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Hoi Ping Chamber of Commerce Secondary School



HOI PING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECONDARY SCHOOL HKDSE HIGH ACHIEVERS 2023



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Hoi Ping's Golden Anniversary Cohort Reach Historic Heights

For most HKDSE candidates, their schooling had been heavily impacted by the pandemic in recent years, but Hoi Ping students remained resilient and maintained their focus on the exam. Because of their consistent effort and unwavering focus on their goals, Hoi Ping students have reached a historic high this year, delivering a bumper harvest to celebrate our school's 50th anniversary.

Among all exam sitters of our school, 32.8% captured level 5+ in all subjects and 72.5% level 4+; these statistics are a record high in our school since the commencement of the HKDSE. Equally pleasing is that 91.2% students satisfied the university entrance minimum requirement (33222), which is also one of the highest records in recent years and far surpasses the territory statistic (36.5%). As the whole school delivers stellar performances, 24 in particular will punch the air with glee—they scored 27 or above in HKDSE 2023, making them eligible candidates for a wide range of university programmes.



Pick Up Where You Left Off

6B Lo Wai Yan (Carmen)

In Form 6, Carmen realised that she needed to put in real effort to get into her desired university degree, so she worked harder than before. Carmen treated past papers as precious resources because she could look for patterns in certain types of questions, familiarise herself with the requirements of the questions, and analyse the logical flow of her own answers. She would also note down her mistakes in an error log to ensure that she would not make the same mistakes again.

Carmen has enrolled in the International Research Enrichment programme at HKUST.

Know Yourself

6B Zeng Xiaohong (Camille)

To Camille, Form 6 was a hard journey, so the most important thing for her was to set up a to-do list for every week. This way, she could tackle the problems bit by bit. During the study leave, she identified her weaknesses through constant practices—promptly without procrastination! Camille thinks when it becomes stressful, seeking help from teachers and peers is important.



At the National University of Singapore, Camille is pursuing a degree in Social Sciences (Honours) in Economics.

LANGUAGE CULTIVATION



Victory in Hong Kong Secondary Schools Debating Competition

The English Debate Team has demonstrated impressive abilities of teamwork and critical thinking, winning 1st runner up in the First Term of the Hong Kong Secondary Schools Debating Competition (Division 1). The team's eagerness to discover new issues and their relentless efforts allowed them to thrive even under unfamiliar topics, aptly preparing them for new challenges ahead!

Members of the team celebrated their success with glee in the school garden.



Hoi Ping Scholars Triumph in London Tournament

This summer, 15 students took part in the World Scholar's Cup London Global Round. After the four-day tournament, our representatives scored well enough to qualify for the Tournament of Champions taking place in Yale this November. Among the numerous Writing Champions (Senior Division), our students secured both the 7th and 11th places. In debating, one of our students came 3rd out of all the contestants from across the world. For team awards, one of our teams outcompeted all the others and claimed the 6th place trophy in Team Debate. In Team Writing, one team got the 4th place trophy.

The 15 students bagged more than 90 medals and four trophies in total, which is a real achievement – considering that the vast majority of the contestants came from top schools around the world!



Besides taking part in competitions, our student representatives spend leisure time visiting famous spots in London to enrich their cultural knowledge.



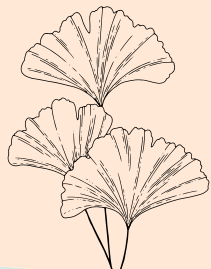
English Week Enlivens Reading Culture

Organised by the English Department, the English Week is an annual event that promotes reading. There was a Book Fair, a Reading Talk, and teachers' and students' book recommendations. The rich reading atmosphere was palpable as teachers took their classes to the Book Fair and gave tips on buying books.

The highlight of the English Week was the Reading Talk. Ms. Agnes Tai, the author of "Tall Miracles", shared what inspired her to write and the profound life lessons mentioned in her book.

Student representatives all enjoyed interacting with Ms. Agnes Tai based on questions about her book and her life.



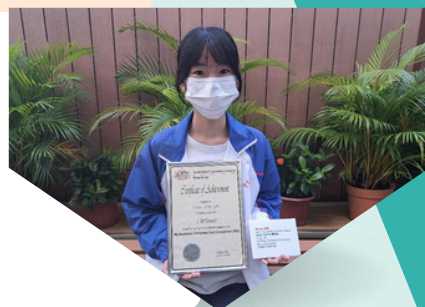


ALL-ROUND ELITES



An Artist's Way to Celebrate Christmas

4B Chan Yik Fei, Fiona has won the Championship of 'My Australian Christmas Card Competition 2022 (Senior Secondary School Category)', held by the Australian Consulate-General. Taking 'Green Christmas' as the theme, competitors had to express ideas for a sustainable Christmas while caring for the earth. As a result of her skillful expression of the theme, Fiona's design has been used as the official e-card of the Australian Consulate-General.



Fiona can't wait to amaze us again with her impressive artwork next Christmas!



Open Data Hackathon: Two Teams Emerge Victorious!

During the Open Data Hackathon Competition held in April, two exceptional teams emerged victorious and were subsequently invited to showcase their innovative smart living projects at the esteemed Smart Hong Kong Pavilion.

The winning projects utilised open data resources to provide software solutions that facilitate the public's access to essential information regarding food nutrition and local events. These talented teams exemplified how the strategic use of open data can contribute to the betterment of society and the promotion of a smarter, more sustainable way of living.

Winning teams from the Open Data Hackathon Competition proudly present their innovative smart living projects in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Hoi Ping Young Inventors Shine in Science Patent Challenge

6B Cheng Hau Yan and Fung Kin Cheung received the Silver Award at the esteemed CITYU Science Patent Challenge 2022. The competition challenged students to identify real-world problems and invent creative, feasible solutions. Through their participation, both young inventors learned how to protect their inventions by registering patents. This experience not only allowed them to showcase their problem-solving skills, but also provided them with valuable lessons on intellectual property rights.



Cheng Hau Yan and Fung Kin Cheung have successfully secured a top spot among keen competitors from many prestigious secondary schools.

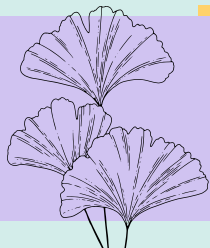


Rising Stars Shine in the Kowloon City District Outstanding Student Election

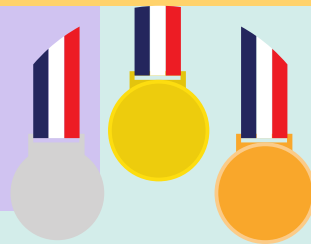
5B Chan Chi Kong, Brian, alongside 2A Ho Tse Ki, Denz, impressed adjudicators in the 2022-2023 Kowloon City District Outstanding Student Election. This prestigious award recognises and encourages students who have demonstrated exceptional academic, extra-curricular, and community service accomplishments, as well as high moral standards.

Both students had the opportunity to share their unique perspectives on social issues. The experience was meaningful, providing them with the chance to engage with new ideas, meet new people, and broaden their horizons.

Having been selected as outstanding students, Brian (right) and Denz (left) will continue to excel as standout representatives of our community!



ALL-ROUND ELITES



Representatives of the Athletics Team, with our principal Mr. Chen, receive the trophy from esteemed guests of the competition.

Hoi Ping Sport Elites on Track to Brilliance

In late February to early March, the Inter-school Athletics Competitions took place for the second time since the pandemic hit Hong Kong.

Despite the increasing competitiveness of all schools, our athletes persevered and achieved great success. Boys' B grade and Boys' C grade captured second runner-up and third runner-up, respectively. Our Girls' A grade and Girls' B grade earned first runner-up and third runner-up, respectively. The boys' and girls' Athletics Teams retained their positions among top-performing schools. We are confident that our talented athletes will continue to achieve remarkable results!

Dance Team Reigning the Kowloon City District

Our Dance Team competed in the Kowloon City District Dance Competition, which is an annual competition organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Kowloon City District Office, and Kowloon City District Arts and Culture Council. This year, it took place at the Ko Shan Theatre on 5th March, 2023. The 16 merry Hoi Ping dancers performed an energetic Hungarian Dance. After months of practice and with great teamwork, the team was crowned the Overall Champion in the competition!



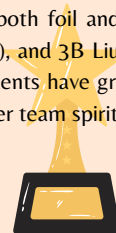
Folk dance has been our Dance Team's forte, which they take advantage of and do very well in the competition!



A Hoi Ping fencer in a tense moment in the competition—we spare no effort!

Strong Team Spirit Makes Fencing Winners

Fencing team members attended individual and team competitions in the Inter-School Fencing Competition 2022-2023, which was held at the Hong Kong Park Sports Centre. With practices twice a week and sparing no effort in perfecting their technique, the fencers achieved outstanding results in both foil and epee competitions: we captured the third place in Boys Foil (Team), and 3B Liu Long Yin came first in Boys B Grade Epee. Most importantly, students have grown a lot by learning from other competitors and have built a stronger team spirit!



Embracing Diversity through Song

Having made a name for themselves for their brilliant performances, our choir was invited to perform at the 2022 Festive Chamber Choir Annual Concert: 'Embracing Diversity'. The concert is dedicated to promoting mutual respect and understanding between ethnic minorities and young people in Hong Kong through the medium of choral work and cross-cultural music. By participating in choral singing, staging, and choreography, our choir members enriched their aesthetic sensitivity and broadened their musical horizons.



Capturing the essence of cultural harmony and diversity, our choir members deliver an enchanting performance at the highly anticipated concert!

WIDE EXPOSURE



Distinguished CEOs Share Insights with Students

Twenty-five students were given the opportunity to engage in a dialogue with senior female executives in the finance industry at the 'Dialogue with Women Chief Executives 2023', organised by the Chinese University of Hong Kong Business School. The event discussed 'The Next Generation of Leaders: Turning Adversity into Positivity'. The executives imparted invaluable lessons and values to our students for their future careers and personal lives. The event was part of our careers programme, inspiring students to become successful business leaders.



Hoi Ping representatives posing confidently at the event's photo-taking session—perhaps they would become the business leaders they listened to one day!



S5 students learn about the heroic feats of the East River Column during their visit to the Guangdong Memorial Hall of East River Column.

Exploring Shenzhen: A Journey Through China's Technological Advancements and Culture

In June 2023, S5 students embarked on a Shenzhen Technology and Culture Study Tour, exploring urban development guided by professionals. Stops included Guangdong Memorial Hall of East River Column, Longgang Science & Technology Museum, and a 3D printing museum. Students gained a deeper understanding of China's rapid technological advances, history, and culture. The tour enhanced their sense of national identity and helped them better understand national affairs. This successful mainland study tour was a valuable experience for all.



VALUE EDUCATION

Think Smart, Think Green – Recycle!

On 18th February 2023, members of our UNICEF Club and Environmental Protection Club visited the To Kwa Wan Recycling Centre. During the visit, students categorised and cleaned some waste for recycling. Seeing a recycling centre in person gave them a real-world observation and active participation experience, as opposed to just reading about recycling information from different sources. After understanding the importance of recycling, they decided to become pioneers at school to encourage other schoolmates to recycle lunch boxes, plastic bottles and cans in the near future.



Hoi Ping students putting on their 'environmental' gloves and sorting various types of waste.



The principal, Mr. Chen and Hoi Ping students posing for a photo at the programme ceremony.

Learning and Celebrating the Detection and Prevention of Eye Diseases

The CUHK Jockey Club Myopia Prevention Programme's Opening and Prize-Giving Ceremony 2022 took place on 14th January 2023. The inspirational keynote speeches of the day showed Hoi Ping students how facilitating early detection and prevention of eye diseases through this programme has helped an impressive number of underprivileged children and families. Our students will continue endeavouring to make a difference, however small and insignificant it may look at first glance, to those around us.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS



Alumni posing happily with the newly designed dove and key of Hoi Ping's anniversary logo.

Rejoicing and Reconnecting Through a Fun-filled Homecoming Day

The Homecoming Day is an annual tradition at Hoi Ping with participation from many alumni, retired teachers, and present teachers. The theme this year revolved around the school's 50th anniversary and there was a series of activities to commemorate the anniversary, including a 'watermelon ball' match, lion dance, along with a dialogue between current principal Mr. Chen and former vice principal Mr. Chan. It was a day filled with laughter and the happiness of reunion among all those with connections to Hoi Ping.

Cherish Yesterday, Live for Today, and Reach for Tomorrow

Although experiences differ in each stage of life, the memories crafted will last forever. As our S6 students were about to finish an important chapter of their lives, they gathered and took stock of all the memories from the past six years in the S6 Farewell Assembly. They expressed gratitude to the school and their teachers with words and flowers they had prepared, and sang a song that left a touching end to the event. The assembly is another beautiful memory that they can reminisce about in their post-secondary lives.



S6 students bowing respectfully in gratitude towards their school and teachers for giving them an exemplary secondary school education and experience.



S1 students posing energetically in creative costumes with Peer Tutors working diligently to make the S1 Growth Camp a phenomenal success.

More Than Just a Camp

In May, our school's Peer Tutoring Scheme held the Growth Camp for our S1 students. The theme of this year's activities was 'Teamwork', which included command tasks, fashion shows, and a dancing competition. All of these activities were prepared by the students themselves in various teams. Many S1 students were able to step out of their comfort zones and learn to cooperate effectively with others. It was truly inspiring to see how much they have grown and developed since the beginning of the year.

中華文化素養



同學於台上體驗偶戲操縱

傳承非遺文化 領略舞台風采：木偶皮影演出欣賞

為增進同學對中國文化的認識，中文科於2023年5月5日為中二及中三級同學安排了皮影木偶戲欣賞活動。表演以提線木偶、掌中木偶、皮影戲的形式演繹鐘馗醉酒和三打白骨精等經典故事，演出細膩傳神，生動有趣。同學樂在其中，在輕鬆的環境下認識傳統表演藝術，了解木偶皮影戲的傳承和發展。在互動體驗環節裏，同學們反應熱烈，親身學習偶戲的操縱方法，表現投入。現場觀演令同學窺得博大文化遺產的一隅，感受到中國傳統表演藝術的魅力所在，加深了對文化的興趣。



師生收穫豐富 合影面露笑顏

追根溯源 沉浸體驗：香港故宮博物館參觀

為豐富學習體驗，激發學生興趣，本校老師帶領中五級修讀中史科的同學於2022年12月8日到香港故宮博物館參觀，讓同學親身探尋歷史源流。同學於展覽中細心觀察不同朝代的文物瑰寶，參與融入科技的互動體驗，以嶄新視角認識中華文化。同學們走出課室，以別開生面的形式領略中國文化與藝術的光彩，歷史知識躍然紙外，一件件藏品展示著古今文明的面貌，令同學有更深刻的體會，文化視野更為開闊。



楊博士於講座後與書迷交流，簽名留念

走進文字世界 共享書香盛宴：中國語文及文學科書展

本校於2023年2月13日至15日期間舉行了中文書展，本年度主題為「武俠文學」。書展期間，老師及中文學會成員積極向同學推介不同題材的書籍，推動閱讀風氣。至於書展講座，中文科邀請了現任香港小說學會榮譽會長、曾任《明報月刊》高級編輯及長江實業集團中文秘書的楊興安博士，帶領高中同學走進「金庸筆下世界」。初中方面，曾獲青年文學獎的作家袁兆昌先生則以武俠電影、電視劇及遊戲等為例，引導同學在求真與求好之間檢視名家作品。楊博士學識淵博，著作等身，從事文教工作多年，對金庸著作有深入研究；袁先生同是金庸小說愛好者，亦對寫作饒有心得。他們生動有趣的分享實在令同學樂在其中，獲益不淺。



External Awards

Academic 2022-23



Activities	Awards	Awardees
World Scholar's Cup (London Global Round 2023)		
Writing Team	Gold Award & Trophy (4th place)	Liu Chak Man (5B), Cheng Tin Huen Hilary (5D), Lau Yuet Wai (5D)
Debate Team	Gold Award & Trophy (6th place)	
Debate Team	Gold Award (14th place)	Yu Chung Ya (5A), Liang Chun Yin (5B), Poon Cheuk Kei (5B)
Top Debater	Gold Award (3rd place)	
Top Writer	Gold Award (7th place)	Lau Yuet Wai (5D)
Top Writer	Gold Award (11th place)	Liang Chun Yin (5B)

Hong Kong Secondary Schools Debating Competition (Division 1)

First Runner-up

CITYU Science PATENT CHALLENGE 2022

Term 1 Final	Silver Award	Cheng Hau Yan (6B) Fung Kin Cheung (6B)
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2022-2023年全國青少年語文知識大賽「菁英盃」(香港賽區)(總決賽)

一等獎	王翺賢 (5A)
一等獎	許恩希 (5A)

Outstanding Students 2022-23

第十四屆九龍地域傑出學生選舉

初中組	優秀學生	李傲雪 (4C)
高中組	優秀學生	黃子純 (6E)

2022-2023 年度「九龍城區傑出學生選舉」

初中組	傑出學生獎	何梓淇 (2A)
高中組	傑出學生獎	陳志江 (5B)

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Prizes 2022/23

Awardees: Cheung Hei Ching (6B), Sheng Yuxuan (6B)

Sports 2022-23

Inter-School Athletics Competition 2022-2023 (Division 1)

Boys A Grade Triple Jump	1st	Xu King Chun Jethro (6B)
Boys A Grade Long Jump	2nd	Xu King Chun Jethro (6B)
Boys B Grade Long Jump	1st	Yeung Man Long (4C)
Boys B Grade Triple Jump	1st	Yeung Man Long (4C)
Boys B Grade Shot Put	1st	Yung Ngai Tsun (4B)
Boys B Grade Long Jump	3rd	Lau Kwok Hay (3B)
Boys B Grade 4x100m Relay	2nd	Lau Kwok Hay (3B) Hung Tsz Ho (4B) Yeung Ching Yan (4C) Yeung Man Long (4C)
Boys C Grade 100m Hurdles	2nd	Chan Yik Yi (1D)

Activities Awards Awardees

Inter-School Fencing Competition 2022-2023

Boys Foil (Team)	3rd	Wong Chun Yin (2C) Yan Chun (2C) Chui Lap Yan (3C) Cheung Ki Wan (6C)
Boys B Grade Epee	1st	Liu Long Yin (3B)
Boys B Grade Foil	2nd	Wong Chun Yin (2C)
Girls B Grade Foil	2nd	Fong Hoi Tung (3C)

Speech Festival 2022-23

74th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (English Speech)

Solo Verse Speaking - Non-Open -Secondary 5 - Boys	1st	Chan Hau Yuk (5D)
Solo Verse Speaking - Non-Open -Secondary 2 - Boys	1st	Chan Hau Yuk (5D) Kwan Chi Chung (2E)
Public Speaking Solo Secondary 5	1st	Lee Ka Yiu (5B)

第七十四屆香港學校朗誦節 (中文)

詩詞獨誦 - 粵語 - 中學三年級 - 女子組	冠軍	袁熾恩 (3E)
詩詞獨誦 - 粵語 - 中學二年級 - 男子組	冠軍	何澤民 (2D)
散文獨誦 - 粵語 - 中學四年級 - 女子組	冠軍	張銘芯 (4B)
散文獨誦 - 粵語 - 中學一年級 - 女子組	冠軍	梁雅婷 (1E)

ART 2022-23

My Australian Christmas Card Competition 2022

Senior Secondary School Category	Winner	Chan Yik Fei (4B)
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12th World Children Art Awards 2023

Gold Award	Xu Ching (3C)
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Dance 2022-23

Kowloon City District Dance Competition

Hungarian Dance (group)	Overall Champion	
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