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Editors' Words

We are proud and excited to present you a new issue of the K S Lo English Magazine!

Every year, students at K S Lo College take part in a wide variety of activities like charity work, hobbies, sports, travel, extra-curricular courses, school events such as outings and the Annual Performance. By being active, they are certainly broadening their horizons. If you are short of ideas on how to broaden your own horizons, don't worry! The theme of this year's magazine is 'Broadening My Horizons'. After reading the magazine, you will surely understand how students at K S Lo College broaden their horizons and perhaps you too can find a suitable way to broaden your own!

In this issue, we have covered different aspects of the wonderful and colourful school life at K S Lo College. Highlights include articles about an insightful study tour to Germany to investigate how people in Germany go green, an interview with the famous politician Audrey Eu, students' reflections after visiting charitable organisations like Oxfam and the Crosswords Foundation, and most importantly, winning pieces of the K S Lo English Writing Competition 2013!

We hope you will enjoy the 2012-13 issue of the K S Lo English Magazine. Happy reading!

The 64th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival

It is perhaps not an exaggeration to say that K S Lo College is a training ground for good speakers. Every year, more than a hundred students from our school participate in the Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival, and this year was no exception. Students from our school participated in various competitions including Solo Verse Speaking, Solo Prose Reading, Choral Speaking and Team Public Speaking. They spent numerous hours practising and rehearsing. In the end, the students would look marvellous on the stage. These participants certainly deserve a big round of applause! The following students performed exceptionally well and achieved outstanding results in the Speech Festival:



Secondary One Girls Solo Verse Speaking Class Hong Wan Hing (1C)

Position: 3rd Place



Secondary Two Girls Solo Verse Speaking Class

Tsang Hau Yin (2C) Position: 1st Place



Secondary 1 and 2 Mixed Voice Choral Speaking Class

Class 2C Position: 2nd Place

The Annual Performance 2013

This year, our school's Annual Performance was held on 20th May 2013 in the Auditorium of Yuen Long Theatre. The theme of this year's performance was 'Rising Stars', referring to the different interests students have in clubs and sport teams, and how they strive so hard to achieve their goals. More than three hundred students took part in this year's performance, which had a full house. See if you can find your friends or even yourself in the following snapshots!









We can help you make a fortune and win the princess's heart, says the demon.



Amagician presents small balls from nowhere.





Wincy Chan, Sammi Li and Ivan Luk from the Hong Kong Management Association K S Lo College participated in the 'Travel, Experience, Share' programme organised by the Wai Yin Association. They planned a fourteen-day trip to Germany and visited Frankfurt, Hamburg, Freiburg and Munich, in order to investigate how Germans live their green lifestyle.

How Germany Goes Green

Chan Wing Sze (5E), Li Yeuk Tung (5A) & Luk Man Hon (6A)

When we were selected as participants in the 'Travel, Experience, Share' programme, we felt both exhilarated and anxious. We were granted a precious chance to broaden our horizons outside Hong Kong, but at the same time, had to plan from scratch a trip to a country we knew very little about. During the first pre-trip meeting, it was very hard to reach a consensus about the main theme of the trip as we are studying different subjects and hence have different interests. Seeing that our discussion was leading nowhere, Mr Kum, our teacher advisor, suggested that we pick something that is relevant to our daily lives. That was how we came up with a topic that we thought everyone could relate to - How Germany Goes Green.

In the beginning, we believed that our role was just to assist our teacher, who would plan the entire trip to Germany for us. We were totally wrong! 'I won't help you unless it's necessary because this is YOUR trip!' said Mr Kum. As we were all inexperienced travellers, we were completely lost at the beginning. Eventually, we decided that the best way to start would be to do some research into where we should go. We also contacted organisations in different cities to arrange visits or guided tours. We felt really grateful when we received an information pack from the Hamburg Tourist Board after we emailed them asking for information about the green efforts in the city. When we finally finished planning the fourteen-day itinerary by ourselves, our sense of achievement was enormous.

What impressed us most during the trip was how committed Germans are to their green lifestyle. Bicycles are favoured by many Germans for their zero-emission travel, and bike paths lead to nearly every corner of their big cities. Waste separation is routine in Germany too. Apart from plastic and waste paper, organic waste is also separated for the generation of electricity. Recycling bins are a common sight in the streets. In Vauban, a district in the city of Freiburg, many households generate their own electricity using solar panels. Very often more energy is generated than consumed, and the surplus is then sold back into the city's grid for profit. To contribute to the greening of the city, residents gather regularly to maintain community parks nearby. Such a sustainable, green lifestyle is definitely effective in lessening our environmental impact, and has led us to contemplate the true meaning of 'going green'.

In stark contrast, public transport and shopping malls in Hong Kong are airconditioned all year round. As some enjoy a cool indoor environment, others are suffering from the hot air vented from within when they walk on Hong Kong's streets. Recycling bins in the streets and buildings are simply decorations, while landfills in Hong Kong are reaching their limits. We hope to raise green awareness in the city by sharing with our family, friends and everyone what we saw in Germany, and hopefully one day we will see a greener Hong Kong too.





Wincy's Reflection



I found my first trip to Europe very meaningful and unforgettable. Germans are mostly very eco-friendly. They would choose to bear hot weather without using air-conditioners so as to protect the natural environment. Many families generate their own electricity using solar panels. They don't need very big rubbish bins, as they recycle proactively their plastic, organic, and paper waste so the

actual amount of waste produced is minimal.

Many Germans use the greenest mode of transport - their bicycles - every day, thanks to the bicycle trails which lead to nearly every part of the major cities we visited. Vast grasslands, rose gardens and greenhouses can be found in the heart of most cities. It is obvious that Germans are really proud of their green lifestyle!

Compared to Germany, Hong Kong's environmental measures are not so effective. Many of us often complain about the hot weather, yet never take action to help reduce global warming. After this trip to Germany, I will try to be a greener person and adopt a greener lifestyle every day!





Sammi's Reflection



During the fourteen days in Germany, we went to many places related to environmental protection, some of which were seldom visited by tourists. I felt really lucky to be part of this green tour! I've noticed a lot of differences between Hong Kong and Germany: for Germans, environmental protection always comes first.

They would rather tolerate high temperatures instead of turning on air-conditioners. Would people in Hong Kong ever do the same? I can still recall the night we watched a ballet performance in the Thalia Theatre in Hamburg. Although it was a full house, there was still no air-conditioning!

In Germany, recycling bins for waste paper and plastic bottles are everywhere and people are used to recycling their waste. Even though we have the same bins in Hong Kong, they are only rarely used.

Many Hong Kong people hold a casual attitude towards environmental protection. They don't care about how much pollution they cause every day. In comparison, Hong Kong people have a lot of room for improvement when it comes to environmental protection!

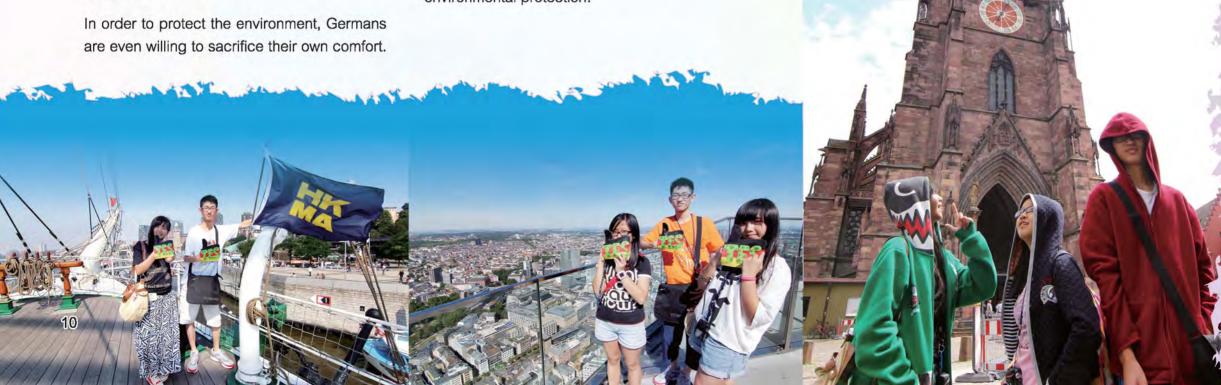




Though this trip to Germany is over, lots of wonderful memories remain.

I still remember how curious and excited I was when I stepped out of the plane to Germany. I experienced the carefree lifestyle savouring coffee at a street side cafe. I also went hiking in the Black Forest. Breathing the pure and unpolluted air, I didn't even feel tired on the steep hiking trail. Those are some of the marvellous experiences that I will never forget.

Another impressive thing is how Germans take environmental protection seriously. Even though it was 30°C, they still looked very calm on buses and in restaurants with no air-conditioning. The ubiquitous bike lanes, recycling bins and green areas are evidence of how eco-friendly Germans are. Can Hong Kong people act the same way? This is a good question for us to ponder.







Tang Wing Chi (3C) and Mr Lincoln LaGrotteria.

The KS Lo Teacher-Student Scrabble Competition

Scrabble is not just a game for students! The K S Lo Teacher-Student Scrabble Competition held on 24th May 2013 involved nearly 20 teachers of different subjects! Special thanks go to the following teachers for their participation in the competition (in alphabetical order): Ms Connie Chan, Mr James Chan, Ms Rainbow Chow, Ms Cora Ho, Ms Kang Suk Yee, Mr Lincoln LaGrotteria, Ms Emily Lam, Mr Lam Faan Man, Ms Janet Lam, Ms Peggy Lam, Mr Leung Kwok Kei, Ms Reggae Leung, Mr Dominic Ng, Mr Eric To, Ms Phoebe Tsang, Ms Alison Wong, Mr Simon Wong and Mr Ken Woo.

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Without further ado, let's revive our wonderful memories of this exciting competition!

■ The K S Lo Teacher-Student Scrabble Competition



Choy Hiu Yi (4E) and Mr Leung Kwok Kei.



Cheung Ho Yin (2C) and Mr James Chan.



Fok Yu Sum (4A) and Ms Alison Wong.



Fu Cho Yu (4E) and Ms Emily Lam.



Tsang Wai Yin Jason (2C) and Ms Rainbow Chow.



Lam Wing Ki (5D) and Mr Simon Wong.





A Visit to Oxfam

Oxfam is an international charitable organisation which aims to help people living in poverty and uphold human rights. Class 3A participated in a series of activities about fair trade organised by Oxfam. The activities gave the students lots of insights about protecting the rights of poor people and helping farmers by buying fair-trade products. Three 3A students have written about their rewarding experiences at Oxfam.











Liu Ka Chu (3A)

On 3 December, we visited Oxfam in North Point. Oxfam is an organization which aims to help people living in poverty or suffering from diseases. Sometimes, Oxfam collects old clothes and sends them to needy people. They also help those in areas affected by natural disasters or war.

Visiting Oxfam was an enjoyable activity. That day, we attended a workshop on the topic of fair trade. We had a role-play activity in the workshop. It was entertaining. Everyone enjoyed it very much. We were divided into groups. My partners and I were told to act as collectors. We collected coffee beans from the farmers.

First of all, we started off designing our company and drawing our company structure on the blackboard. We had several departments in our company. For example, there was a department that helped separate the coffee beans and another department that helped repair the machines. Once our company was organized, we felt proud of ourselves because we could create this fantastic company.

Later, our whole class started discussing who should earn the most money. Some of our

classmates said farmers should get the most money. However, some said they felt it should be the suppliers. Then we had a heated argument. Everyone thought that they should get the most money because they thought they had done the most work. I felt excited during the argument.

Finally, the host speaker of the workshop told us some facts. Actually, suppliers get the most money. However, the farmers and the collectors earn the least amount of money. This fact was astonishing and I became upset. It is tremendously unfair to farmers because they are the most hard-working. Their income should not be so low.

After this meaningful trip, I have learnt we should buy food items that have fair-trade labels. If we buy fair-trade food, we can assist the farmers and collectors who are in need. Some charities such as Oxfam will improve their working environment. Although fair trade products are more expensive than normal products, buying them is beneficial to the farmers who live in poverty. Also, I will encourage my friends to buy fair trade products so that more people can help needy people. I hope I can go to Oxfam again. It was a rewarding trip!

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Wo Lai Ki (3A)

On 3rd December, I went to North Point with my classmates to take part in a workshop. The workshop was organized by Oxfam. Oxfam is a charity which aims to help people living in poverty or facing diseases. This group works to help people regardless of their race or religion and has an international presence. Oxfam has offices and field stations around the world.

When we arrived, the speaker introduced herself and told us the topic we were going to explore: fair trade.

First of all, we played different roles to learn more about fair trade. We participated in a coffee trade role-playing activity. Before we could buy a box of coffee, we were told that there are different people involved: they are farmers, transporters, roasters and dealers.

My role was a farmer. First, I needed to separate the duties with my group mates. For example, we needed to plant coffee beans, pick coffee beans and remove the weeds. After distributing the work, we needed to think about what problem we could face and tell the other members of our group how we would solve it. For instance, we could face flooding, as it would lead to a decrease in crop yields. Therefore, we must build a drainage system to solve this problem.

Moreover, we discussed how much we should get when a box of coffee is sold \$20.5. I thought that we farmers should get \$6 but others thought farmers should only get \$2 to \$4. Therefore, we had an intense debate. I said farmers needed to use

more energy to work so we should get more money. Transporters said they also needed to use energy so they felt they should get more money. Roasters said they did a lot of work so they should get more money. Dealers said they needed to give salaries to their employees so they should get more money.

Last but not least, the speaker said we couldn't make a conclusion if we just discussed it so she showed us a video. On the video, we learned that farmers only earned about \$0.1 when a box of coffee was sold at \$20.5 and roasters could only earn \$0.2. After knowing that, all of us were surprised. We couldn't imagine that farmers and roasters could only earn just a little money. The speaker told us it was because their countries didn't carry out fair trade so they could only earn a little money. Also, she told us if a product was a fair trade product, there would be a label on its package. Therefore, we could help them if we purchased fair trade products.

After attending this workshop, I learnt that some workers in poor countries couldn't get their deserved salaries. Therefore, the government in their countries should carry out fair trade to help them. Also, we could buy fair trade products to help them.







Lam Ka Yan (3A)

On 3 December, a sunny Monday, my classmates and I went to North Point to visit Oxfam.

Oxfam is an organization which aims to help people living in poverty or facing diseases. It works on long-term projects such as collecting donated clothing and then sending the clothing to people in need. Some shortterm projects include sending teams to repair roads damaged by natural disasters or wars. One of Oxfam's new policies is helping local people develop their own recovery strategies. Oxfam assists local people by educating them about new farming techniques which will help make greater yields and profits. It also helps these communities by building new schools or clinics so communities can learn lasting skills that will aid them even after the Oxfam teams have left.

Upon arrival, we went to the ninth floor of the building. A staff member took us to a large room and asked us to sit on the floor. Then, she started the talk. She used an interesting activity to teach us about fair trade. She separated us into four groups: farmers (Group 1), transporters (Group 2), processors (Group 3) and businessmen (Group 4). She said that there was a bottle of coffee which cost twenty dollars. She asked us to think about the roles

of the four groups and how much profit they should be able to share from the \$20. Every group had different opinions, for example, Group 1 thought that if they did not plant coffee, people would not have any coffee to drink so they should earn the most money and take a larger percentage of the \$20, and Group 2 believed that they only transported the coffee, so they should earn the least money.

However, the actual answer was totally different from what we expected. For a \$20 bottle of coffee, farmers only earn 1% of the money and transporters only earn 2%. Processors earn the most money. Businessmen take about 10% to 20% of the money. All of us were extremely surprised. After that, we went back to school.

After this visit, I now know that although farmers work very hard, they still cannot earn much money. Their devotion and sweat do not give them the return they deserve. It is very unfair to them. In my opinion, they are in pitiful situation. The government should set up laws to increase their income. Also, I will buy more fair trade products. All in all, I learned much from this meaningful trip, especially about the importance of fair trade. I hope I can go to other charitable organizations to learn more in the future.





Title: The Kindest Cut
Author: Sydney Chung
Recommended by Ho Ka Chun (3B)



Title: French Women Don't
Get Fat: The Secret of
Eating for Pleasure
Author: Mireille Guiliano
Recommended by Ms Cora Ho



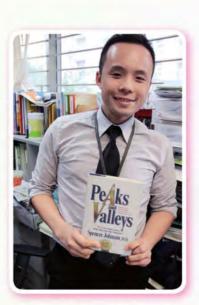
Title: My Name is Red
Author: Dhan Pamuk
Recommended by Liu Ka Chu (3A)

What Are You Reading Today?

Photography: Chan Wing Ching (3B), Ho Ka Chun (3B)

Confucius, the greatest Chinese teacher and philosopher, once said, 'No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.' More than 2000 years later, his view is still shared by many, including Roald Dahl, the author of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Dahl appealed to teenagers by saying, 'Go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall.' In short, we can't live without reading!

So what are you reading today?



Title: Peaks and Valleys: Marking Good and Bad Times Work for You at Work and in Life

Author: Spencer Johnson Recommended by Mr Ken Kum



Title: The One Minute Apology:
A Powerful Way to Make
Things Better

Author: Ken Blanchard & Margret
McBride
Recommended by Mr Samuel Chan

Title: Holes
Author: Louis Sachar
Recommended by Chu Yat Chiu (5E)

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Title: Freakonomics
Author: Steven. D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner.
Recommended by Ms May Chau



Title: Hetty Feather
Author: Jacqueline Wilson
Recommended by Ms Peggy Lam



Title: 1984 Author: George Orwell Recommended by Mr Anthony Wu



Title: Hong Kong Apothecary:
A Visual History of
Chinese Medicine
Packaging
Author: Simon Go

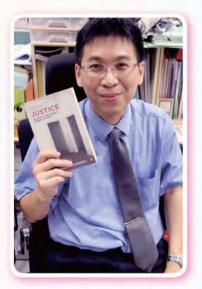
Author: Simon Go Recommended by Mr Lincoln LaGrotteria



Title: War Horse Author: Michael Morpurgo Recommended by Ms Rainbow Chow



Title: Introducing Infinity:
A Graphic Guide
Author: Brian Clegg & Oliver Pugh
Recommended by Mr Mic Hung



Title: Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?

Author: Michael J. Sandel.

Recommended by Mr Tsang Siu Kei



Title: Grandma Grandpa Cook
Author: Yeung Yang
Recommended by Ms Phoebe Tsang



Title: The Urban Design of Impermanence: Streets, Places and Spaces in Hong Kong

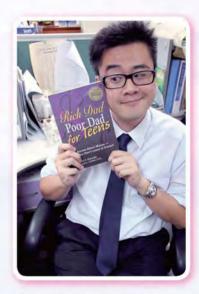
Author: Peter Cookson Smith Recommended by Ms Cathy Wong



Title: The Book Thief
Author: Markus Zusak
Recommended by Ms Alison Wong



Title: Reader's Digest
Recommended by Mr Vincent Hannas



Title: Rich Dad Poor Dad for Teens: The Secrets about Money that You Don't Learn in School

Author: Robert T. Kiyosaki Recommended by Mr Eugene Lo



Title: You Can Save the Planet: A Day in the Life of Your Carbon Footprint

Author: Rich Hough Recommended by Ms Reggae Leung



Title: The Science Book:

Explore and Learn the
Big Ideas of Science

Author: Matilda Gollon Recommended by Ms Phoenix Cheung



Title: CNN Interactive English Recommended by Mr Alex Wong



Title: Unreal!: Eight Surprising

Stories
Author: Paul Jennings.

Recommended by Ming Long Hei (2D)



Title: The Diary of Ma Yan: The Life of a Chinese Schoolgirl - Transformed

Author: Pierre Haski

Recommended by Ms Janet Lam



Title: (All the books on his iPad)
Recommended by Mr Ken Woo



Three student reporters for the K S Lo English Magazine met up with Ms Audrey Eu, a very well-known politician in Hong Kong. In the interview conducted in Ms Eu's office, Ms Eu told our reporters about her career, family as well as some political issues. Read on to find out more.

Chan Ka Man (2C)

I talked to Ms Audrey Eu about how she strikes a balance between her work and her family, and also about whether she thought she was a good mother. She said that she is a role model and is respected by her children. However, despite her efforts to be the best mom that she can be, she still experiences a

few family concerns. She said that the most difficult thing for her was to balance her family life and her work life. Since she is so busy, she usually isn't able to spend quality time with her children.

Busy parents have many things running through their minds. She told me that her way to cope with her career and family was

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to jot down and deal with every request that her children had. She wanted her children to feel that they were loved and important. One time, one of her daughters asked her which dress she should wear to a special event. She knew that she had to give her good advice otherwise her daughter would feel bad.

Despite being a strong woman, there are always some issues that she has trouble dealing with. She said that even though her daughter is working in Central, she never goes out to lunch with her. The reason behind this was that her daughter feels embarrassed to be seen with her in public. She doesn't like reporters taking photos of her. Her daughter wants to maintain her privacy. These kinds of scenarios can affect family relationships. She feels really upset when her daughter refuses to see her because of this problem.

It was great to have a chance to interview Ms

Eu. It was an eye-opening experience, and I learnt a lot from it. I realised that although Ms Eu is a strong woman and politician, she still copes well with family demands.

I admire Ms Eu for her hard work very much. I respect how she works so hard and still tries her best to spend quality time with her children. Her path to becoming a member of LegCo was not easy. At the beginning of her career she faced many obstacles such as writing Chinese articles efficiently. But now, she has improved and fallen in love with what she does. She had to make a lot of progress to reach her goal of becoming a good legislator. Through the interview, I now have a better understanding of what 'no pain, no gain' means.



Lo Wing Lam (3B)

It was a pleasure to have had an interview with Ms Audrey Eu Yuet-mee (a former member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong and the former (founding) leader of the Civic Party). In my opinion, Ms Eu is a very successful woman. She has a successful career and is the proud mother of a wonderful family. I really admire her, not only because she is successful, but also because of the way she treats others. There are also many other interesting things you should know about her.

Ms Eu is a very hard-working person. She has to handle many problems from different aspects of her life such as work related issues and family related issues. Although it is hard to balance work and family, she never gives up. She devotes her time and effort to ensure that she is able to meet both work and family commitments.

During the interview, she mentioned that it was difficult being a member of LegCo. She said it was hard because she had to write in Chinese, since she had lived in London for quite a while and was used to mainly speaking in English. As a member of LegCo, you have to speak and write in Chinese as well. She never gave up and worked hard to improve her Cantonese whilst at work. Her dedication to learning is definitely worth our praise! We all should follow Ms Eu's great example.

Ms Eu caught our attention when she used a very interesting idiom to answer one of our questions during the interview. She told us that, "young people can change the world!" Hearing this from her encouraged me greatly. In the past, I didn't care about government or politics as I thought that my ideas wouldn't be taken seriously. After listening to Ms Eu, my opinion has changed. I now spend more time watching the news and caring about society. I will work and study harder to become a successful woman like Ms Audrey Eu.

I was very much impressed by how kind and enthusiastic Ms Eu was. Our interview with her went for about an hour. Many of my classmates felt tired towards the end, but she didn't. She remained vigorous throughout the interview. She always had a smile on her face and answered all our questions thoughtfully and patiently. When we asked her if she thought she was a 'good mother', she seemed a bit hesitant and tried to answer the question cautiously. She replied by saying, "I don't know", and added that we should ask her daughters.

After the interview, some of my classmates wanted to take some photos with her and she didn't refuse. She was very kind and gracious towards all of us.

I learnt a lot from Ms Eu. I will work harder from now on and hope to become a successful woman just like her in the future!



Lui Cheuk Ying (3B)

It was a great honour to interview Ms Eu. She is an incredibly successful woman who first started out as a lawyer. She is also a former member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, as well as the former (founding) leader of the Civic Party. Given that she has such a successful career, it means that she is very busy. Given that she is so busy, we all wondered whether or not she's able to strike a balance between work and family. That's why we asked her whether or not she thought she was a good mother.

Although she is a busy woman, she insisted that she always leaves time for her family, especially her three daughters. She always makes sure that when her daughters need her, she is there for them instead of telling them, "I am busy". One thing that Ms Eu was a bit sad about was the fact that she wasn't able to have lunch with one of her daughters. Her daughter doesn't like being in public with her because reporters take photos of them together.

It must be difficult for Ms Eu to become a good mother, especially when her children may not always understand her problems and difficulties. However, she does try to spend as much time as she can with them.

During the interview, we also talked about another political figure, Longhair. I personally believe that he is the soul of the LegCo.

Ms Eu said she respects him. She met him about 13 years ago. At that time, he failed to win a LegCo seat in the New Territories and decided to move to Hong Kong Island. She thinks he is a gentleman and said that he knows a lot about Chinese History. Ms Eu pointed out that whenever she needed help, Longhair would always help her.

Ms Eu studied in London for quite a while and her Cantonese was not so good. Whenever she needed help translating her writings into Chinese, Longhair would always assist her patiently.

Ms Eu insisted that Longhair doesn't just spend his time 'filibustering' and throwing things at government officials. She made it clear that Longhair has done a lot of positive things for Hong Kong. There was an incident where Mr Wong Yuk Man asked Longhair to attack someone, but he refused and just simply walked away. Ms Eu said that she was happy to have such a good relationship with Longhair.

Wong Pak Ling (5A)

It is obvious that Ms Audrey Eu is a very successful woman. Having a successful career means that she is often very busy with her work. When we asked her how she manages to strike a balance between her work and family, she responded by saying that despite being such a busy person, she always tries to put family first.

When we asked her whether or not she thought she was a good mother, her answer came as a bit of a surprise to us. She responded, "I think you should ask my three daughters whether they think I am a good mother or not."

Ms Eu insisted that she didn't want to bother her daughters too much because teenagers these days are very independent. Ms Eu emphasised that no matter what her daughters' needs were, she would always try to help them first regardless of how busy she was. Furthermore, Ms Eu said that her

daughters never ate out at restaurants with her as they didn't want to be seen in public with her. The reason is because reporters always take photos of them and that's something her daughters don't like. She ended her response by light-heartedly asking, "Why do kids always want to be so cool?"

I have never imagined that I would be able to meet a famous political figure such as Ms Eu. Therefore, I was really excited when I found out that I was going to get the opportunity to interview her. I always thought that lawyers were very serious and hard to get along with, but Ms Eu totally changed my way of thinking. I found Ms Eu to be an incredibly gracious person. She always had a smile on her face and was nice to all of us. During the interview, I learnt a lot about her family and different political issues such as homosexuality, grey goods traders and universal suffrage. My time with Ms Eu was really delightful. It was an experience I'll never forget.



Lam Sze Man (5E)

- Q: You were a former member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong and also the former (founding) leader of the Civic Party. What have you achieved and learnt from your time in the political arena of Hong Kong?
- A: She said that her dream was to become a law teacher and not a politician. When she was young, she never thought about becoming a politician. It was later in life that she became interested in politics and decided to become a politician.
- Q: How did you feel about your life in the political arena?
- A: She said that she always felt very tired due to the heavy workload. In spite of this, she still enjoyed it because she gained a lot of experience and knowledge.

Ms Eu said that her life in the political arena was like a lesson in life, and that it taught her a lot. For example, she improved her Chinese immensely during this period because she had to write a lot of articles in Chinese. The more she wrote and practiced, the better she became. After having written so much, she is now quite skilled in the Chinese language.

My Personal feelings

This was a really meaningful and memorable interview. It was my first time meeting Ms Audrey Eu. She's an extremely outstanding Hong Kong politician. Therefore, I felt honoured and glad to have interviewed her. She was very nice and is an extremely intelligent person. I learnt a lot about her family, career, values and attitude towards life. I found that whenever she encountered any difficulties, she would try to overcome them through perseverance. We all could learn a lot from her. After having met her, I now consider her to be one of my role models.





English Week

This year's English Week was held from 20th to 25th March 2013. We had great fun in a medley of English events and activities including 'Fun, Run, Done', 'Scavenger Hunt', 'Round 5 of the Scrabble League', 'the S5 Inter-house Quiz Competition', 'Pictionary' and 'the K S Lo Can Sing' singing contest. We have selected for you some of the most interesting photos taken during these fascinating English activities.



Ms Peggy Lam hosts the Scavenger Hunt.

English Week



Tracy Truong (2C) and Anky Li (2C) sing the song 'Telephone' during the Opening Ceremony.



Anky Li (2C) sings 'Rolling in the Deep' in the Singing Contest.



Answer the question correctly and win a coupon!



Two students draw pictures for their classmates so they can guess the word during the Pictionary Challenge.







A Visit to Crossroads

Crossroads Foundation is a Hong Kong based, non-profit organisation serving global needs. The term 'crossroads' is a place where two roads meet and cross each other. The foundation aims at providing a 'crossroads' to link those in need with those who can provide help.

Some Form 5 students visited the headquarters of Crossroads to find out more about issues like living with a disability, AIDS and fair trade.

Cheng Wai On (5D)

The visit to Crossroads Foundation was a great experience. What impressed me most were the Story Time and Blind Experiences.

During the Story Time experience, I listened to the story of an eight-year-old boy who lives in Africa. The boy's village was attacked by an insurgent army and the soldiers forced him to make a difficult decision. They threatened to kill either his brother or sister and he could only save one of them. In the end, the boy chose to save his sister and then witnessed the soldiers kill his brother. Then the boy had to face something that was even more terrible than death: He was forced to become a soldier even though he was only eight years old. His sister was then molested by the soldiers. She was only seven years old. Luckily, they both escaped after the battle.

I found it a really hard decision to choose who to save. This boy will remember his brother's death for his whole life. His story makes me think about how lucky I am. In my life, there is no need to face wars or any serious hardships similar to the ones faced by that African boy. Now I understand that somewhere in the world people are living unbearable lives and desperately need help.

Another impressive experience was being in a dark room. The dark room was a simulation of losing our eyesight. As a person who is currently able-bodied, I am always afraid of losing my eyesight. However, I was very surprised when I was in complete darkness. After losing my eyesight, I found that I could hear more clearly and feel my surroundings by listening and smelling. It was a great experience as it allowed me to empathise with the blind.

After this meaningful visit, I will be more concerned about the lives of needy people, and also more careful about protecting my eyes!



I visited Crossroads Foundation on Wednesday, 20th March. When I arrived, one of the volunteers introduced us to some information about the foundation and the activities of the day. I was really looking forward to the activities she had mentioned.

First, I started the 'AIDS x-perience' with my partner. Although the volunteer spoke to us in English, her instructions for us were very clear. We were asked to work in pairs to listen to recordings of stories about different victims who suffered from AIDS. The recordings were available in Cantonese and English, and we ended up choosing English as we wanted to put our listening skills to the test. It was so amazing that the environment and decorations in the room were completely related to the stories, making us feel like being in the story setting. From the stories, we learnt about the

causes of the widespread problem of AIDS and the related symptoms.

Then our group moved on to the 'Blind x-perience'. We walked around a totally dark room, using only our hands to touch, our ears to listen and our mind to feel where we were going and what was happening around us. I was really nervous and scared at the beginning. However, everything turned out fine and I was surprised to get around not using all my five senses. This experience made me realise how difficult the blind live their daily lives. I'm so proud of them as they are really brave and strong.

Overall, it was such a wonderful experience. The volunteers there were very nice and the activities were so meaningful and interesting that I felt I had broadened my horizons. I really enjoyed the visit.









KS Lo English Writing Competition 2013

'Broadening My Horizons'

To broaden their horizons, students in our school take part in different activities like charity work, hobbies, sports, travel, courses, school events such as outings, the Annual Performance, and so on. What are you doing outside the classroom to broaden your horizons?

Write to explain and reflect on what you do to broaden your horizons outside the classroom.



Form 1 1st Place

Broadening My Horizons from English Drama

Tsang Tsz Yiu (1D)

I love acting. I love acting in different roles such as a bad guy, a clown and a gossipy woman. I also love performing in front of an audience. If I could, I would stay in the English Drama Club until graduation!

In the English Drama Club, members can perform different roles. When I acted as a gossipy woman, and even though the role was only a small part, I thought that the character was a very unique one I would never forget.

When rehearsing, Mr. Lo and the director, Alex Tang, always teach us how to relax, why we need to relax, and how we should forget our real self, and instead immerse ourselves in our characters. Even if I was not given any roles in the play, I have learnt that I should not blame the teacher or director. Instead, I should just enjoy the play and learn from the other actors. I can correct my mistakes so I can be a better actress. As long as I go through my paces, I believe I can be appreciated.

Besides this, it takes a lot of courage to act.

If I am not brave, and if I do not try my best,
I won't perform well on stage. The audience
may laugh at me for all the wrong reasons.

There is an English Drama Competition every year and this year was the first time for me to join. After the competition, the adjudicators gave us a lot of feedback on our performance. They taught us about acting and performing in a play and I have learnt a lot from them.

I hope I will make progress next year and continue to broaden my horizons!

Form 1 3rd Place

Broadening My Horizons

Pang Tsz Yan (1B)

22nd December, 2012 Sunny

Dear Diary,

Today, we won the championship in a drama competition. I was very happy. This was my first time to participate in a drama competition.

I still remember the day when I first came to this school. I found that there were many different kinds of activities and clubs for students to participate in. One day, some members of the Drama Club approached me and asked me to join their club. They said that it was fun. I also thought that it sounded very interesting so I joined the club's summer activities. I found that I was really interested in drama and it might help me to become braver. Finally, I decided to join the Drama Club.

I have learned a lot about drama. For example,

how to be an actress and how to prepare for a drama show. I have also learned how to work well with the other members of a team.

I was very timid before joining the Drama Club, but after I joined, I am more confident. I was happy I could speak and act on the stage in front of many people. It was a good experience for me to be an actress on the stage.

Joining the Drama Club helped me broaden my horizons. I'm certainly a braver person now!

I'm tired now. Time for bed!

Good night, Diary!

Broadening Our Horizons

Chan Yu Sang (1C)

I always feel that my life isn't expanding, that I am stuck in a rut or I'm too narrow-minded. I want to broaden my horizons and become open to all the wonderful possibilities in life. But, how can I broaden my horizons? I asked my teacher Mr. Josh and he sent me an article.

I believe that there are five ways to broaden our horizons. The first way is to get outdoors, such as visiting a country park. We can step outside, walk in an open field, climb a mountain, sit in a garden, or walk on the beach. We should enjoy the wind and sun on our faces and let nature widen our views on life.

Second, we can do something new and just for the fun of it. What is something that we always enjoy doing but haven't done for a long time? We should set a day aside and do it. It will make us happy.

Third, we can learn something new. We can learn about things we have always wanted to know or wondered about. We can read books in the library and learn more about topics we are interested in. We also can search the Internet. Doing so will expand our minds.

Fourth, we need to prioritise our lives. This means stop wasting energy on things that aren't really important. We should find space to breathe and time to be quiet.

Finally, we should be of service such as becoming a volunteer. By giving ourselves to others, we can see the world through their eyes. Opening our hearts will most definitely widen our perspectives on life.

After I read the article, I know what I should do now. Anything can be adventurous and fun. Now, I should embrace the possibilities and broaden my horizons, in order to expand my mind!

Form 1 Merit

Charity Work

Chan Hoi Wing (1A)

There are many different kinds of charity work we can do, such as canvassing for donations, visiting the elderly, working at the SPCA and donating money. what type of charity work have you participated in before?

We can learn a lot from doing charity work. Let me share with you what we can learn from helping the elderly. First, we can gain a lot of knowledge when we chat with the elderly because we can listen to their words about life - their wisdom. We can also learn how to take care of them. By doing so we can have a unique opportunity to give back to our community. The most important thing is we'll be glad to have helped the needy. By doing charity work, we can have unforgettable experiences and we can gain more self-

confidence and patience. We can know how to communicate with the elderly and learn how to respect them. Also, we can make new friends and improve ourselves.

I think some elderly persons feel very lonely because they don't live with their family members. Therefore, we should offer them our love and care.

Because I have gained a lot from doing charity work, I think it can definitely broaden my horizons. We should all tell our family, friends, and relatives to become volunteers and do voluntary work. Then, they can share the pleasure of helping the needy. Therefore, we can all share in this happiness. Why don't you start doing voluntary work right away?

Form 1 Merit

Reading Can Broaden Our Horizons

Kwok Hiu Kwan (1C)

We are all children of nature, asleep in the cradle of life. As we grow up, we can leave the cradle, explore the world, and feel the world with our senses.

Outside the classroom, there are lots of things we can do to broaden our horizons. We can take part in different school activities like charity work, school outings, English week, and the Annual Performance. Although those activities are interesting and attractive, I think reading is the best way to broaden our horizons.

I think there are two main kinds of reading. The first one is the reading of books. Our teachers always encourage us to read as many books as we possibly can. They say that by reading books we can broaden our

horizons, enhance our knowledge and learn more vocabulary. They're exactly right! There are different kinds of books on many different topics such as art, history, and travel.

The second kind of reading is the reading of the world. For example, we can obtain more knowledge by frequent travel instead of reading just books. Everything in the world can teach us something — we can read life! In fact, we can learn something from everything around us even though we may at first think it is insignificant or everyone else has ignored it.

Let's broaden our horizons!

Form 2 2nd Place

A Meaningful Day

Lam Sin Ham (2D)

Yesterday, my friend Amy and I went to visit an orphanage. Children who live there are those who have lost their parents. We brought some snacks for them and wished we would have a wonderful day with them.

After we arrived at the orphanage, we felt very excited because it was our first time to visit an orphanage. Although we were worried about meeting with the children and what they expected from us, we had confidence that we could do our best!

First, we played some interesting games with the children. They were very nice and not as sad as we thought they might be. They all behaved very well. When playing a ball game, if someone lost they would not laugh at that person. Instead, they would help him or her to pass the ball the next time. After we played some games, Amy and I chatted with some of the orphans. We shared some things we didn't like and some things we did. They also shared with us their wishes and who their best friends were in the orphanage. One young girl called Mary told us that she hoped the orphanage could help her find new parents. I think the orphanage is just like a big family. They smile together every day and share their hopes and dreams.

Finally, we handed out the snacks that we had brought with us in the morning. They were more positive than me and they hoped that some new parents will come to the child asylum and take them home. I hope their wishes will come true.

We said goodbye to each other and I promised them I would visit them again the following week. Visiting a children orphanage broadened my horizons. I learnt that everyone should be hopeful and if they are, his or her wishes will come true very soon.

Reading Can Broaden Our Horizons

Wong Yuk Ching (2A)

Many people think that reading is a very boring activity and don't want to read. But I don't think so. I think reading is an interesting activity and can make us broaden our horizons.

First of all, reading can raise our English and Chinese ability. It is because when we read, we can acquire lots of extra knowledge. Also, we can learn morals and different themes when we read fables, short stories and novels. Sometimes, we can read books about our favorite hobbies. Take me as an example, I like doing different handicrafts so I always go to our school library to borrow books about this topic. Reading books on handicrafts improves my knowledge. I can even improve my skills by reading about the different steps needed to make handicrafts and tips on different handicrafts.

Second, reading the news can also broaden our horizons. There are always new things to discover from newspapers and magazines. It surely helps us broaden our horizons, learn more about the world and learn about current events and social issues. I think this is very important because we can use what we have learned from books in the exams and have more interesting topics to discuss when we chat with our friends.

In conclusion, reading has many benefits and can certainly broaden our horizons. Thus, I always read to broaden my horizons outside the classroom.

Form 2 Merit

My Performance on the Stage

Tsang Hau Yin (2C)

I still remember the first time I stepped on the stage and performed in front of an audience. At that time I was only five years old. Now, I love being on stage and performing. I feel like the stage is a place where I belong. When I am off the stage, I am like a girl who doesn't like to speak very much. Actually I really like to do performances.

Now I'm 14. I'm a music enthusiast so I've joined our school choir and I have now started to perform in musicals. Musicals are one of the best things I have ever done. Now I love to sing, dance and act. Through my participation in musicals, I've learnt so much.

This year our school performed during the annual performance. It was a wonderful experience. I had never performed in front of such a large audience before. The feeling was awesome! Some people may think it's stupid to perform on stage or that people are going to laugh at you! But I usually reply, 'you are performing, not them, so you don't need to pay attention to what they think. You don't need to let those negative comments disturb you.' I try to ignore them because what they think doesn't matter at all.

Of course, musicals are really awesome. But I'm also extremely obsessed with speaking too because I love English so much. I've joined a plain speaking competition. What another great experience. I won the first prize in the competition. After I joined this competition I understand the real meaning of 'plain speaking': you are telling a story of yourself, not others, no matter what the topic is. Stay focus on chatting with the audience, not presenting. Remember you need to touch and impress them. I performed an article on stage during the annual performance last year. It was definitely a huge challenge for me because the topic was what I wanted to say to my parents. My Dad came to watch the performance and I never told my Dad about the topic. I cried so hard after performing on stage as I was really touched to see my Dad in the audience.

I love performing on stage, because I love to share. I like to share what I love to do with the audience. I can express how I actually feel to them and listen to their response. Honestly, my performances on stage are absolutely the best moments of my life. This is how I have broadened my horizons.

How I Broaden My Horizons

Chan Wing Yan (2B)

As students, we should not just give all of our attention to our studies. We should broaden our experiences and knowledge by taking part in activities outside the classroom by developing some beneficial hobbies. Let me tell you about how I broaden my horizons.

First, I join a lot of events. I recently took part in a charity organization called PATH that helps people in need suffering from illnesses. By volunteering for PATH, I developed my leadership and team spirit. As a volunteer, I sometimes participate in flag selling days and visiting the elderly. In addition, I also join some writing classes and listening classes to improve my communication skills. I think my skills are improving!

Second, I develop some beneficial hobbies. Some teenagers do not like reading but I do not know why. I really love reading books like novels, biographies, comics, etc. I think reading books can bring me a lot of joy and knowledge.

Third, I try to travel whenever I can. It is important. I have been to China's capital, Beijing, and to Guangzhou to have military training some years ago. The training was demanding but it made me learn that we should persevere in everything we do, such as studying. I think the proverb that says, 'Practice is more important than theory' is really relevant in my life.

In order to develop good relationships we should take part in some events. Also, we should develop better hobbies that can help us gain new knowledge and skills. Traveling is another important way for us to broaden our horizons. This is my opinion and based upon my experience. I hope you can also do things to grow as a well-rounded person.

Form 3 1st Place

My Activity

Chan Wing Yi (2B)

To broaden our horizons, students in our school take part in different activities. I take part in Girl Guides. I think it can broaden my horizons outside the classroom for several important reasons.

First of all, as a Girl Guide, I usually do some charity work like selling flags to raise money and selling lottery tickets to help people who are in need. Once when I was selling flags last October, I sold over one hundred flags in one day. I felt I was successful because I thought I wouldn't do very well before I sold the flags. Second, I sold lottery tickets in February. Although I couldn't sell so many, I didn't feel disappointed as I tried my best. Girl Guides not only provides us with the opportunity to do charity work but also makes us feel more confident about ourselves.

Second, Girl Guides helps teach us how to look after ourselves and be more independent. I have learned knot tying, cooking skills, first aid and traffic rules. Once, I helped many people tie things together after I completed the training. Also, I could not cook anything before I joined Girl Guides, but I can cook some simple dishes now, like omelets, boiled vegetable, and fried ham. Girl Guides really helps teach us some important life skills.

All in all, extra-curricular activities can broaden our horizons outside the classroom. We can do some extra-curricular activities which we can't do in the classroom.

Broadening My Horizons

Kwok Wai Ki (3B)

Our world is extremely huge so we can't just learn from school. Outside the classroom, we can do a wide variety of activities in order to broaden our horizons. Thus, I would like to share some of my experiences of broadening my horizons with you.

There is no denying that charity work brings lots of benefits to us. I firmly believe that the most important benefit of charity work is that it broadens our horizons. I have been a volunteer for three years. During these three years, I did a number of jobs. Most importantly, I served a group of the elderly. I visited their home and cooked a plentiful lunch for them. I also went to museums and the Wetland Park with them. The elderly shared their feelings and daily life with me. After joining this kind of charity work, I found that many underprivileged people really need our helping hand. Outings gave me a chance to look around and get to know my community better. These things I have learnt couldn't be found in school. My horizons have been broadened and I would like to help more people if I can.

Besides doing charity work, playing Scrabble is beneficial to us. Last year, I started playing this board game and it became one of my hobbies. I played it so hard and seriously. I joined many inter-school Scrabble competitions and tournaments in order to

improve my skills. During every game, I can broaden my horizons since the opponents from other schools always perform superbly. It is competitive and exciting. Before going to the competition, I thought my skills were good enough. After going outside, I believe that I actually have a lot of areas where I need to make improvements. In the future, if I have a chance to play with some experienced players, my skills will certainly be expanded.

Apart from this, there is no doubt that traveling can broaden everyone's horizons. The reason is that travelers can learn about people and cultures of other countries. I have been to some places with my parents and schoolmates before. I saw different things I had never seen in Hong Kong. I also learnt the culture of that country and had the chance to talk to the locals. As the saying goes, 'Reading a thousand books is not the same as traveling ten thousand miles.' Therefore, it is a complete certainty that traveling can broaden my horizons.

To conclude, everyone can broaden their horizons outside the classroom. I am broadening my horizons by doing charity work, playing Scrabble and traveling. Last but not least, I hope I can try to do more kinds of activities in order to enrich my knowledge and life.

Form 3 3rd Place

The Outside World

Chiu Ho Yi (3B)

Apart from acquiring knowledge in school, what do you do to broaden your horizons from the outside world?

Nowadays, it is beyond a doubt that students are busy day after day. They may not have plenty of time to join all sorts of activities and learn different things to broaden their horizons. Therefore, it will widen the gap between society and students.

To broaden my horizons, I sometimes go hiking with my family on weekends. When we arrive at a wild place, my Dad usually has an itch to get away and explore. He loves the natural environment very much as he thinks the landscape of nature is elegant and he can learn more about the wilderness. Influenced by my dad, I began to appreciate the environment in the wild gradually. In fact, I learned about maps, map symbols, direction and figuring out where I am. Going hiking not only gives me a chance to know more about the natural environment, but also lets me acquire some basic skills of living in the wild.

Next, I usually go to the library and borrow some books to read in my spare time. Reading is a fun and useful way to broaden my horizons.

I like reading non-fiction books very much

since I think the plots are always very interesting and exciting. After reading them, I learn different vocabulary and phrases from the books. Sometimes, when I feel very bored from reading non-fiction books, I usually find other books which can teach some magic or origami skills. It not only develops my interest on other subjects, but also makes me feel fascinated with books.

Last but not least, being a volunteer can broaden my horizons. Along with the changes between generations, the growing disparity between rich and poor becomes more serious. As a volunteer, I have to talk with the poor and think of some ideas to reduce their burden. Thus, it will make them have a better living condition.

Moreover, I always visit elderly homes. Apart from chatting with them, I play games or sing songs to let them have a great time.

On the whole, to broaden my horizons, I usually go hiking to explore the wilderness, read books to increase my knowledge and help people who are underprivileged. What are you doing outside the classroom to broaden your horizons?

Small Eyes See Big World

Lee Chun Kit (3C)

Students in our school take part in different activities including charity work, hobbies, sports, travel, courses, school events such as outings and the Annual Performance in order to broaden their horizons. As for me, I do something special. I like to talk with people, especially people from different countries. Another thing I do to broaden my horizons is doing voluntary work. You may think that these two activities are rather insignificant but they have really broadened my horizons.

Talking seems like a common activity but it can broaden your horizons. Talking to people from different countries can let you know more about other countries. It can also improve your English and communication skills. Many students or teenagers raised in Hong Kong don't know that the world is so big. Talking to foreigners can make your world views bigger and not just think about Hong Kong. Let me share an example with you. My mum has many Australian and Japanese friends. She always has lunch or dinner with them and she takes me along. On these occasions, I have many chances to talk with them. Every time they share some interesting things about their countries. Thus, I think my horizons

have become bigger after talking with them. Hong Kong is so small and we need to see the whole world. Talking to people from other countries is so easy, don't you think so?

Some people have the opinion that being a volunteer only means working for free. But is this true? Being a volunteer can let you see how ugly the world is for so many people. For example, sons and daughters don't care about their parents anymore. Some parents abandon their children and run away from their responsibility. Are these kinds of events common? Unfortunately the answer is yes! If not, why are there so many nursing homes or orphanages in Hong Kong?

Taking care of the elderly or playing with children who have lost their parents can broaden our horizons. Being a volunteer can let you know there are many sad things in this world and that your life might not be as bad as you think it is. It can also remind you to work hard at school and let you understand that happiness is just around the corner.

All in all, talking to people from other countries and being a volunteer are two easy ways to broaden our horizons.

Form 3 Merit

The Forgotten Old Lady

Wong Pui Sin (3C)

The first time I volunteered for charity work I was sent to help clean the house of an old lady who lived alone in a small room in Tai Kok Tsui. She barely managed to maintain her living by the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance of the Hong Kong Social Welfare Department.

When I arrived at her home in the morning, the environment was dark and smelly. So, I started cleaning the house: wiping the floor and cleaning the windows. Three hours later, I was still in her kitchen tidying her cabinet. I was tired, hungry and lonely. It was 4 pm after I had finished all the cleaning in her house. I was exhausted. While I was on my way back home, it was not the tiredness that kept bothering me but the sad eyesight of the old lady. I could feel that she was lonely and forgotten.

In the beginning, I thought doing charity work is a waste of time; I would rather do my work in front of my table. But after helping the elderly. I learnt that there are many people who are in need, we should take more care of them. The elderly had spent their lives to work on prosperity of Hong Kong. We should not forget the elderly's hard work when they get old. Not only the elderly need help, but also there are many people waiting for help. In fact, helping people can be easy even though you are not rich. So we should lend a hand by looking after them. You will get happiness while you are helping others. Also, the experience can broaden your horizons as well.

Broadening My Horizons

Fung Wing Lung (3E)

In our school, students take part in different activities like charity work, hobbies, sports, travel, courses, school events such as outings, the Annual Performance, and so on. As for me, I do activities outside the classroom in order to broaden my horizons.

First, I take part in charity work. In charity work, I can help the needy by providing food for them. They are older. They can't work so they can't make money from work. They don't have the money to buy some food so they are hungry. They need some help. We can give some food to them. Some elderly people live alone. They are sad and unhappy. We can chat with them. When I chatted with them, they told me their history. I learnt more history from them. Charity work makes me know why they need help. I will take part in charity work to broaden my horizons.

Second, when my school organizes hiking or camping I will take part in these activities because these activities teach me some survival skills. For example, I have learnt how to make a fire. When we need to make a fire outdoors, we will find some small items such as dry leaves. I learnt more about making a fire from these activities. I also like rock climbing because it is exciting and increases my survival skills. On a camping trip, I need to find some food in the afternoon or evening. I usually fish to get food. Fishing makes me learn more about different types of fish. It makes me know more about survival skills. I will take part in these activities from my school to broaden my horizons.

That's what I do outside the classroom to broaden my horizons. I think that it is the best way to broaden my horizons.

Form 4 1st Place

Valuable Opportunity

Ho Ka Chun (3B)

Nowadays, there is a myriad of ways to broaden our horizons. By seizing the opportunities around us, we can benefit from them. Our school provides a lot of chances for us to know more about the outside world. Being a club member of the English Drama Club and a volunteer who does charity work on a regular basis, I can profit from every one of the learning experiences I have.

The English Drama Club always gives us a chance to watch some drama performances, no matter if it is a big production or a small one. Teachers also give us opportunities without the slightest hesitation. I can learn a lot from the quality drama performances, namely the acting skills of an actor, the planning of the scenes and even the stage effects. It is a valuable opportunity for me to watch quality drama shows and absorb these experiences.

At our school, the English Drama Club performs a drama each year for the Annual Performance. It is not only a great opportunity to perform our best in front of an audience, but also an opportunity to see the reaction from the audience. I remember last year I took part in a play called Arabian Nights. Once I did something interesting, the audience clapped their hands and laughed out loudly. I felt very pleased and a bit touched, since I could get the audience's attention and interest, which

is a great reward for an actor and can help to motivate them to improve their acting skills. The English Drama Club provides me with a lot of chances to look more at the outside world.

Helping others in need is also important, especially because there are so many people who are underprivileged. These people need some help from society. Thus, I also participate in the Volunteer Team. During this school year, I visited the elderly and cooked a meal for them with my team members. I cannot forget the experience when I visited an elderly person's home. I remember that the home was really small, crowded and stuffy. They need a lot of help. I am glad that I am a member of the Volunteer Team, it gives me a chance to help the elderly and give them a nice memory. If I have ever owned this chance, I will not know how poor living environment they have. I will only know something that are not factual at all.

To summarize, the school provides a lot of chances for me to broaden my horizons, such as seeing the real living environment of the elderly and appreciating drama shows. Find your own ways to broaden your horizons!

Drama Adds Spice to My Life

Lee Mei Yin (4A)

Drama was my first choice of school activities when I was in Form One. Initially, I was not looking forward to having great fun or earning much from participating in the Chinese Drama Club. But contrary to my expectation, being a member of the club, I have really grown up in tons of aspects and broadened my horizons.

Being an actress, I can always get opportunities to compete and exchange experiences with performers from other clubs. Taking part in different competitions and variety shows provides me with chances to enjoy others' shows all the time. From others' shows, not only can I improve my own acting skills, but I can also take others' performances or means of expression as references. Take the drama show that was held in Sha Tin last year as an example, actors and actresses from a professional drama team used dancing and music to show the theme. I was surprised to find that the drama was without a word for 15 minutes. It really shocked me and reminded me to try more ways to act. The opportunities really broadened my horizons.

Apart from participating in shows and competitions, chances of enjoying famous drama shows and taking part in talks are continuously provided to me. My school often holds trips of watching drama performances and going to talks. The shows outside are

really different from the ones at school due to their casts and techniques. The lighting, props and directing skills always impress me and never lets me down. In addition to watching the performance, our teachers sometimes invite directors and actors to our school and share their experience to us. Last year, Subyub Lee, an actor and also my senior fellow apprentice, was invited to hold a small talk. Subvub shared his hardship and confusion in his earlier life with us. From my perspective, his persistence to keep calm and carry on fighting for his dream is really great. Conversing with Subyub, I found we need to insist and strive if we want to fulfill our targets. These opportunities have mentally broadened my horizons.

As for being as a backstage technician, I have developed skills in different aspects such as lighting, sound and stage management. When I was in Form Four, I started to be a backstage technician, which is harder than being an actress. Nonetheless, I learnt a lot from the experience of working backstage.

First and foremost, tens of thousands of chances are available for me to learn and practise. The drama club often sponsors me to apply for the courses about backstage knowledge. I have learnt techniques that can't be found in the textbooks like controlling the

Form 4 2nd Place

spotlights and mixing soundtracks. Owing to the fact that we do not have much time to practise, our school allows me to be in charge of school functions so as to let me drill what I have learnt from lessons. For example, I will be one of the backstage helpers in the coming Annual Performance and I will be responsible for setting cues and keeping props. It will be a great chance for me to train myself and it has already broadened my horizons.

Most importantly, being a backstage technician I have learnt how to communicate with others. When we are on shows, it's impossible for us to keep silent and finish our job alone. We need to talk to people like our fellow schoolmates, or even strangers for the sake of a successful show. Sometimes, we are bound to talk with hordes of people. Time is treasure, so we have to go fast

when working backstage. Communicating bravely and clearly makes people receive your message immediately and cooperate. Talking bravely and clearly is not only crucial in the work, but also in our daily life. During conversations, I have already trained myself not to be afraid and make suitable decisions anytime. Although it's intangible, it has already broadened my horizons.

Partaking in the Chinese drama club has provided me with different opportunities to learn different techniques and develop good personalities. It has not only helped to develop a better me, but also broadened my horizons.

Musical to Learn

Kwok Chun Fung (4A)

Last Saturday, I went to the Cultural Centre to watch a musical called "Dirty Dancing". This made me recall the experience of watching a musical for the first time.

The first musical I watched is a romance musical called "Grease" by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey and is set in the 1950s in the USA. Even though I had not been born at that time, the theme of this musical - love - is certainly one that I can identify with. Also, the musical gave me some insights into the life of an American team in the 1950s. Of course there weren't any hi-tech gadgets for people at that time. Unlike us, they didn't have smart phones or computers to keep in contact with their friends and family members. They also didn't stay indoors so much and had far more face-to-face communication. Interestingly, people could still live without much entertainment from hi-tech gadgets. This seems almost impossible for us nowadays.

What did teens do back then? They always hung out with their friends and had fun by chatting and playing games. After watching "Grease", I could imagine what life must have been like in the old days. Although the improvement of technology brings us a tonne of advantages and conveniences, the relationship between people in my opinion has become worse.

The second musical I watched is "Annie". I think it is the best one I've ever watched. Annie is the story of a little girl who lives in an orphanage. An orphanage is a place where children never want to go or stay in because they no longer have parents who love them. This was true in the musical as well. In the musical, the orphanage was a terrible place for children as they couldn't receive love from others. Some of them were even bullied by others, "Annie" was no exception. Luckily, "Annie" didn't lose her hope of escaping from the orphanage while other children thought she was mad. At the end of the story, she escaped from the orphanage and was adopted into a rich family. The misfortunes of "Annie" reminded me that many children, including myself, are extremely lucky to grow up in a happy and loving family. However, there are some children who always ask for a better life and don't appreciate how lucky they are.

All in all, watching musicals surely helps me to broaden my horizons outside of the classroom. They give me different experiences on different issues. In addition to broadening my horizons, watching musicals certainly provides us with another way to learn English instead of doing tens of thousands of exercises. Musicals can also help me to reduce my pressure from my daily life and studies.

A Special Trip

Wong Man Man (4B)

Have you ever been on an unforgettable trip? I joined a special trip and I will never forget the experience I had on it! In fact, I think this will be the funniest and best trip of my life.

Last November, I joined a trip which was organized by the Chinese History Club. We went to Sichuan for five days and four nights. I had never joined a school trip longer than two days so I was both nervous and excited. I hoped I would have some good experiences! I prepared many thick clothes and many snacks. We thought that Sichuan would be cold in November. Also, our teachers told us that we would be spending a long time on the coach so we would need to pack some food to eat on the coach while we travelled at night.

On the first day of the trip, we visited the home of pandas. I have never been as close to a panda before. We got to see the natural outdoor habitat of pandas. Unlike Ocean Park, there wasn't any glass between us and the pandas. It was certainly a special and unforgettable moment for me!

In addition to seeing the pandas, we got to see other special animals in there. After visiting the home of the pandas, we had our first dinner in Sichuan. I thought that Sichuan food was spicy and different from Hong Kong food. However, the food was picked by our Hong Kong teachers and they chose some food similar to Hong Kong food. Therefore, we could not taste the spice of Sichuan food. Both of us wanted to try some local food in Sichuan so we went to a street to buy some food. Those foods were spicy. In my opinion,

Sichuan food is not suitable for me.

On the second day, we went to a school. We tried to have a lesson with Sichuan students! My group joined one of their English lessons. The English lessons in Mainland China are different from those in Hong Kong. In my opinion, their English lessons are serious and boring. They just need to acquire the knowledge in textbooks. They would not have any English activities. It sounded boring. However, the students were still hard-working and serious. They would not do other things in the lesson. I feel sorry that I am not as serious as they are. I have learnt a lot from them.

On the third day, we went to the home of a student. His village produces some tea and fruit. We visited his village and learnt about the work of those villagers. Sichuan people are hard-working. They are also nice. They gave us some orange trees to plant at home. The oranges there tasted fresh and sweet. They were the best oranges I have ever eaten. Moreover, we visited many special streets and government buildings on the fourth and the fifth days. We bought a lot of food for our friends.

On the Sichuan trip, I learnt a lot of history of Mainland China. Also, I gained a lot of knowledge from the panda's home and the village. Moreover, I made many new friends from the school in Sichuan. The most important thing is that I know that it is not easy to have a chance to go to school. I need to be more serious and as hard-working as those students. This trip broadened my horizons!

Form 4 Merit

The Fantastic Life

Wong Pui Ting (4C)

How can we broaden our horizons? For me, I think being a volunteer is a rewarding way to broaden my horizons. Being a volunteer can provide me with the opportunity to cooperate and communicate with people who work together with me.

I've been a volunteer since Secondary Two. An unforgettable experience helped me become a volunteer. One day, my English teacher, Miss A, invited me to be a helper for an animal charity. I felt very doubtful because it was my first time to do charity work. She told me that the work was about fund raising so I decided to make some cup cakes and drinks to sell. I was surprised because my cup cakes and drinks were very popular and many people wanted to buy them. When I saw all the money I had earned, I was very happy because I never thought that I could be so successful. Finally, we donated all the proceeds from our sale to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. I felt very satisfied because I can help some abandoned puppies in need.

The activity changed my life. I used to think that being a volunteer was boring, but that's not true at all. Volunteer work is very meaningful because it can help people in need. Now, I always do volunteer work such as visiting nursing homes, selling flags and fund raising every week. I would like to encourage everybody to do volunteer work in their free time since we can learn something we can't learn at school and have valuable opportunities to gain experience. The most important reason I want to be a volunteer is that it can bring lasting happiness for the people I help. When I see their smile, I feel very touched.

Besides doing some volunteer work, I have taken part in different kinds of extra-curricular activities, including a judo team and Girl Guides outside my school. I enjoy all these activities because they are fun and I can meet many new friends through different competitions.

I have a goal, I hope that I can be a successful person and I can contribute to society.

Form 4 Merit

Amazing Clubs

Lo Chi Ling Elaine (4D)

In 2009, when I first came to school, I was curious about this school. I didn't have a sense of security. I was nervous and frightened. However, as time goes by, I thought that I became part of the school because of the club 'Girl Guides'. This club broadens my horizons. Although I cannot remember how I joined this club, I really enjoy it.

The first time I had a meeting, I met many people from different forms. The activities were not specific. Anyone can be a teacher to teach other club members. I thought that it was awesome because it wasn't like the other clubs. For example, if you are part of the basketball team, you will only learn the basketball skills. However, I can learn many different types of skills such as cooking and making ornaments.

After that, when I was in Form Two, I joined another club — the Choir. This club was different from Girl Guides. This club made me very busy, especially near the annual performance and competitions. I had to practise every Wednesday. I always went home at 7:30 pm. It made my life very busy. Sometimes, I hated this club because I had to go to school when the other classmates didn't. I had to spend a lot of time on it. At the

same time, I could take advantage of meeting new friends. I also had more confidence as it was difficult for me to sing in front of people at first but after a few meetings, I could sing more loudly and smoothly. Also, I felt proud of myself after competitions or performances. I had a sense of accomplishment. This club united as one. The main thing I learnt from the club was that we had to come together. Moreover, I really enjoy singing. It made me feel very peaceful and happy. I admitted that it may make me feel tired, but I don't care about it.

Although this club was a challenge to me, I still worked very hard for two years. When I was in Form Four, everything changed. I bustled about my tests and homework. Therefore, I left the Choir to concentrate on school work. Sometimes, I went to Girl Guides meetings. At the meetings, I chose to be the leader of my group 'Poinsettia'. I tried very hard to be a leader but I had no idea what I should do to be the leader. Therefore, I just tried to be myself and communicate with my group members frequently.

To sum up, I think all the clubs mentioned above have broadened my horizons. I know a lot not only from books, but also from the outside world. Now, I can say that I am experienced and have an amazing school life.

Start off a Shop

Leung Wing Yan Daisy (4D)

Last Christmas holiday, my online shop, 'Shoppy Snow', started off on Instagram and it was named after my nickname. I sell DIY notebooks, handbags and string bags. Customers can give me a picture to draw on the cover. I really like to design covers for customers.

Furthermore, being a seller has improved my communication skills a lot as I like to chat with customers sometimes. I have good relationships with them. I enjoy sharing with them my life experience and sometimes, they ask me about homework and I am happy to help them. Also, some customers from overseas communicate with me in English. As a result, I have learnt a lot of useful English vocabulary and phrases from them.

By the way, the relationship between my mum

and I became better after I set up the shop. My mum really supports me. She helps me to color the notebooks and mail the goods. She paints as skillfully as me so we like to work together. I am thankful that she has worked for me for a long time and asks for nothing in return. So I always buy some clothes and desserts for her. She also feels peaceful as I love her and respect her. We have become very close since we started the work.

To sum up, being a seller improves my communication skills and enlarges my social circle. I am keen on art very much. It is a good chance to brush up my painting skills. Besides, my mum has become very friendly to me. As art is my dream, I am happy to work on it!

Form 5 2nd Place

The Belief I Hold

Kwan Tsz Yan (5D)

Volunteer work, musicals, the Australian study tour, and drama performances were the activities that I used to join when I was a junior form student. Thanks to these activities, my school life became very colorful and my horizons broadened. There is no doubt that by taking part in different extra-curricular activities we can learn things that we cannot learn during our regular classroom lessons. For example, leadership skills or the cultures of other countries. However, your beliefs are also an important element that can help you to broaden your horizons.

Being modest is one way that you can get more from the activities you have joined. The reason why I discuss this is that I believe you can seek more advice from others to improve yourself as long as you have a modest attitude to accept the suggestions that your peers or tutors give. These suggestions can help you grow and learn more. I joined many different competitions and performances these few years. Every time I attend these activities, hold a modest attitude to appreciate others' performances. This attitude has made me learn a lot as I can learn others' merits to improve myself. The best way to broaden your horizons is to have an open attitude. That is the belief I hold.

On the other hand, if you are arrogant, the things you will get out of life will be less than the people who are modest. Arrogant people do not carry the attitude to admire and learn from others. They only think that they are enough. Even though there could be someone telling them what they need to do to improve themselves, they would not accept the advice. Take attending a performance as an example. There could be many brilliant performers in a performance. However, an arrogant person would not admire others' merits and they would not appreciate others' effort. What's more, they only search for the flaws or errors of the performers. Therefore, how can arrogant people broaden their horizons?

Being modest is a key to broaden your horizons. You can get more from watching and participating in activities if you hold a modest attitude in life. That's the belief I hold.

Strike While the Iron is Hot

Ko Hoi Ting (5E)

Have you ever imagined being a pilot or a nurse? A world traveller or a geologist? I am so sure you have. But do you know these aren't just 'dreams'? In fact, you can probably make your dreams come true if you start expanding your mind and thoughts. How about broadening your horizons?

Since last year's summer vacation, I have been doing voluntary work at the Yuen Long Town Hall. I participated in a scheme known as the '2012 Volunteer Leader Training Course'. At first, I thought this course would probably be entertaining and relaxing. Was I ever wrong! During the course, I needed to volunteer for more than 200 hours in two months to get a certificate. So, I worked very hard to reach the requirements. Actually, at first, I really wanted to quit. But later, I started to think it was an extremely fantastic and useful course.

The other participants and I were divided into different teams. In our teams we always needed to confront unexpected situations. Our tutor liked to give us numerous challenges such as coming up with a 10-minute game which 20 people could play in just 30 seconds. we also wrote a proposal in 15 minutes, planned a voluntary work schedule in 10 minutes, including the places for people

to have lunch and dinner, and which hotels people could afford to stay in. These activities might sound a little bit out of reach, but this is what we had to do! I learnt how to come up with ideas in a short time. This helped me to do things more efficiently and I improved my adaptability.

While volunteering, I gained more knowledge. On one occasion, my team members and I went to Noah's Ark, a new Hong Kong attraction at Park Island on Ma Wan Island, to do voluntary work. I began to understand the unique history and culture of Noah's Ark. The tutor there allowed us to view the activity on the surface of the sun in real time through a 350mm vacuum telescope! It was one of the most exciting activities I have ever done. However, I could say in one word to describe what I explored - it was fantastic! For me, it is experiences like this that can really broaden our horizons!

Being a volunteer has really helped me to grow as a person and I have learned so much. I have gained both knowledge and skills that I will use in the future!

Form 5 Merit

Visiting a Poor Village

Tian Zhijie (5A)

Have you ever travelled to a poor place? If you have, I am sure that you experienced a lot of different things there. During last year's summer holiday, I had the opportunity to visit a poor village in the mainland. I really had an unusual experience there that I would like to share.

It took me a long time to travel to the village since there are no convenient cities located near it. What I can only remember is that while traveling on the bus to the village, I fell asleep, woke up for a short time, and then fell asleep again. I did not know how long the journey was.

When I arrived in the village, I found everything very natural and the scenery took my breath away. I have never seen such a blue sky, white clouds, green mountains, and clear rivers. What a beautiful and peaceful village! I believed that I would have a great time there.

My accommodation was in an old house. The owner had a grandson who was a few months younger than me. However, he was a strong and tall boy with dark skin. We made friends with each other very quickly as we were extremely curious about each other's lives.

After I rested from my trip, the boy invited me to go fishing with him. I immediately agreed without any consideration. He took me to a lake which was as calm as a mirror. The water was so clear that you could look through it to see the fish swimming below. I was excited to see such a beautiful lake. While I was enjoying the view, I heard something fall into the lake.

I got worried because I could not locate the boy. I shouted his name, but there was no response. I felt sorry and helpless because I thought that he must have fallen into the lake and drowned.

Suddenly, he came to the surface of the lake. He had dived into the lake when I wasn't looking. I was very excited to see him but I was even more excited to see a big fish in his hand. I never imagined that people could catch fish without the help of tools. It was so amazing.

While carrying the big fish home, both of us felt hungry. We decided to cook the fish ourselves. When we arrived at the house, we went to the kitchen. However, I could not find an oven to cook the fish with. I was wondering how we could cook the fish without an oven. To my surprise, he showed me a 'special' oven which did not use gas or LPG as fuel; it used wood instead. He seemed amused because I was so interested in burning the wood. I had never tried it before.

The first few days were filled with many interesting activities and I saw and experienced many different things. Unfortunately, the following days were very busy and I became very exhausted and I could never finish anything easily. But I was still very satisfied with the trip because it really broadened my horizons. While living in Hong Kong, which is a wealthy city, many of us think that we can set everything easily and conveniently. This trip taught me that I shouldn't take anything for granted.

The Experience of Volunteering

Tang Shuk Wa (5C)

What do you do to broaden your horizons? You think reading books, traveling around the world or using a computer to surf the Internet can broaden your horizons? For me, I think doing voluntary work can broaden a person's horizons. Last month, I had an experience of being a volunteer.

To begin with, doing voluntary work increased my face-to-face communication skills with people from all walks of life. I joined a volunteer activity called 'Silver Surf Week'. In this activity, I needed to find different people and introduce them to the main purpose of our campaign which was helping elderly people who feel isolated from society.

In the beginning, I was nervous as it was my first conversation with different stakeholders. I felt sad because I thought I had made a bad impression. Suddenly, they agreed to sponsor and cooperate with us after my presentation. I felt a huge sense of satisfaction. Also, it made me feel more confident.

Second, being a volunteer has helped me to treasure my life. Before I became a volunteer, I always complained that my parents controlled my life and I didn't have any freedom. Now, I know they act like this because they were worried about my social life. While doing

voluntary work, I met a former classmate. We were in Secondary 2 together. She told me that she had broken a law and was now on probation. She didn't obey her family's rules. However, when she became a volunteer, she felt that her life turned around and she finally felt happy. Therefore, I think doing voluntary work can give us an opportunity to grow and learn about ourselves. I also now believe that we can learn from our mistakes and become better people.

Finally, doing voluntary work can help us see our goals more clearly. Our 'Silver Surf Week' campaign's main target was helping the elderly. I realized that society needs people who care about others, not just themselves. By being patient when working with the elderly, I have learned about perseverance and how important it is to move forward and work hard to fulfill my dreams.

Although the classroom can let us gain different kinds of knowledge and skills, outside class activities can fill our hearts and we can learn many lessons. Thus, I do believe that being a volunteer can broaden my horizons.

Form 5 Merit

Learning through Travelling

Liu Meitong (5E)

The world is a colorful and varied place, just waiting to be explored. As the saying goes, travelling a thousand miles is better than reading a thousand books. Certainly, we should travel more to experience new things instead of reading books in the classroom which can only make us become a person with a very limited outlook. In order to broaden my horizons, I took part in a school trip to Zhuhai during last year's summer holiday.

During the trip, I really experienced many things that I had never experienced before. For instance, the coach took us to the Shenzhen National Cartoon & Animation Industry Base. There, I got to see how an animation is made and learned about the different animations that Mainland China has produced. What is more, I enjoyed a wonderful laser show and watched the latest animation made by the SZCAB staff. That experience helped me to know more about the development of animation in China.

Another activity during our trip was a visit to an organic farm. I learnt about how organic farms are operated in Mainland China. In Hong Kong, the land is limited so there is only small scale farming. This is not the case in Mainland China. Therefore, the development of farms is more advanced and I could see different species of plants being grown on that farm. Farmers there provide the most

appropriate environment for the plants with the most advanced agro-technology. For example, some plants need to grow in the dark, so they put these plants in a special dark box with sufficient air inside. Due to the worker's special treatment of the plants, the farm produced some amazing species. While exploring the farm, I also saw many huge pumpkins that were as big as five footballs put together. It was indeed a very memorable and educational experience.

Another precious experience that we had was to experience the study life of local students. On the last day of our journey, we had an exchange opportunity in a local school. Mainland students took us on a tour of their school campus and shared their school life with us. Compared to Hong Kong, students in Mainland China have more academic pressure and less freedom. But this kind of learning atmosphere makes them work harder than Hong Kong students. Anyway, it was a nice experience for me.

In a nutshell, this trip really helped me broaden my horizons and learn more. It demonstrated that travelling a thousand miles is definitely better than reading a thousand books, just like the saying. So what are you still waiting for? Try to go outside the classroom and experience more!

