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## Letter — A cousin coming to Hong Kong

By Wu Hiu Ching, Cicily (F.1A)

Hello Peony,

Knowing that you're coming to Hong Kong, I'm so glad that I can't focus on anything. How excited I am! I've thought of some fantastic tourist spots to go with you. Let me tell you one by one in this letter!

On the first day, I'll pick you up at the airport. Then, we'll have lunch at Mak's Noodles in Central. We'll have salty wonton noodles. They're yummy and I'm sure you'll love the noodles! Then, we'll set off for Ocean Park. It's located in Wong Chuk Hang. We'll get there by MTR. First, we can see some sea creatures like sea lions. We can also watch the brilliant dolphin show. They're all cute and intelligent. Then we'll go on the thrill rides, for example, The Eagle and The Abyss Turbo Drop. Besides, you can buy some souvenirs there before we leave. Afterwards, we'll have dinner at a dai pai dong. The dishes there, such as Chiu Chow Oyster Congee, are very delicious. I think you'll like them. We'll end our first day by visiting The Peak, which is on Hong Kong Island. We can get there by Bus No.629 and No.15. We'll ride on the Peak Tram and visit the wax museum where we can look at the wax figures. The most important thing is that we'll enjoy the spectacular night view there.

For Day 2, we'll start the day by visiting the Hong Kong Space Museum. It's located in Tsim Sha Tsui, so we can go there by MTR. We can enjoy the interesting astronomy shows and play with the special and interactive exhibits. At around 12:30pm, we'll have lunch at a cha chaan teng. We can enjoy a wide variety of Hong Kong-style western cuisines, for instance, French toast and Hong Kong-style milk tea. They both taste sweet. After lunch, I'll take you to Times Square in Causeway Bay and we'll get there by MTR. We can shop for brand-name goods there but they're quite expensive. Lastly, we'll end our two-day trip by having dinner at a dim sum restaurant. We'll eat shrimp dumplings or other dim sum and try some yummy Chinese cuisines.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Hong Kong soon! I hope you'll like the itinerary which I've planned for your trip in Hong Kong. Tell me if you have any comments or suggestions.

Love always,  
Samson



## Diary entry — Dragon Boat Festival

By Tina Yao (F.1A)

Dear Diary,

Today was one of the most meaningful days ever! It is Dragon Boat Festival. Therefore, I had a great time today!

This morning, I went to the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival Carnival with my classmates. We watched the dragon boat races the whole morning! It was really exciting! I hope I can ride on a dragon boat one day!

After that, I wrapped rice dumplings with my family. Although it was difficult to wrap, I still had a lot of fun. Also, rice dumpling is a kind of festival food that we eat during the Dragon Boat Festival. I tried the dumplings after wrapping and steaming them. How delicious they were!

Next, I listened to dragon boat legends from my mum. I knew that the Dragon Boat Festival was about remembering a person called Qu Yuan. I learnt a lot from this legend. For example, people in the past would dump some rice dumplings into the rivers and seas. Therefore, the sea animals would not eat Qu Yuan. I was fairly upset about his death.

In the evening, I went to my friend's house while they were having dinner. I was so embarrassed and I wanted to go back home. But his parents asked me to stay and have dinner with them. I wondered why they would ask me to stay, but I was extremely delighted because I could have dinner with my friend during the Dragon Boat Festival. After we finished dinner, I watched the races again with my friend on TV. It was very meaningful. Although I saw the races with my friend again, I had a great time today!

Time for bed now. Good night Diary.

## Diary entry — An unlucky day

By Lam Ho Tung, Chloe (F.1B)

28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Rainy

Dear Diary,

Today is one of the worst days of my life. Why was today filled with bad luck? I have no idea at all! It all started in a blue morning. A blue morning always made me feel gloomy for the whole day.

My mum needed to work in the afternoon, so I was so bored. As a result, I went to the drawing class to kill time. After the class, I walked back home. All of a sudden, the sky turned dark and it started raining. ‘Lucky’, I hadn’t brought my umbrella as I hadn’t expected it would rain today. I was so helpless at that time. What could I do? Of course, I ran back home as quickly as I could. As you know, I was totally soaked when I got home. I felt so miserable. As a result, I needed to have a bath and change into new clothes.

After that, my mum called me and said that she would wait for me at APM to do some shopping there together. I immediately got dressed and left home to meet her. While waiting for the bus, I discovered that I had lost my wallet. I went back home and hoped I could find it, but I couldn’t. As I had lost my wallet, I called my mum to tell her what happened. She left APM immediately and went home. We tried to find my wallet together. Three hours later, my mum found it under my bed. As a result, it was too late to go out for shopping again. I was also scolded by my mum for not tidying up my room. But that wasn’t what mattered to me most. My mum then told me that I couldn’t use my phone without cleaning my room. Do you know how upset I felt?

I looked at the clock and found that it was 4 o'clock, but the sky was still dark because of the rainy weather. My mum was watching the telly in a relaxing way. How about me? I was tidying up my room. After cleaning my room, I could finally get back my phone, although I was exhausted and starving. I thought my bad luck had gone away, but I was wrong! All of a sudden, the whole flat was dark. I was startled and screamed. My mum said angrily, 'Shut up! It's just a power cut. Why are you as gutless as a chicken?' At that moment, I felt my anger boiling up inside me but I just couldn't let it out. I just wanted to enjoy watching my favourite Korean movie on my mobile phone after cleaning my room. Now I needed to face my greatest fear – darkness and being scolded by my mum. How miserable I was!

After today, I've learnt a lesson that I should treasure everything I have, since I don't know when I may lose them. It's not time for bed yet, but I still need to go to bed as my phone's battery is flat so I've got nothing to do other than going to bed. I believe tomorrow will be a brand new day! Good night, Diary!

## Diary entry — School Sports Day

By Lau Siu Pan, Tommy (F.1C)

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

Sunny ☀

Today was one of the worst days of my life. It was the School Sports Day! This year, it was held in the North District Sports Ground.

I entered the 400 metres race. I thought I was going to win the race, but I didn't win. To make matters worse, I fell down. I was unlucky for not winning and getting hurt.

Unfortunately, I lost the 100 metres too. Since I had a heavy wallet in my pocket, I had to keep pulling up my trousers to run. I was one of the slowest. I was so embarrassed.

My class lost the Fun Run because I ate some dirty food, and I got a stomach ache while running. I was helpless.

I feel it is one of the worst days of my life. Next year, I must practise more and be more careful what I eat. I hope that I can win the 400 metres race next year.

Time for bed now. Good night, Diary.

## Letter to a character — Ebenezer Scrooge

By Cheung Ka Wing (F.1D)

Dear Scrooge,

I've read a book called A Christmas Carol. I know you are the main character in the story. I feel strongly about you. Let me tell you what I think about you and what I have learnt from the story. Also, I want to ask you some questions in the letter, too.

Scrooge, I'm proud of you because you've bravely changed yourself. In the past, you were a greedy, money-minded and mean person. But after you listened to the three ghosts, you have changed. You have become kind and generous now! I want to learn from you; I want to change my personality to be a better girl. Please tell me how.

I think you can be even better if you keep trying to solve your problems. First, don't be a greedy and money-minded person. You always thought your job was the most important thing in your life. So, you became a workaholic. Also, your employee Bob was overworked and underpaid. Besides this, you did not donate money to the poor. I suggest you listen to Marley's ghost and the Ghost of Christmas Now to solve this problem. You should also maintain a work-life balance. Maybe you can do some hobbies you like, like listening to music and watching TV.

Second, you should not be mean. Don't say hurtful things to others. When Fred invited you to a Christmas dinner, you said something hurtful to him. You said, 'You are so poor.' If you listen to the Ghost of Future Christmases, you will know that after your death, people are happy about it. If you don't want this to happen, you should take my advice. You should put yourself in others' shoes and don't say hurtful things because words can kill. Also it's important that you need to think before you speak. Please remember this!

Third, you are always cold to others and you don't like people. I know the reason why you are cold to others. In your childhood, your dad asked you to stay at school at Christmas and you couldn't go back home to celebrate the festival with your family. So Christmas makes you feel sad and you hate Christmas. You can change! Try to learn about the Christmas spirit. When Fred invites you to Christmas dinner again, join him and enjoy your time with him and other family members. Remember, with perseverance, you will be successful!

At last, I'd like to give you some encouragement. Scrooge, be confident in yourself! Changing yourself is not easy, but if you change, you will be a better person and others will like you. I hope you can be an even kinder person in the future. Now, you have changed a little bit. Keep it up! I'm also learning from you! So I want to ask you a question: how can you be so brave to change yourself? Good luck!

Best wishes,  
Wing

## Letter of advice

By Kong Man (F.2A)

Dear Katie,

I am worried to hear that you have ample problems these days. This must be a difficult time for you, but don't be upset! I believe you can solve the problems eventually.

In your letter, you said that you were overweight. I think you should exercise regularly. If you do exercises regularly, you will lose weight successfully. Why don't you go jogging for at least 30 minutes every day? Also, you must have a balanced diet. For example, eat more fruit and stop eating snacks. If you eat organic food, you will be healthy and fit. You can lose some weight and be slimmer.

Besides, you told me that you were being bullied at school. If I were you, I would tell the teachers. The teachers will give you some advice and help you. You could try to be more outgoing. Hang out with friends during the holidays. You may watch movies or go shopping with friends. Also, you should join some extra-curricular activities to make new friends. If you follow my advice, you should be able to stop the bullying situation at school.

Lastly, you asked me for advice on your eating disorder. Why don't you consult a psychologist? They have ideas to help you solve your anorexia problem. For example, consult a dietician and set up a healthy menu. In doing so, you can slowly recover from anorexia and become healthy again.

Be positive! Do write to me again if you need help. Or we can have a friendly chat so that I can listen to your problems.

Best wishes,  
Jackie

## Letter of complaint

By Simon Chow (F.2B)

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Complaint about ePhone 5

I am writing to complain about the quality of my ePhone 5. I spent \$7000 to buy a black ePhone 5 from the Efficient Store at Festival Walk on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2006. The quality of the phone was not as good as what I saw on the Efficient Store website and it is a big disappointment to me.

First of all, the new home button feature does not work. On the day I bought the phone, I was very excited to use my new ePhone 5. However, I was shocked to find that the home button could not sense any pressure. It could not sense the pressure of my finger even when I kept pressing the home button. I have never been able to use this 'new' home button so far.

In addition, the water-resistant feature does not work. Yesterday, while I was swimming, I wanted to take photos under water. However, the screen turned black immediately when I started taking the first photo. Suddenly, I felt the phone was very hot. Then, I took out my phone. A short time later, it exploded.

I find it unacceptable that your store sold me a faulty product. Therefore, I expect you to pay for my medical expenses caused by my phone's explosion. I also expect you to give me a new ePhone.

Please give this matter serious thought. I am looking forward to your reply soon.

Yours faithfully,  
*Chris Wong*  
Chris Wong



## Article — My favourite role model

By Chan Po Kiu (F.2C)

My favourite role model is Mark Zuckerberg. He is an American born in 1984. He is an entrepreneur. I look up to entrepreneurs because they make a lot of money.

I admire Mark Zuckerberg, who is generous, nice, humble, hard-working and smart. Mark Zuckerberg, who founded Facebook, is a software designer. He is a generous and humble philanthropist who donates a lot of money to the sick people. I like a meaningful quote from Mark. He said that “People don't care about what you say, they care about what you build.” This quote always encourages me not to give up.

I learn a lot from Mark, who can work hard to become a rich man. I have learned that we should always help the poor or donate money to them. Also, we should be more hard-working in our studies.

Mark Zuckerberg is my idol. As a comparison, I am as nice as Mark Zuckerberg since I am always nice to my friends and family. However, I am not as hard-working as Mark. I seldom study English and Chinese. Mark inspires me to be more diligent in the future.

## Letter to the editor — Waste disposal problem in Hong Kong

By Yeung Man Hei (F.2D)

22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about waste disposal problem in Hong Kong and give some suggestions.

Firstly, food waste is very serious nowadays. It comprises waste produced during food production, processing, wholesale, retail and preparation, as well as after meal leftovers and expired food. It is highly degradable which can easily cause odor and hygiene problems.

Secondly, construction waste is also a serious problem. It includes waste arising from construction work such as construction, renovation, demolition, land excavation and road works. Through waste sorting and separation, inert material is used to fill in reclamation sites, when available. The non-inert portion of the waste still goes to landfills.

On an individual level, for food waste you should order what you can eat. If you can't finish, you can bring a recycle box to pack up your leftovers. And for the construction waste, we can reuse the wood, cans and iron for another construction. If we can do this, we can relieve the burden of the landfill.

For the government, they should increase the fine so that people will be careful of these problems.

In conclusion, we should be environmentally friendly and the government should increase the fine and make more laws to reduce these problems.

Yours faithfully,

*Sabrina Yeung*

Sabrina Yeung

## Letter to the editor — Environmental issues

By Chan Cheuk Hang (F.3A)

Dear Editor,

I would like to show my concerns about a momentous environmental issue – global warming. As we know, the health of our mother nature affects the fate of all living things on Earth. Therefore, in this letter, I would like to suggest a couple of methods to help slow down the warming process.

Developing low-carbon living habits is an effective way to tackle global warming. Firstly, use energy-saving electronic products instead of using general electronic products since a small amount of energy is needed to keep them on. To explain it more specifically, a standard light bulb produces 476kg of greenhouse gases while only 111kg is produced by an energy-saving bulb. Plus, energy-saving bulbs conserve 75% more electricity than standard light bulbs and their ages are 6-8 times longer than the general light bulbs. Besides, we should turn off electrical appliances when they are not in use. One advantage of this proposal is that it would help to conserve the world's energy resources. What is more, make sure the electrical appliances are switched off completely but not turned to the sleep mode since they still consume electricity even during sleep mode.

Adopting a low-energy lifestyle can also help to fight global warming. For travelling, instead of going by car, it is a better choice to walk or cycle since driving produces immeasurable greenhouse gases, for example, nitrous oxide, carbon dioxide and methane. This aggravates the problem of global warming. Cycling not only helps slow down the warming process, but it can also provide an opportunity for citizens to do exercise, which is vital for personal health. For shopping, we can choose products with less packaging since packaging occupies a lot of our landfill space. We can also select products with packaging which is decomposable instead of choosing over-packaged products.

To slow down the warming process, we can eat a low-carbon diet. The more people who are eating beef, the more methane is produced. Methane is a kind of greenhouse gas which makes global warming become more serious. It is because a cow can release 70-120 kg of methane just by burping and farting per day. Chicken and mutton would be wiser food choices, while a meatless diet would be the best choice indeed.

All in all, we can help slow down the warming process by adopting a low-energy lifestyle. Let's all adopt a wiser lifestyle!

Yours faithfully,  
*Chris Wong*  
Chris Wong

## Letter to the editor — Decreasing numbers of teenage volunteers

By Jordan Hui (F.3B)

Dear Editor,

I would like to show my concerns about the decreasing number of teenagers doing voluntary work. As we know, the needs of the needy require our attention. In this letter, I will suggest how Hong Kong people can offer help to the needy and discuss the benefits of doing voluntary work.

Firstly, I would like to raise the public awareness of the needs of the needy. Some Hong Kong people are facing two main problems. The first one is the loneliness faced by the elderly. Grown-up children of the elderly have left home. The elderly have become reclusive, lost touch with society and suffers from social isolation. We need to help the elderly to re-integrate back into our society. The second problem is the unacceptable living environment of the poor. Many Hong Kong people want to own their own flats. However, the disadvantaged cannot afford the expensive rents and have to live in subdivided units because of their poverty. Subdivided units are unsafe and uncomfortable because most of them do not adhere to structural and fire safety regulations. The environment there is cramped too.

Secondly, I would like to talk about the ways to offer help. One of the above problems is that the elderly has lost touch with society. This has become more severe. We have to solve the problem as soon as possible. Therefore, we have to find solutions. For instance, we can do voluntary work to help the elderly and show our care. Young people can teach old people how to use apps on smartphones and communicate more with the elderly. In addition, to improve the living standard of the poor, we can donate money, clothes or handcrafts to raise money for the poor.

Finally, I would like to talk about the benefits of doing voluntary work. Apart from helping the needy, volunteers who participate in voluntary work can experience the situation of the needy. They can develop better communication, problem-solving, leadership and organizational skills as well. To conclude, doing voluntary work has many advantages to both the beneficiaries and the volunteers.

To sum up, let's join together to offer a helping hand and fill our society with love.

Yours faithfully,  
*Chris Wong*  
Chris Wong

## Speech — How to prepare for exams

By Ivan Lau (F.3C)

Good morning everyone,

Today I'm going to talk about how to do revision and prepare for the upcoming examinations. I will also talk about what you should do and what you should not do, and also why.

Firstly, I will talk about what you should do to revise and prepare for examinations. You should plan a revision timetable for yourself to have better learning. If you follow your timetable, you will have good time management. What's more, you should study well and sleep early. It will help you to focus and prepare you in class for sure. Furthermore, you should relax yourself by doing exercise, for example, basketball, football and running. This can help relieve your stress and you can also have more friends to support you.

Next, I will talk about the things you should not do and why. You shouldn't cheat in examinations. It won't really help you and it is so unfair to others. Cheating is a wrong behavior. There may be some punishment, so you should never cheat in examinations. On top of that, you shouldn't play computer games all night. You won't be able to learn well or do well the next day because you don't have enough rest. Without enough rest, you cannot prepare well for examinations as your learning progress is slower or even worse.

Finally, I want to talk about what will happen if you don't study. If you don't study, you will be punished by your teachers and parents. Furthermore, you may lose confidence. Plus, your teachers and parents may become very dissatisfied with your results. Not only will you lose your confidence, but you will also lose your motivation to do better next time. If I were you, I would not give up and I would even study harder because I knew I didn't do well last time.

It is important for us to do revision and prepare for examinations, because if you don't do well, you will be in big trouble. Rather than being punished, I want to improve myself, so do you. At last, I just want to tell you guys one very important thing: work hard for yourself. You will get what you deserve.

For another important reminder, don't cheat. It is a dishonest behavior and people won't trust you after that.

That's all of my sharing. Hope all of you will get some insights from my speech. Thank you.



## Letter of application

By Tammy Tang (F.3D)

Flat B1, 21/F, Viva Gardens  
Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin  
Kowloon

Mr. Chris Wong  
Human Resources Manager  
Yummy Café  
32/F, Asia Pacific Tower  
254 Connaught Road Central  
Hong Kong

11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

Dear Mr. Wong,

### Application for the post of Temporary Waitress

I am writing to apply for the above position – Temporary Waitress – which appeared in the website of the local youth center.

When it comes to the reasons why I want to be a waitress, I believe I am interested in serving others. I would like to gain some experience in dining and catering. I like serving people. When I see the customers are happy because of my service, I will be happy as well. Also, I enjoy working with a team of waiters and waitress.

As you can see from my enclosed resume, my qualifications match the requirements listed in the advertisement. I have a good level of both English and Chinese and I have attended communication classes for working in restaurants. Therefore, I have strong communication skills in taking orders and serving food. In addition, I am self-confident. I believe that these two personality traits will help me make an improvement in serving others. I believe that I have enough skills to handle the complaints from the customers.

In the past, I have been a scout member in my secondary school, and that experience can help me work under great pressure as I had to finish several tasks within a very limited time frame. This is important since a waitress has to take orders and serve the customers efficiently. On top of that, I was the courtesy ambassador at school. To be a role model, I need to be polite and smile. This is essential since a waitress has to be polite and always have a big smile on your face to let the customers feel relaxed when they order the food.

I would be grateful if you could contact me at your convenience to arrange a time for an interview. I look forward to hearing from you soon. I hope you can offer me a chance to work in your café.

Yours sincerely,

*Tammy Tang*

Tammy Tang

## Article — Pokémon GO

By Chung Iris (F.4A)

Have you ever heard of Pokémon GO before? Did you play it in the past? Pokémon GO was a big hit in July 2016 when it was first released. In America, Fresno City College had started a physical education class using the Pokémon GO application to promote fitness through walking and finding Pokémons on the FCC campus. But is it really good for students? What do you think? In my stance, I oppose this initiative and the reasons are as follows:

To begin with, students' safety issues is a big concern. It is because many accidents are caused when players are distracted by the game. For example, it is not uncommon to hear that some players were injured and killed in a car accident when they crossed the road whilst playing Pokémon GO. Because of this, it is foreseeable that accidents similar to these might also happen in a school campus and students may get hurt, say bumping into each other.

Furthermore, what is the real meaning behind incorporating the Pokémon GO application in the PE lesson? Does it really increase students' motivation in PE lessons? Does it mean the school wants to promote fitness through walking? Frankly speaking, I think students will only be distracted by the colourful images on their phones and hurts their eyes. Actually, many professors in the health field have already said that staring at a smartphone for a long time will cause eye problems. Also, spine problems will incur too. Therefore, using the apps will not reach its intended results of promoting health. Instead, it will actually have counter effects.

The last problem is concerned with the affordability of smartphones. As we all know, smartphones are expensive. If a student cannot afford to buy one, other students may jeer at him or her. This may cause discrimination to those students from poor family backgrounds. Therefore, the practicality of this school policy is in doubt.

Based on the above reasons, I strongly oppose schools incorporating Pokémon GO in their PE lessons. I sincerely hope the local schools in Hong Kong will not follow suit and imitate the practice of the schools in Western countries.

## Letter to the editor – Reducing waste in schools

By Johnson Tam Chun Tung (F.4B)

Dear Editor,

Recently, it has been found that a great deal of waste is generated from the leftovers or the packaging of the lunchboxes that students buy from restaurants and the tuck shop every day in our school. In view of this, the Student Union has proposed to make it compulsory for all students to put their own homemade lunches in reusable containers to help reduce food waste and disposable containers. I totally support this idea.

Firstly, I wish to point out that this idea is good for the environment. Since many students are using disposable cutlery and containers, it is not environmentally friendly. To solve this problem, using reusable containers can reduce the waste of polystyrene lunchboxes or cutlery and reduce food waste. If a lot of polystyrene substances are thrown away, it may cause water, soil and air pollution. That is not environmentally friendly. Thus, in my view, using reusable containers is better for the environment.

Furthermore, making it compulsory for all students to bring homemade lunches in recyclable containers can raise the students' awareness towards the issue. It is because students may realize that the problem of disposable cutlery and lunchboxes has greatly affected the environment. They will know that they should not use disposable containers. Also, they will start to do more to protect the environment, such as sorting rubbish. Therefore, it can raise the awareness of the students.

On top of that, making it compulsory to bring their own lunches can also reduce food waste. As parents know how much their children usually eat, they can control the food portion and prepare the right amount of food for their kids to eat at lunch. By doing so, it helps a lot in reducing food waste.

Although many people claim that it will add weight to the students' school bags if they are asked to bring their own lunches, it can also be argued that students need to tidy up their school bags. Many students in our school always bring some unnecessary books and files. Also, students can choose containers of smaller sizes, so it will decrease the weight of their school bags. Therefore, choosing a small container and tidying students' school bags can solve the problem.

To conclude, I totally agree with what the Student Union has proposed. Students bringing their own homemade lunches in reusable containers can help reduce food waste and disposable containers.

Yours faithfully,  
*Chris Wong*  
Chris Wong

## Article — The dangers of the cyber world

By Lee Tsz Ching, Lily (F.4C )

Have you ever been a victim when using a social networking website? In this essay, I shall share an unpleasant experience about using a social networking website, discuss the dangers of sharing too much private information on the Internet and how people can protect their privacy.

Last month, when I was using Facebook, I found something was different. Some pornographic pictures and indecent speeches were posted anonymously on my Facebook account. I reported this problem to Facebook and deleted all the private information on my profile before I deleted my account as quickly as possible. It is insecure to use social networking websites if you do not use them carefully. Sharing too much private information on the Internet will lead to identity theft and private information will be easily revealed.

Regarding identity theft, if you share too much private information, anonymous hackers will see a lot of information about you, so they can hack into your account easily by using your identity. The solution is to change your password regularly and make it complex enough. If your password is sophisticated enough, they cannot hack into your account easily. Also, one preventive measure is to adjust the privacy setting at the beginning. Once you have set the most secure privacy setting, anonymous hackers will not have the opportunity to hack into your account in the first place.

Another problem of disclosing too much information on the Internet is that private information will be revealed easily. Since you have shared too much information on the Internet, people will know much more about you. Your information may be accidentally revealed more easily. The solution is to share less information, for example, posting fewer photos. If you share less information on the Internet, you will not be negatively affected.

All in all, sharing too much private information on the Internet is insecure and dangerous, so you should use the Internet more carefully.

## Article — Food Festival

By Brian Chu (F.4D)

### **The Event**

The Students' Union held a charitable event called the Food Festival in the school hall on 12<sup>th</sup> March. It was a tremendous success. The aim of the event was to raise money for the needy and showcase students' creativity and innovation in the Food Festival. The event was held at lunch time since students had to eat anyway. We wanted to involve as many students as we could, especially the junior form students. We chose to hold the event in the school hall because it is spacious and it can accommodate more students. Members of the Students' Union had been working very hard for this event for months in order to achieve such a success.

### **Food to Enjoy**

All student helpers worked very hard to prepare different dishes for this unforgettable event. Some of them were extremely creative and what they prepared were amazing. Some of them prepared tiramisu and fruit punch which were the girls' favourite and easy to make. Some booths served some famous local food and drinks, such as egg tarts, milk tea and curry fish balls. Many people lined up for these signature dishes. The students were very elated about the dishes as the participants cooked them very well. The most popular dish, of course, were egg tarts. Many students lined up to buy them.

### **Donation to Charity**

At the end of the day, the Students' Union raised around \$4000 and all the proceeds went to UNICEF. UNICEF was chosen because it protects and defends the rights of every child. We believe children are the future of the world and they deserve to live better lives. Donating to UNICEF will help provide a better future to those kids. It was a very meaningful event. All the people enjoyed the Food Festival. Some of them even wanted to have a similar event in the near future. So until then, please pay attention to the latest announcements of the Students' Union.

## Article — Pokémon GO

By Lee Suet Man, Sherman (F.4E)

Should Schools incorporate the Pokémon GO Application in their P.E. Lessons?

Pokémon GO, which requires players to walk around landmarks to catch Pokémon, has been world-renowned. Most people, if not all, are enthusiasts of Pokémon GO. It became controversial when Fresno City College started a physical education class using the Pokémon GO application. It is my firm belief that schools should not incorporate this application in their P.E. lessons as the drawbacks outweigh its benefits.

For a start, one disadvantage of incorporating Pokémon GO in P.E. lessons is that the physical exercises involved are not comprehensive enough. It is important that a P.E. lesson consists of a myriad of physical activities, for example, running, jumping and so on. However, Pokémon GO only requires walking and maybe running. Despite the fact that these activities can be done with ease, they are not all-round. Only leg muscles are used while walking. Arm muscles are ignored so students do not have the chance to train the muscles of their whole body. Also, youngsters will feel bored with this type of PE lessons. Since students repeat the same thing in every single P.E. lesson, they will quickly lose interest in the P.E. lessons. Consequently, students are reluctant to attend P.E. lessons and their learning efficiency will be lowered. As a result, it is crystal clear that this type of PE lessons is not comprehensive enough. This is a major drawback of incorporating Pokémon GO in P.E. lessons.



Another disadvantage of incorporating Pokémon GO in P.E. lessons is that it is harmful to students' physical and mental health. If we incorporate Pokémon GO in P.E. lessons, students will definitely spend more time on smartphones, given that there is at least one hour of P.E. lesson every week for them to use the phones. Using smartphones frequently and continuously will cause not only addiction but also health problems, like nomophobia, eye strains and so on. If the frequency of using smartphones is out of hand, there is no doubt that these problems will become common among youngsters. Therefore, incorporating Pokémon GO in P.E. lessons may hamper teenagers' physical and mental health. This idea should be considered very seriously before putting it into practice.

Some critics claim that incorporating Pokémon GO in P.E. lessons will successfully arouse students' interest in the lessons as most of the youngsters nowadays are indulged in the application. However, students' passion in this game is temporary. It is believed that most students, if not all, are following the trend. Once the trend is over, they are no longer interested in the application. Being fond of the new and tired of the old is human nature for most people. Adolescents will think that the P.E. lessons are less attractive soon and will not be engaged in the lessons. It can be concluded that this application will fail to sustain students' interest in learning sports.

In conclusion, the incomprehensive nature of the physical exercises involved in the game and the adverse effects on physical and mental health caused by the application are the two major drawbacks of incorporating the Pokémon GO application in P.E. lessons. On balance, the disadvantages outweigh the advantages claimed by its supporters. Thus, schools should not incorporate this application in the lessons.

## Article — The Death Penalty

By Ken Lam (F.5A)

What is the relationship between the death penalty and our society?

In recent years, the death penalty has become a controversial topic in modern society. Capital punishment has sparked fierce debates between different parties. The polarizing opinions, however, cause conflicts and arguments. The question is: why is there a need to re-introduce the death penalty in our civilized society?

In ancient times, uncivilized societies tended to use capital punishment to castigate offenders. When offenders committed crimes such as smuggling, or more atrocious and heinous crimes like murders, they were usually sentenced to death. The reason why the death penalty was chosen was that the government had no other option. In the past, there were no psychological theories. It was believed that there were no other effective ways to change criminal behaviors and the mindset of law-breakers. It was a common misconception that those people would keep committing crimes after they were released from jail. As a result, the death penalty, unfortunately, became the “best” way at that time to solve the nightmares and headaches of ancient societies.

On the other hand, there is no denying that modern societies lay emphasis on and pay full and undivided attention to human rights. Some citizens have already pointed out that capital punishment is dehumanizing as well as degrading, not to mention demoralizing. Thus, they also think that people advocating the death penalty are irrational and unrepresentative. They basically ignore the feelings of offenders and punish law-breakers by pushing them to the abyss of the fear of death. Consequently, most people in modern societies strongly disagree with this form of harsh and long-standing punishment.

Yet, there is also a vast majority of supporters who are in favour of the idea of re-introducing the death sentence. They indicate the reason why our society needs the death penalty, which is used to help the government to deter people from being offenders. Thanks to the endless fear of death, people should or must avoid committing crimes. Coupled with the 9/11 brutal terrorist attack, it is no exaggeration to say that our society, according to the advocates, may really need a very effective way to stop terrorist attacks by extremists. As a result, some governments seem to have no choice but to consider re-introducing this form of punishment to their justice system because of the seemingly necessity of the current situation.

Some people believe that we should change the offenders by using our hearts and love. However, it must also be recognized that we should stop terrorists' actions immediately. Only by using this method can people stop their irrational attacks and anti-social behaviors. More importantly, cases of reported rapes and murders are only the tip of the iceberg. For instance, governments in the USA and in France do need a more efficient and direct approach to combat crime waves and defend their countries. In this case, the death penalty may be the answer. To those countries constantly facing brutal attacks and death threats, it is crystal clear that capital punishment may do more good than harm.

Thus, there are also some other effects on offenders. It is true that they have no opportunities to reform themselves after the death penalty. Capital punishment is an irreversible punishment. In addition, there is a right-violating punishment. It deprives law breakers' of human rights and the right to live. Therefore, it does affect offenders in different aspects. It seems that capital punishment sends a totally disturbing message to us: we can act like gods to take away people's lives. This form of mindset is really dangerous and unacceptable.

On top of that, there are tens of thousands of effects on our society with the introduction of the death penalty. First and foremost, the rationale and concept of the death penalty is in conflict with the mainstream. In a modern and civilized society, the vast majority of the populace advocates human rights such as personal freedom and personal safety, not to mention the basic right to live and correct. It seems that capital punishment sends a totally disturbing message to us: we can act like gods to take away people's lives. This form of mindset is really dangerous and unacceptable to all.

In conclusion, there is no denying that the death penalty brings countless effects to offenders and the society as a whole.

## Letter to the editor — Waterfront Areas

By Kris Chung Man Shan (F.5B)

Dear Editor,

Many parts of Hong Kong's waterfront areas are undeveloped. Some suggest using these areas for housing and commercial use, while others argue that such areas should be left as open space for public use. In my view, these areas should be left as open space for public use. Hong Kong is a busy city. People who live here always do not have enough time to do what they want. They focus on their work, so they are stressful. It is necessary to have some space for public use. Also, there are many benefits of leaving these areas for public use.

Some people think that Hong Kong's housing problem is urgent. They reckon that using these areas for housing is the best way to develop the waterfront area. However, in my opinion, it is not true. It is because many people in Hong Kong are stressful. If we change the waterfront areas for public enjoyment, people can release their stress in these places. For example, we can build some walkways and public facilities for enjoyment. This will help maintain the mental health of the citizens and help them release stress. Also, people can enjoy the awesome views of the harbour.

Besides, developing the waterfront areas can boost economy. A man-made beach, grasslands, a rainforest, a pagoda, a giant wheel, a promenade, plazas, walkways, shops and restaurants are facilities that can become tourist spots. They can attract more tourists to travel to Hong Kong. This can in turn help boost the tourist industry and the economy.

Finally, turning the waterfront areas into sports and entertaining facilities can make people happy and make Hong Kong become famous. Sports grounds or courts can be used for entertainment. For instance, concerts, award ceremonies as well as sports competitions can be held. By holding different international sports or musical events, it helps to develop Hong Kong into a venue for international events.

To conclude, I suggest using the waterfront areas for public use due to their uniqueness and the above benefits. Hope these suggestions will be constructive.

Yours faithfully,  
*Chris Wong*  
Chris Wong

## Letter to the editor – Overtime Work

By Chan Ka Wing (F.5C)

It has been observed that more and more of our colleagues tend to leave the office very late. I understand that they love their jobs, and they try to put all effort into their company work. Many of our beloved colleagues leave the office after 7:00 pm, and some of them leave around 8:00 p.m. or even 9:00 p.m. They may think they can finish the work faster, but actually, it is not the best way because it may affect their health.

Actually, overtime work may bring you a lot of pressure, more than you could ever imagine. Have you ever felt tired or suffered from a serious headache after overtime work? This is because your body, as well as your brain, cannot bear this mounting pressure and this hectic lifestyle. Thus, your mind and body may collapse. You will feel you cannot memorize things clearly, and also you might suddenly get a stroke, or suffer from a fatal heart. You should avoid these consequences before you work overtime.

Besides, overtime work is not as effective as you may expect. Working more than 8 hours, you will be unable to work any longer. You maintain a highly focused state while working, and very likely you cannot get some relaxation during working hours. As a result, you may feel incredibly exhausted and weary when you still work overtime. Due to this, your productivity drops.

If you have these kinds of problems, don't be afraid. Try our suggested solutions. First, I strongly suggest the idea of planning a timetable. A timetable can help you to manage your time wisely. You can divide your working time for different jobs and tasks. Following your working schedule, you will find that owning a working schedule is much more effective than before. You can finish your jobs one by one and no time is wasted. On the other side, this timetable can bring you some relaxing time. It is surely a win-win situation for your work and your health.

Apart from a timetable and good planning, having a short break when you are tired is equally effective. According to a survey, taking a 20-minute break when you are tired can help release the stress. After that, you would work even more effectively and feel more energetic after a break. I am quite sure that you can finish your work on time effectively if you can take some rest. Due to this, overtime work is needless and ineffective as well.

I hope these suggestions might help you to improve your situation. Best regards to all of my beloved colleagues.

Yours faithfully,  
*Chris Wong*  
Chris Wong



## Letter to the editor – Overtime Work

By Cheng Lok Yi (F.5D)

Dear Editor,

Most Hong Kong citizens do not have a work-life balance. One of the main reasons is that they always work overtime. The Continuing Professional Development Alliance conducted a survey which showed over 90% of Hong Kong Professionals are not compensated for working overtime. Many companies want to make money, so they give a lot of work to their employees. Also, it is company culture that staff cannot leave earlier than their own boss in order not to show people that they are lazy.

Firstly, there are some possible effects on the employees' health. For their mental health, they have heavy workload so they will feel stressed and depressed. Also, they have inadequate sleep because of stress and going home late. For their physical health, they have a poor diet. It's because they do not have enough time to eat or they do not have their meals regularly. It affects their immunity to diseases and they are likely to get colds and flu more easily.

Then, there are also some negative effects on the employees' social life. They spend all their time working. So, they communicate less with others. For example, working parents have no time to talk to their children. Also, the employees do not have time to gather with their friends. Therefore, they cannot relax.

It is no doubt that employees working long hours will increase the productivity of the companies in the short term. Nevertheless, in the long term, it will decrease the productivity of the companies. The reason is because employees will feel exhausted when they are under stress for a long time. They cannot pay full attention to their work and they may make careless mistakes.

The Hong Kong Government should deal with the problem. The Standard Working Hours legislation has been a controversial topic in Hong Kong following the introduction of a Statutory Minimum Wage law. I support standardising working hours. Many people in Hong Kong are now working long hours without getting any overtime pay, but they do not complain about their employers as they are afraid of losing their jobs. Their only hope of having a shorter working week is for the government to enact the legislation. If a Standard Working Hours law is enacted, employers would be forced to pay overtime. Also, having this law will be good for the health and well-being of employees.

On the other hand, it is also important for employees to draw up a daily schedule and stick to it. It is a simple fact that the longer time you dedicate to your work, the less time you will have for rest and relaxation. So they should draw up a daily schedule and should not take extra work home with them. Citizens should also recognize that having the right balance between their job and their time off is an indispensable part of their working life.

Overtime work is a serious problem in Hong Kong. So, the government should enact legislation so citizens can have a good work-life balance as soon as possible.

## Letter to the editor – Drink-driving

By Lee Chun Hin (F.5E)

Dear Editor,

In recent years, the dramatically increasing number of drink driving cases is alarming, which causes concern among us in society. In an attempt to safeguard road safety, in the following, I would like to air my views over the causes, consequences and suggestions to combat the problem of drink-driving.

As we all know, the reasons of drink-driving are numerous. However, the crux of the problem is that there is essentially a lack of education and law enforcement in the territory at the moment. In other words, there is no civilized education in primary and secondary schools, giving rise to the low awareness of the concepts of safe driving. Actually, citizens just learn the road safety issues from the television advertisements promoted by the government. If the proper knowledge of road safety can be inculcated to students at an early age, the drivers will be more cautious in their driving. What is more, we cannot overlook the repercussions brought by this issue. Seldom do we take to heart the deaths and injuries caused by road accidents every year. However, it is disheartening to see the inaction of the government and the passiveness of the departments concerned in dealing with the present situation. Without a shadow of doubt, the loose law enforcement makes the cases of drink-driving become out of control.

Apart from the causes, the consequences are so severe that we cannot turn a blind eye. Of all the serious consequences drink-driving can bring, no one wants accidents that will eventually lead to death. No matter what type of roads, like expressways, subways, crossroads and so on, we have to admit that there are road users everywhere. The possibility of a car crash stemming from the unstable driving of drink drivers is expectably high.

To tackle this thorny issue, there is no quick fix. However, for us, we can report the cases of drink-driving to the police in order to stamp out the prevalence of the problem. As for the government, it had better stop its ostrich policy and tackle the problem head-on. Reinforcing the law and strengthening education in road safety are effective means to deter drivers from drink-driving in the long term.

In comparison with European countries, the efforts by the Hong Kong government in promoting road safety is far from satisfactory. With sufficient efforts, it is not difficult to see a safer driving environment in Hong Kong in the near future. Can Hong Kong learn a lesson from Europe? Sure, it can. Let's wait and see.

Yours faithfully,  
*Chris Wong*  
Chris Wong

## Diary Entry – phone scams

By Chau Ka Lai (F.6A)

Dear Diary,

It had been a long day of endless grueling supplementary classes. I was desperate for a nice, sweet dream that might draw a line under today's nightmare right after I got back home from school that night. Not even the palatable dishes Mommy handed out could fight my drowsiness. But guess what? Life's such an unexpectedly cruel game.

It all started with the ringing. I was crawling from the bathroom to my bed, ready to take a rest when I heard Grandma's screams from the living room after receiving a phone call.

'What? Twenty thousand dollars? Who ... Who's that from? Is that Wai Yee?' Mommy and I were in a daze trying to figure out what she was talking about. It was not until she told us in a shivering voice what the mainland police officer on the phone informed her that we realized what was cooking.

It seemed that Aunt Wai Yee had sent Grandma something from Guangzhou that contained unlawful materials. Grandma was asked to pay a sum of money to the Mainland Enforcement Department so that both of them wouldn't get caught.

Fear and sanity woke me up like a bucket of ice water pouring over my head — what was I supposed to do? Without any hesitation, Mommy walked away and started calling Aunt Wai Yee. Fragmented pieces of memory of governmental advisory commercials and scenes from TV dramas sprang into my mind, signaling that there was something queer about the caller.

In no time, I grabbed Grandma's phone and spoke to the 'officer', asking him about the details of the incident, jotted them down on a piece of paper and handed it to Mommy, who was talking to Aunt Wai Yee at the same time. At last, it turned out that Aunt Wai Yee had never posted anything as mentioned by the 'officer' as she had left Guangzhou for work a month ago.

Both Mommy and I breathed a huge sigh of relief and were perfectly sure that everything was just made up by that mysterious caller, or should we call him a criminal?

Ignoring Grandma's puzzled face, I hung up the phone straight away and left the explanation work for mum to do. Mum was still trying to have me sitting around the dining table. No, thanks! I've had enough for today's intelligence wrestling and my brain couldn't help protesting for a rest. I never knew that dealing with a stupid phone scam would even be more terrifying and exhausting than finishing 4 sets of English reading papers in one day. What a special experience though. At least this was less boring!

So, enough of this bed-time horror story for today. I'm finally set free to hit the hay now.

Goodnight.

## Speech – Advice for new students

By Noel Tse (F.6A)

Good morning Principal, teachers and fellow schoolmates. On behalf of the Students' Union, I'd like to welcome all of you to our school. I'm sure we all want to achieve success and have an enjoyable school life, so I'd like to give you some advice.

As we all know, the order of most societies are maintained by rules, so are schools. Without rules, students may go out of control. Without rules, proper behavior cannot be instilled in students. Without rules, a school is not a school anymore. This is how crucial school rules are. You may doubt my words, but it is true. Let's imagine what would happen if no one followed school rules. According to our school rules, students are not allowed to bring digital gadgets to school. Suppose we all disobeyed this rule, what would happen? There would be phones ringing here and there, and you might not be able to resist the temptation of texting your friends at school. Facing the diverse range of appealing features of gadgets, could you still concentrate on your lessons? No, right? No one can learn well in a classroom that is as noisy as a concert hall. If we cannot acquire knowledge efficiently at school, then what is the purpose of going to school?

Take doing things with teachers' permission as another example. It is ill-mannered of us to drink water or leave our seats during lessons without teachers' consent. Put aside the mess that doing this will put the class in, the sense of respect fails to develop when students do not follow rules. From this, we can see that rules can act as educational tools as well. However, rules are meaningless without our respect towards them. Rules are essential. Our cooperation is ever more indispensable.

In a comfortable learning environment school rules have helped create, we can enjoy our school life together with friends. Since humans are ultra-social mammals, interpersonal relationship is necessary for personal development. Having friends walking beside you is better than walking alone. When you are distressed, friends can help you snap out of negative emotions. Supported by your mates spiritually, you can gain a sense of belonging, security and self-worth from it. What's more, mutual help on our studies also contributes to students' academic achievements. As the saying goes, 'a school is a miniature society.' We need to learn to communicate with each other in schools so that we will not be isolated when we step into the society in the future. This is why schools are meant to exist - to pave your glittery road towards success.

We are like jigsaw puzzles. When we are fitted together properly, a stunning picture can be seen. Following school rules, we can become all-rounded. Having friends, you won't lead a lonely life.

Thank you all for listening. I hope you all can find your new school life enjoyable and unforgettable.



## **Letter to the editor – Public use of sports facilities after school hours**

By Chen For Kwong (F.6B)

Dear Editor,

Recently, there has been much discussion about whether schools should allow the public to use their sports facilities after school hours. I strongly disagree that schools should open up their sports facilities for community use. Therefore, I am writing to express my opinion about this issue.

There are three main reasons why schools should not allow the public to use their sports facilities after school hours. First and foremost, schools opening up their sports facilities for community use would cause security problems. When it comes to safety issues, school authorities express their worries. Strangers coming to the school campus may increase the possibility of theft. The staff and the students may be concerned about whether their properties would be stolen. This would increase their anxiety, and thus jeopardize their mental health. Therefore, it is unwise of schools to open up their sports facilities for public use.

Another reason for opposing the community use of schools' sports facilities is that it would impose a financial burden on schools. Promoting community use of schools' sports facilities may increase operating and renewal costs. Worst still, new policies would need to be implemented to address safeguarding, insurance and health issues. For instance, schools need to employ more supervisors, such as security guards, gymnastic instructors and life guards to monitor the users of the sports facilities. As a result, schools have to incur heavy expenses for the recruitment. As a school is a place for education, it is unreasonable to spend a lot on opening up the sports facilities for community use.

A further reason for not opening up schools' sports facilities for public use is that it would increase the degree of difficulty of managing the sports facilities and school campus. When schools allow the public to use their sports facilities, the crowd density of the school would become high after school hours. The after-school management would lead to the increase of staff workload in schools. As far as management issues are concerned, schools need to formulate some policies to manage the use of the sports facilities and monitor if the users have complied with the rules. Therefore, it is highly inconvenient for schools to open up their sports facilities for public use.

To sum up, opening up schools' sports facilities for public use is the last resort. The school authorities should think twice before making a decision.

Yours faithfully,  
*Chris Wong*  
Chris Wong

## Employment beyond Hong Kong— a promising future

By Marcus Cheung (F.6C)

When speaking about graduates, there is no getting away from believing they have a bright future. Sad to say, it is not real in Hong Kong. Many Hong Kong graduates find it difficult to attain suitable jobs. The lack of employment opportunities in this city sets great food for thought about whether Hong Kong graduates should seek opportunities in other cities in Asia. No doubt, the answer is a resounding yes.

To begin with, working in other cities in Asia can improve graduates' mental health. There is no wonder that Hong Kongers are pursuing the best, the fastest and the most efficient project results. People who are working in Hong Kong suffer heavy mental pressures. Though Hong Kong is a booming city, there hardly goes a day without a number of suicides, especially of university graduates. However, if graduates look for opportunities in some Asian cities such as Bangkok or Taipei, they do not have to work from 9 am to 9 pm and are able to pursue a better lifestyle by spending time with their companies and their families.

Another reason why Hong Kongers should work outside Hong Kong is that there are plenty of employment opportunities. There are lots of Asian countries awaiting the right candidates to work in the companies located in their prosperous financial hubs. For instance, Singapore is a popular destination to start a business. They may get a lot of chances in Singapore since the financial prospect there is better than staying in Hong Kong. It is beyond question that graduates can embark on novel and suitable job opportunities in other Asian countries compared with Hong Kong.

Some may argue that Hong Kong graduates are at tender age in which they cannot adapt to a new environment. On the contrary, why don't they just give themselves a chance to enhance their adaptation and social skills in other cities? If they live in other cities, they need to be independent and culturally sensitive. Also, they can learn problem-solving skills by dealing with the challenges and difficulties. Although graduates may be fearful to live in a new environment, they can learn a wide range of skills by working in other cities.

To sum up, the suggestion to look for a new job beyond Hong Kong is worth pondering over. The more experience you gain and the more things you learn, the better the future you can foresee. It is hence an ideal option for Hong Kong graduates to pursue a better job position in other Asian cities.

## **Letter to the editor – Public use of sports facilities after school hours**

By Tse Wai Wa, Heather (F.6D)

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my opinions on whether schools should allow the public to use their sports facilities after school hours. This has become a controversial issue in the territory. I strongly believe that schools should not allow the general public to use their sports facilities even after school hours.

To begin with, one disadvantage is that the public may adversely affect students' learning. There is no denying that students, especially the senior form students, have to stay in school after school hours since they need to do revision. The noise made by the public in the playground will stop students from focusing on their assignments or revision. It is difficult for students to learn in such a noisy environment. Thus, in order to provide a quiet environment for students to study, it is undesirable to allow the public to use the sports facilities after school hours.

Another drawback is that students cannot use the facilities if the facilities are destroyed by the public. Since the members of the public are not the members of the school, they would not have the sense of belonging to the school. If the public does not cherish the sports facilities, such as the gym room, basketball courts, badminton courts and the swimming pool, they will cause damage to them. Then, students cannot use the facilities. Hence, the general public should not be allowed to use the sports facilities so that the equipment can be maintained in good condition for students to use.

The last concern is about safety. Accidents may happen after school hours. There is no paramedic after school hours, since the staff members leave school after work. If accidents happen, like a person getting hurt in the basketball court or drowning in the swimming pool, no one can help them. Therefore, in order to avoid such accidents in the school areas, schools should not allow the members of the public to use their facilities.

To conclude, despite the fact that exercising is beneficial to our health, schools should not allow the public to use the sports facilities after school hours because of three reasons. It may negatively affect students' learning. The facilities may be damaged by the public and there is the safety issue. Therefore, allowing the public to use the sports facilities is not a feasible resolution to solve the problem of the lack of sports facilities in the community.

Yours faithfully,  
*Chris Wong*  
Chris Wong

## Article — Driverless Vehicles – a dream or a nightmare?

By Michael Ho Lok Hang (F.6E)

Have you ever imagined that you were in a car which drove without a driver, while you can just lie down, sleep or play games on your phone? Sounds like a fantasy, right? No. In fact, it may become reality very soon. There are already some successful test runs on these driverless vehicles. This has sparked a heated debate around the city. While it piques the interest of some, I am of a strong belief that this sort of technology should not exist.

In the social aspect, one of the contributing factors that driverless technology should not exist is that it can cause social instability. By the time driverless cars are prevalent, many jobs will vanish. With the fact that cars can literally run itself, drivers are no longer required. People who were originally taxi drivers or delivery drivers will be redundant. Undoubtedly, the unemployment rate will skyrocket and there will be no immediate remedy to replenish the vanished jobs. The unemployed will hence strongly oppose the driverless technology by damaging the vehicles or through other violent activities. Therefore, this sort of technology may spur the discontent of drivers who lose their means of livelihood. Even worse, it may incur public opposition. Eventually, the social stability and harmony will be difficult to maintain.

Another argument is about the social aspect. This sort of technology can lead to confusing accidents and legal problems. Imagine this, a driverless car accidentally crashes onto the sidewalk, hitting several pedestrians. Then, who is the one to blame? The technology provider for poor navigation? The passenger who is just lying around? I wish to point out that if there are accidents involving driverless cars, it will be an arduous task to find out the prime suspect. How can we know if it is the technology malfunction that causes this problem or that the driver intentionally planned it? Moreover, criminals can abuse the auto-navigating technology as an excuse and put the blame on companies. Not only does this create a crime opportunity but it also makes the accidents hard to be judged by the courts. Therefore, this technology can lead to legal problems and should never exist.

Some suggest that driverless technology can reduce the dangers of traffic accidents. It is not uncommon to find news that drivers driving late at night crash and cause traffic accidents as the driver is too exhausted to harness the vehicle. By adopting this technology, the history will not repeat itself because computers will not “fall asleep” and are able to navigate correctly all the time. Is it true, though?

There is no denying that driverless cars can avoid the above accidents. Notwithstanding, this technology actually poses a greater threat to the public if we dig into this. It is widely acknowledged that auto-navigating cars rely on GPS and internet connection which has a chance of malfunction. A total meltdown of the system can cause the cars to lose its ability to navigate correctly. This may result in a calamitous accident -- cars ramming into each other, total gridlock and lives lost. Do I need to continue? However safe the technology sounds, it still relies on a single system which can be dysfunctional. A single error can hence cause formidable catastrophes. The verdict is, although it avoids some accidents, it actually poses a greater threat to the drivers and pedestrians. Hence, this technology is very dangerous and should never be developed.

On reflection, it is safer not to let this technology invade our lives. Innovation is a mixed blessing, and this one is particularly a curse. I urge these companies to stop developing such dangerous technology and I hope all of you can understand the hazards.



## Film adaptations – A mixed blessing

By Ho Lok Hang (F.6E)

The Avengers, Superman vs Batman and The Resident Evil franchise are all famous films and surely all of you will notice that they are all based on comic books or video games. What is less apparent is that these films are becoming more common in these recent years. As their popularity grows, I wish to explore the reasons behind why this practice is increasing and express some of my own thoughts.

One justification for the rising prevalence of film adaptations is that it cuts down on story-writing costs, making it an economical choice for film companies. As we all know, a comic book or video game already has a celebrated backdrop, story, characters and even dialogues. From the filmmaker's perspective, they can just do a visual presentation of a complete story. Doubtless, it can cut down on the conventional cost of hiring screenwriters and other experts. Some of you may think that the films do not directly adapt the stories, such as the Resident Evil franchise. True, Resident Evil movies do not use the same story of the game. However, the theme, the main villains and the background are more or less the same. However small the portion of adaptation may be, filmmakers already save cost, so it is appealing to film-making companies.

Apart from saving costs, securing popularity and viewing numbers are also the reasons. The aforementioned films are all based on artworks which are already conceivably loved, such as Marvel comics, DC comics and Capcom games. Having a strong franchise, there is no getting away from enthusiastic fans rushing to the movie theatres to watch their favourite comics coming to the screen. A case in point is Suicide Squad, which exploded in the box office but was later widely criticized by the media. It has already been seen that this movie only succeeded as it is based on the sought-after DC comics instead of the story itself. Therefore, guaranteed success and fame of this kind of film make film adaptation appealing to filmmakers, resulting in a rising popularity of such practice.

When film adaptations gain prevalence in the industry, I personally have mixed feelings about this practice.

The bright side is that we viewers can get a different illustration of a story we originally love. There is no denying that visual experience is always more dynamic, vivid and, in some cases, colorful. This is especially applicable to comic readers on the grounds that they can only see separated images one by one. I believe every comic reader has a question: Can we see some 'real action'? The answer is a resounding 'Yes' as more and more comics are adapted into films. For example, the Avengers is applauded by the comic lovers for its action sequences and startling visual effects. To video gamers, such problem is not experienced by them. Notwithstanding the existence of cut scenes in video games, it is still pleasant for gamers to experience and taste the story with astounding visual effects and sounds. As a comic reader myself, I am very pleased about the experience film adaptations bring me.

Yet, there is always a diametrically opposite dark side which can ruin or tarnish the original artwork. Unlike the majority of adapted films, a minority of them is actually disloyal to its original artwork, twisting the story or even missing some core personality of the characters. For instance, the Joker in Suicide Squad is not well-portrayed and even falls back to become a supporting character even though he is one of the most loved villains in the DC universe. The outcome is outrage from fans, claiming it ruins the DC brand and leaves other moviegoers a negative image for DC comics because it is ranked as one of the worst films on IMDB. The imitation of the original artworks, therefore, is not only a huge disappointment to the fans, but also a destroyer of the original franchise.

On reflection, let us remember that there are some good film adaptations which have brought us joy and satisfaction. Although some may be a letdown, we should have the hope that our favourite comics or video games can be transformed into movies for the better down the road.

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By Chan Wing Nok (F.2C)

## How a family meal can turn sour



When two adults and their child sit down for dinner, it should be full of fun and laughter. For this filmmaker, it’s filled with tension, disappointment and unfulfilled expectations



**Enoch Chan Wing-nok, 12, PLK Ma Kam Ming College**

Last summer, I produced a one-minute video with the help of Unicef HK’s Make A Video tutors and their assistants.

The video, *Dinner*, is about a family of three having a meal together. The parents point their chopsticks at their son and scold him.

“Why are you so sloppy in whatever you do? Even [here] at dinner, you’re so careless. The rice is all over the table.” The son keeps quiet while his parents berate him.

Finally, he puts down his chopsticks and the bowl, and leaves the table. This reflects my family life.

I have a good life thanks to my family, but they have high expectations of me, particularly in my studies. They often scold me and point their chopsticks at me during dinner. When I fail to meet the

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standards they have set, they will shout at me because they think I have not done my best. Because of that,

I’m really scared of communicating with them.


Once, I really improved in my studies at school, but my parents still weren’t satisfied with my results. They said there was room for improvement. So at dinner, they told me off for not trying hard enough. I was really upset with their unreasonable demands because I felt that I had actually done much better in my studies than usual.

I hope that my video will help parents realise how important it is to listen to their children and to praise them instead of just scolding them all the time.


My parents watched this video and they have decided to pay more attention to me and try not to criticise everything I do.

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By Cheng King Wan (F.3A)

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## Pets are responsibilities, not toys

**I**N Hong Kong, animal abandonment is an alarming issue, which is making many **associations** concerned about the protection of animals.

➔ Many people buy animals just because they have a cute appearance. Unfortunately, they never thought about the **responsibilities** involved in owning a pet. A good owner must not only just feed them, but also spend time with them and play with them. But more people today are no longer aware of what is necessary to take care of animals.

Would-be owners also forget to consider whether they have enough time or space to care for their pets. Eventually, they find they cannot spend the **effort** in taking care of their animals and abandon them like many others. People inconsiderately throw away living creatures without considering their well-being. Because of this cruel **behaviour**, countless animals are in terrible danger. These 'owners' should have thought about this carefully before they went to buy or adopt a pet.

Fortunately, there is still time left for us to remedy this problem. The government can set up more **regulations** against abandoning animals, ensuring their safety. I hope that more people will learn to be more concerned about this problem.

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By Jennifer Shon (F.3A)

### A light load

Nothing would happen because humans are very light compared to the Earth – it's not like our tiny bodies could cause an earthquake!

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By Carmen Wong (F.3A)

### Think about it in the long run

Although Donald Trump is “crazy”, and has issued many executive orders after becoming the US president, I think he will bring great changes to the country, and improve the people’s living standards. He is not as crazy as Umbridge, who is stubborn and uses corporal punishments on her students. Therefore, I think Umbridge would make a worse head teacher.

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By Henry Lee (F.3A)

### In the driver's seat

I would buy my dad a car and let him drive me to school. Then I would never be late for school and I would never be punished again.

## Which Olympic sport would you triumph in?

We asked our readers what sport they would play if they were competing in the Olympics, and here are some of our favourite answers!

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By Circle Li (F.3A)

### Elegant movements

Aerobics, because the actions are beautiful and you can amaze others with your elegance.



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By Tiffany Chan (F.3A)

### Banish biology

Biology. There are innumerable long words which are impossible to understand and remember for exams. I look like a fool after my mind goes blank staring at the paper.

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By Jacky Louie (F.3A)

### Ow, my brain!

Maths. I think it stands for 'Mental Abuse To Humans.' It's pretty useless for ordinary working people. When do topics like quadrilaterals and probability come up? Who's boring enough to do nothing but calculate how likely you are to roll a three on a dice?

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By Crystal Ng (F.3A)

### Zero tolerance

When I was 10 years old, I got zero on a test. When I got home, I plucked up the courage to show the paper to my mum. In the end, we both laughed out loud! Sometimes we just think too much.

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By Tommy Wu (F.3A)

### This probably wouldn't work for soccer

Fasketball. A combination of fast and basketball. This is the tactic of using fast breaks as the main method of scoring in basketball. Fasketball is one of the most effective ways to win a game.

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By Heather Mak (F.3A)

### Money, money, money

Monaticism, or money fanaticism. It could be used to describe people who love money and are willing to sacrifice their life to earn more.

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By Heather Mak (F.3A)

### No worries!

Life would be great if I were Patty from the *Peanuts* comic strip. Then I could sleep during lessons and play baseball every day. Also, I wouldn't have to worry about my grades, which is what I need to do in my real life!

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### The beauty of it all

The Beast, because I could fall in love with a pretty girl, Belle. She is the only girl who would appreciate my personality, and my looks would not scare her.

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By Cheng Wing Man (F.4A)

### Fishy fishy in the sea

I would eat salmon for the rest of my life. It is really nutritious, as it contains Omega-3s, along with lots of high quality protein. Plus, I can eat it either raw or cooked, so it is perfect for my laziness.



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By Wong Yan Sang (F.5A)

## Want to keep the doctor away?

Apples, for sure. I already eat them every day and always enjoy them. They help boost our immune system and reduce the risk of cancer. They help me stay healthy, so it would be a great food to eat for the rest of my life.

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By Chan Chun Wah (F.5A)

### Beef is the chief

If I could only eat one food for the rest of my life, I would choose beef. It is expensive, but it has a lot of protein. Besides, you can cook it many different ways. I prefer Korean barbecue style!

## Top 10: if you could have any super power, what would you choose and why?

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By Chau Mei Sen (F.5A)

### It rolls off your tongue

I would like to have the superpower of omnilingualism, where I could instantly learn, speak, and understand any language fluently. If I had this power, I could communicate with the locals effortlessly no matter where I travelled. Plus it could save me a lot of money: I want to learn French very much, but if I had this power, I wouldn't need to pay for French lessons!



### Driverless vehicles - a dream or a nightmare?

Cars without drivers may become a reality very soon. I strongly believe that they should not exist, because many people will lose their jobs.



This sort of technology might also lead to more road accidents. Imagine a driverless car hurting people. Who is at fault? The technology provider? The passenger?

Any kind of technology can be hacked - criminals could get into the car-navigating systems.

There is no denying that driverless cars won't "fall asleep at the wheel" like people do. But they could still malfunction.

Innovation is a mixed blessing, and this one is a curse.