is a fully air-conditioned indoor venue. They must bring a notebook and a pencil to jot notes and make drawing.

With the concern over hygiene, the prevalence of smartphones, and the high security level of money-sending apps, mobile payments will become more and more popular in the future.

Feature Article:- The Closure of a 50 Year-old Shop

By Wu Chun Yin (F.6D)

#### The Early Days of Wing Kei

Situated in Luen Wo Hui for 50 years, Wing Kei Teahouse has witnessed the development of a small district, from unknown and local to hectic and central. Though dilapidated in its appearance, Wing Kei Teahouse has never faded and has long been important to the senior generations. Since the first day of its operation, Ming Gor, the owner, has promised to serve his customers with dedication, offering the best food to its customers. Sitting in booth-style tables and watching TV together, customers not only savor the joy of eating delicious food, but they also receive mutual care and develop an intimate relationship with the kindhearted staff.

#### **What Wing Kei is Famous For**

What the local people love most is the delicious pineapple buns, made by hand. With a mouth-watering, crispy crusted coating and a thick layer of cream, Ming Gor's original pineapple buns release an irresistible aroma from which no one can turn away from. Ming Gor insists on using natural ingredients in making its pineapple buns and not using any additives, which add flavors to the buns. The delicate pineapple buns have won the applause of people living in the district. So famous are the pineapple buns that many journalists from the local press have visited Ming Gor and have written food reviews about the buns. Back in its golden age, Wing Kei pineapple buns swept up a storm across the territory. Even foreigners visited Hong Kong in order to try them, and they were usually sold out within 15 minutes after its sale began.

The purpose of this school trip is to enable students to appreciate their home, Hong Kong. We would like the students to broaden their horizons by learning more about the place they are living in. Hong Kong is now renowned as a shopping heaven and the Pearl of the Orient. The trip to Sky 100 can provide them a unique and memorable experience. Through this trip, students will learn to appreciate and protect Hong Kong.

If your child cannot attend this activity, please inform us as soon as possible. If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact me during school hours. I look forward to seeing your child.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Wong
Chris Wong
Class teacher of 6A

#### **Time for Wing Kei to Close?**

With high rents and the influx of Western food cultures, people today have lost interest in local cuisine, and have cast their attention on Western food, such as steak, which is often seen as better. Added to this is the fact that the fast pace of life makes people no longer want to sit down and enjoy the taste of food, contributing to the blossoming of fast-food chains such as McDonald's. Although Wing Kei Teahouse is going to close down soon, the senior generation will never forget how successful the teahouse has been and what it symbolizes. It represents not only the local food of old Hong Kong, but also the collective memories people of that age have shared. Wing Kei is going to close down, but the spirit of Ming Gor, the dedication, has been an icon that Hong Kongers will never forget.

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## Best Friends Forever #2: Always by my side

Sometimes all you need in a friend is someone (or something) that will stick by you through the best and worst of times

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By Lam Shuk Ki (F.2A)

My best friend is my mum. I know she is my mum, but we get along like a couple of besties. We do quarrel at times, but we never stay mad at each other for long. My mum can be really busy sometimes, but she will always find time to give me help when I need it. We love telling each other what happened in our day and even share secrets. She is the person I trust the most and bond is unbreakable.

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By Kwok Ngai (F.2A)

My best friend is very special. It is coding. I've spent countless hours to learn the programming language, and I've won many prizes in competitions. Coding has brought me much happiness. No matter what my age or situation, I will always have coding in my life.

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### **Best Friends Forever #3: Always there for you**

Best friends come in all shapes and sizes, but what matters are the memories we share with them



By Wong Wan-ying (F.2A)

Everyone should have a best friend. Mine are books. I really enjoy reading and I've learned so much from the books I've read. I actually didn't get into reading until I was in Primary Four. I had trouble connecting with my classmates so I turned to books instead. Although I was able to make friends enevtually. I won't forget that books were there for me when I had non. And for that, they will be my BFFs forever.

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By Cheung Wai Yan (F.2A)

My BFF is my mum. Her name is Moko, and she is very kind and help-ful. She helps me with my homework and we talk every day. I also play badminton with her every Sunday and I like to go hiking with her, too. She is really good at it. If I'm feeling sad, she tells me funny jokes to make me laugh and comfort me. My mum is usually quite busy but she always makes tome to spend some time with me. The happiest times in my life are spent with my mum.

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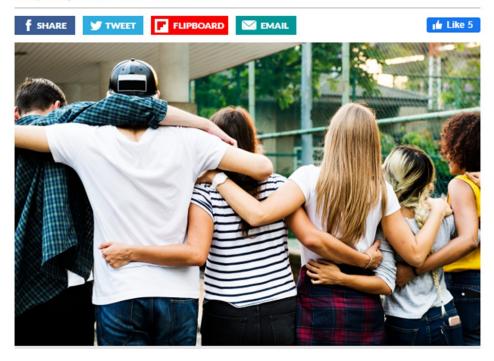
By Leung Hai Man (F.2A)

My best friend is not like any other—it's basketball. I play it almost every day. I don't mind who I play it with, whether with my friends ot people I've just met. I've been playing on my school basketball team since I started Form One. Basketball has helped me get into shape, and it can make be feel better when I'm feeling sad. I've had some injuries from basketball in the past, but I'll never stop playing basketball in the past, but I'll never stop playing.

### **Best Friends Forever #4: Shared memories**

Best friends come in all shapes and sizes, but what matters most are the memories we share with them

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By Feng Yu Ho (F.2A)

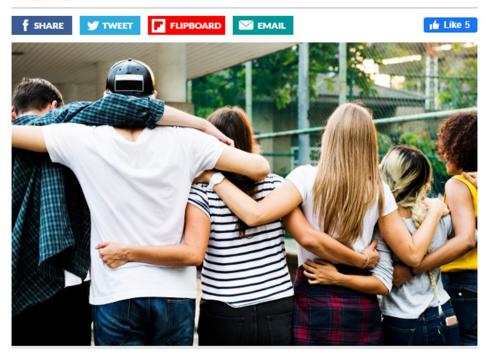
Everyone has a BFF. My best friend is someone very special to me—my father. We're both into playing basketball, so we have always have a lot to talk about. He is kind, friendly, and strict when he needs to be. He's my friend as well as my teammate and teacher. When I was little, my dad taught me how to play basketball patiently and never gave up on me. I appreciate him very much, and think he will be my best friend forever.

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### Best Friends Forever #4: Shared memories

Best friends come in all shapes and sizes, but what matters most are the memories we share with them

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By Huang Ka Yi (F.2A)

My best friend is Amy. We've been best friends for five years now. We've never fought because we are always respectful of each other's opinions and decisions. We both love books and like talking about what we're currently reading. Last summer, we went to Shanghai together. We visited the Pearl Tower, where we enjoyed the view and had fun taking pictures. She's the first friend I've ever travelled with.

### Best Friends Forever #5: Who to talk to

There's nothing like finding someone you can discuss all your problems with By Veronica Lin | October 14, 2019



Chau Yu Yan (F.2A)

I have a best friend I can share everything with. Her name is Taylor. We met in classroom 1D. She is hard-working and helpful. I've learned so much from her. While others are very noisy and play games in class, she always stays focused and studies. I admire her for that and hope. I can learn more form her.

When I'm stuck on a maths problem, she helps me solve it. She's super patient and always willing to help others. I also know that my secrets and safe with her. I hope we'll always be this close.

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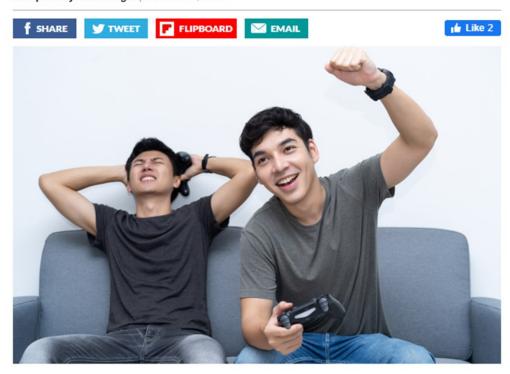


Chong Ki Chun (F.2A)

I have a few BFFS and one of them is a doll. It's very helpful. It holds my textbook open while I do my maths homework, and reminds me what to do by just standing next to my to-do list. I play with it often and imagine it's alive and has feelings. My friends think it's just a normal doll, but I know mine is special.

# **Best Friends Forever #7:Together forever**

No amount of time or distance can break the bond between two best friends Compiled by Rhea Mogul | October 28, 2019



Lee Ho Man (F.2B)

Andrew is my best friend. We met in primary school. He is good at maths and table tennis. Every day during lunch, we go to the table tennis court to play. And if I have a problem with maths, he will help me with it. He is not only clever but also very kind.