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SELF-TRANSFORMATION through Public Speaking

Harry Lau
(6C)

On top of academic life, I have been involved in various extra-curricular activities. Being one of the top ten finalists out of the **250 participants** in the **English Public Speaking Contest** organized by the **Baptist University** was particularly meaningful to me.

Harry's Story

Starting from Scratch

At first, my mind was as blank as a piece of white paper. Nothing came into my mind about the topic— 'Silence'. However, with the help of teachers and my endeavor, I came up with something useful and finally, my speech was "born". During the process of writing the speech, it was quite tough as I needed to keep modifying it until it was perfect and no mistakes could be found. But, it was absolutely worth doing as I learned how to write a good speech during the process of modification.

As one of the Top 10 Finalists

In the preliminary round, all the participants were assigned to a designated room for delivering the speech face-to-face with the adjudicator. Fortunately, I was able to overcome my nervousness. With lots of preparation and rehearsals, I managed to make good use of the speech delivery skills taught by teachers. I was also able to manage the time well. Thankfully and surprisingly, I was shortlisted as one of the top 10 finalists. Undoubtedly, I was pleased and so proud of my accomplishment as all the other participants came from prestigious schools.



Benefits from the Grand Final

I did benefit a lot from the Grand Final but I know there is still much room for improvements. I had not had any experience delivering a speech in public before the contest. The contest gave me a wonderful chance to get in touch with and compete with English native speakers. I have benefited so much that now I know more how to deliver a speech or give a talk to someone in a spontaneous way with appropriate facial expressions, gestures and emotions.



The Secrets to Success

My confidence has also been boosted a lot as well. The skills are indispensable for university and the workplace since there will be a lot of chances for me to talk and present ideas in front of others using English as the international language and to communicate with foreign businessmen due to economic globalization.

I have determined to further polish my English skills and proficiency and be more assertive when delivering speeches in public.

Besides, I have improved my critical thinking abilities and presentation skills in an effective manner. I believe that good presentation skills and critical thinking abilities are the key to success in both tertiary education and the workplace.

I have always aspired to tertiary education at university as I have a positive and committed attitude towards learning new things. I am confident that all of the skills I have acquired, especially those in the speaking contest, will help me fulfill my ambition for a career in the financial profession.



Games from Childhood to Nowadays

What are your favourite childhood games? Four F.6 students participated in a Teen Time recording on 24th June, 2014. Let's see what the students think.

Harry Lau (6C)

In our childhood, we played various games in reality instead of those in the virtual world. There were bunches of games such as hide-and-seek, Hopscotch and Beyblade (an animated game). We did have lots of fun while playing them. Nowadays, we have switched to online and electronic games.

Austin Au (6A)

We used to play board games and card games. UNO and Monopoly were must-play games in my childhood. We laughed together when we won and we cried together when we lost. As we grew older, we played chess together. We laughed at the wrong steps that our friends made.

Chloe Chan (6A)

Now, many people play games on their mobile phones and computers, such as Tower of Saviors, and Puzzle and Dragons. By introducing traditional games to our friends, we can discover the fun in them. Also, we can recall the memories of playing those childhood games.

ON AIR/ PODCAST

Date: 17/9/2014 (Wed)

Time: 21:00 – 22:00

Channel: RTHK Radio 3

Podcast: <http://goo.gl/TuwGFj>



Yvette Wong (6A)

In fact, in my opinion, the traditional games are much more interesting and exciting. They also enable us to talk with our friends. From a social perspective, traditional games have obvious advantages over online games.

THE GREEN BUILDING COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Prize Presentation Ceremony with Principal Lee and Mr. Szeto



Incinerators in Shek Ku Chau

Three Form 3 students from our school have captured the **Championship** in the **Green Building Competition for Schools (Junior Secondary Division)** organized by the Hong Kong Green Building Council.

LIVE/ REPLAY:

6/6/2015 (SAT) 2-3pm

DBC Radio 4

Green Discovery:

<http://goo.gl/s9ymeF>

Purpose of the Competition

“The name of our project is *Incinerators in Shek Ku Chau*. The aims of our project are to introduce to the public the facts and knowledge about incinerators and to enhance the environmental awareness of citizens by designing a building which can help promote the development of the Islands District as well as provide citizens with a place for entertainment and relaxation,” said Poon Tsz Ying from Class 3C, one of the participants of the competition.

Where the Great Ideas Come from

“Our idea originates from the government’s proposal. We knew that landfills in Hong Kong will be exhausted soon from the TV news and that there have been many proposals about building incinerators from various people. At the same time, we searched for information about the incinerators in other countries such as Japan and Vienna for inspiration. The waste-to-energy incinerator from Vienna attracted me strongly with its unique design,” said Poon.

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A Meaningful and Rewarding Event



“The project gave me an opportunity to give more thought to some measures to help improve the environment and also protect the nature. It was a very meaningful activity! I am so glad we won this competition!” said another participant, Ng Sui Kwan from 3C.



Revealing the Secrets of being a **Journalist** - Mr. Chu

As students, we can hardly imagine what it is like being a journalist. How do we get a glimpse of the job? Before being a teacher, Mr. Chu was a journalist and had quite a lot of special and unforgettable experiences. Let's read the story of Mr. Chu's past working experience.

Talking to People from All Walks of Life...

Mr. Chu graduated from Hong Kong Baptist University and his major was International Journalism. As part of the course requirement, all journalism students needed to work for a publication called "The Young Reporter", which resembles *Young Post* and *Glitter*.

An memorable experience for Mr. Chu was when he managed to talk to his idol, Tanya Chua. He remembered that he contacted her by an online network, 'myspace.com', where she posted her music there. Mr. Chu wrote a private message to her, requesting an interview. After two days, she said yes! It was totally out of Mr. Chu's expectation. The location of the interview was really extraordinary because it was the backstage at her concert. How cool that was! Mr. Chu admits that it was a nerve-racking experience. Yet, that was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to talk to his idol!

The Biggest Challenge...

Despite all the sweet memories, Mr. Chu thinks that it is rather tough to be a journalist nowadays. He thinks that the biggest challenge is self-censorship - different mass media are trying to delete some sensitive information which may insult the government. Therefore, they try to delete some information by themselves which is useful to the general public, too. Sometimes, journalists cannot write anything freely.

For Those who Want to be a Journalist...

According to Mr. Chu, being a journalist can be rewarding though. It is a meaningful job for those who fight for justice and are born to be an explorer. You can get first-hand information from people from all walks of life, such as the government officials or celebrities. From Mr. Chu's experiences, most people are willing and pleased to talk to you. They think that their ideas can be spread quickly if they talk to a journalist.



Mr. Chu interviewing his idol, Tanya Chua

“ IF YOU ARE GOOD
AT LANGUAGE AND
COMMUNICATION, JOURNALISM
CAN BE A GOOD CAREER
CHOICE TO YOU! ”





The Secret Childhood of Mr. Shek Kong

Mr. Shek's Aspirations

Mr. Shek's ideal career was a teacher when he was a child owing to his good academic results. He has fulfilled his childhood dream. However, he had an even greater dream—travelling all over the world. He wants to broaden his horizon through travelling to different countries. "My first travelling experience was a trip to Taiwan!" he smiled.

The Most Disobedient Incident

When he was an innocent child, he loved stealing the eggs of a bird with his younger brother. After that, they would EAT all the eggs! One day, a foreigner was so amazed to witness that and he called the police. Having explained everything and showing deep regrets, they were released as the policeman thought they were just kids. So, they were finally "safe". HAHAHA, they were so naughty, weren't they?



Young Mr. Shek exercising



"Fat Gor" with our schoolmates.
Can you find Mr. Shek?

The "Legendary" 2015 Cross-Country Run

Mr Shek's last Inter-house Cross-Country Run kicked off with a legendary surprise!

When all the competitors were ready to set off for their running race, someone yelled, "Look, is that Chow Yun Fat?!" Yes, "Fat Gor" was really there!

Everyone participating in the event, including Mr Shek, was so excited and overjoyed to meet and take photos with the legendary superstar—our special Cross-Country Run guest!



The Secret Childhoods of

Mrs. Pau Tso Kong Mi

Creative DIY Toys

When Mrs. Pau was young, she lived in Tiu Keng Leng, which was a beautiful and picturesque village. There were a lot of huge mountains and limpid rivers. Life was peaceful there.

Though her family was not rich enough to purchase her any toys, Mrs. Pau still got plenty of playthings when she was small. For instance, she made skipping ropes herself by using the rubber bands. Mid-Autumn Festival was her most pleasurable moment as almost all the children at that time knew how to make lanterns from paper mooncake boxes. She really enjoyed playing with lanterns together with her peers.

The Naughtiest Experience

Despite an approaching typhoon, Mrs. Pau went boating with her friends. She said it was very exciting and she didn't realize how dangerous it was. She just played despite the risk to her life. That was the craziest thing she ever did in her childhood.



Mr. Ng Chung Yiu

Have you ever imagined what you will be in the future when you are an adult? Most of us might dream of being a fireman, a policeman or even a CEO. What did Mr. Ng dream of?

A Science Addict

As Mr. Ng always loved science, so he wanted to be a scientist or a doctor when he was a primary student. His parents were busy at work during his childhood and the parenting style was not too strict, so he always played football with his peers as his pastime during those years. He did not focus much on his academic work when he was studying in the primary school.



To-Be-Retired Teachers

A Devoted Science Teacher

Luckily, he was encouraged by a teacher in the secondary school to work harder. Soon he started trying his best, practicing as much as he could and striving for excellence. Deeply inspired by his teacher, he changed his mind and hoped to become a devoted teacher to inspire the next generation in the future. As all of you know, he finally achieved his goal and has brought us lots of excitement and fun in his Chemistry lessons.

He often reminds students that “Diligence does pay off. Merely playing without working hard brings nothing but failures.” As the early bird catches the worm, we should study hard and fight for our future just as Mr. Ng did !!!

Mr. Ng For Yau

The Aspiration to be a Courageous Policeman

“I dreamed of being a courageous policeman!” Mr. Ng grinned. When he was little, he wanted to be a brave policeman so as to maintain harmony in the whole city. I believe that no one from WYY will be surprised since Mr. Ng is always an honest man, isn’t he?

The Naughtiest Behavior

Mr. Ng says that there is no word better than “disobedient” to describe his youth. When he went on a school picnic in junior form, Mr. Ng and his naughty peers came up with a mischievous idea to play tricks on his classmates. They picked up gravel nearby and threw it at one of his friends! As a result, there was nonstop bleeding from the unfortunate person’s nose!!!

The Essence of Studying

Mr. Ng cares much about the study environment and he believes that a quiet environment is necessary for studying efficiently. He stresses that the preparation before lessons was essential too. In order to have a better understanding of the lessons, he would do much pre-learning. For instance, he will look up the meanings of the words he didn’t know. Mr. Ng is a great role model for us and we should all learn from his persistence and diligence.



Lots Of Games !!!

Stall Games

The stall games at the covered playground were all in the spotlight. There were four game booths, including **Idiom Matcher**, **Confusing Words**, **Big TV**, and **Choose and Shoot**. Let's read some comments given by our schoolmates!

The Most Interesting Game Booth

Big TV was one of the most interesting games among the four games provided at the playground. 'In **Big TV**, you could play with your friends and learn English together. This is the most fascinating part of the games,' said Regen Lam from Class 4D. In order to play the game, you have to gather 4 people in a group and guess the correct words by observing your teammates' body languages. This made the games amusing and appealing to students.



The Most Informative Game Booth

What does "give it a shot" mean? If you have taken part in **Idiom Matcher**, you must know the answer. It means 'try'. Although you could study the information displayed on the board next to the booth before playing the game, it could still be a big challenge to our students, even the senior form students. 'Some of the idioms are rarely seen, but they are very useful, such as "it costs an arm and a leg"', commented by Kiki Tsoi from Class 5D. Let's see how many idioms below you can identify.

- (a) cost an arm and a leg
- (b) have butterflies in stomach
- (c) a piece of cake
- (d) cross your fingers

(Answers available at English iZone / Glitter 2014-15)

Prize presentation



F.1 Inter-class Talent Quiz

‘What is a badge?’ ‘Which word means the same as intelligence?’ These are the actual questions in the quiz. Even though you may know the answer in Chinese, you still need to figure out the expression in English. For instance, there was a question asking for the name of a hairstyle in a picture and the answer should be ponytail. ‘We know the answer in Chinese, but we simply don’t know the word in English,’ some participants claimed.



A Student taking his turn to answer the question

Both participants and the audience enjoyed the ‘Floor Round’ most. The champion group, Class 1D, said cheerfully, ‘It was very exciting and it was easy for us to get lots of points!’ Most of them thought the key to winning was team work. They understood that perfect cooperation can help to win a competition.

The other classes were also very positive about the results. Although they could not win this competition, they still enjoyed this quiz since they learned a lot and could apply what they had learnt in the classroom.

Inter-house One-minute Response Competition

If you are given one minute, can you produce a 150- word passage in the blink of an eye? Well, at least all the participants of the **One-minute Response Competition** can.

‘Most of the topics are related to social issues, so we should keep abreast of the news,’ 5A Kenny Wong, a member of Yellow House, said. He also claimed that it was actually not difficult, but a fresh mind was needed in order to give an instant response with organization to the question asked.



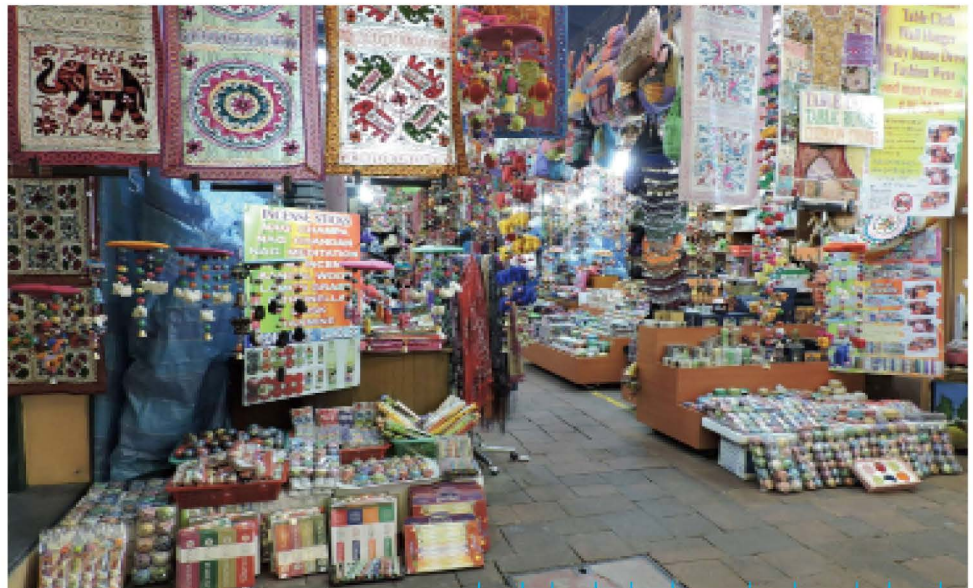


Singapore - A Colourful Place

The Geography Department held a study tour to Singapore in which students expanded their horizons while enjoying a wonderful experience by exploring the city.

Amazing Greening Policy

On the first day, students visited the Garden by the Bay. There were hundreds of plants and flowers from different corners of the globe. It was definitely a great place for photo-taking. The "Garden by the Bay" was a gorgeous place. The greenhouse with Christmas decorations was really stunning. I really appreciate the greening policy of Singapore," said Charlotte Yiu from 4C, one of the participants.



Little India

Delicious Frozen Dessert

"One of the most popular snacks in Singapore is an ice-cream sandwich," said Julia Yuen from 4D, another participant. An ice-cream sandwich is a frozen dessert with ice-cream between two pieces of biscuits. It has a crunchy outer layer with creamy and cold ice-cream inside, so it is a good way to deal with the tropical heat.

Exciting Experience

"My favorite experience was visiting the Night Safari. I had not been to a safari at night ever," said Julia. The Night Safari is the world's first safari park for nocturnal animals. After watching the show, students explored the wildlife by tram tour. Since students could observe the animals closely, they felt thrilled. The unique guided tram ride took them across the seven geographical zones of the world.



Taiwan -

More than Night Markets



*Renowned dish in Taiwan called "e zi jian", which means oyster omelet.

A plane model given out by China Airlines

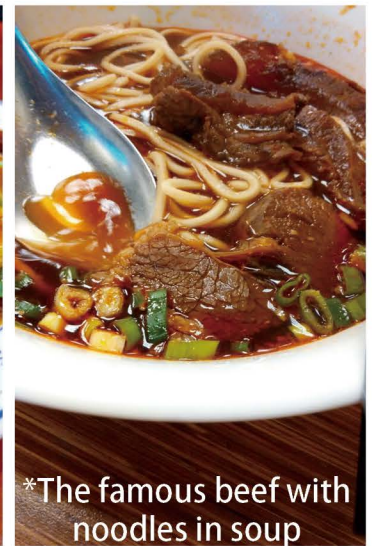
@There was a 4-day-3-night study tour to Taiwan for the students studying Tourism and Hospitality.

The Courteous and Hospital Citizens

"People there were surprisingly polite and well-behaved," said one of the participants of the tour, Coco Yeung from 5D. When I asked her about her trip, she immediately came up with the courteous citizens of Taiwan. She said that people there stand on only one side, usually the right, of the train so that there'll be more space for other passengers to get in.



*Bean curd with preserved eggs



*The famous beef with noodles in soup

Highly Concerned about the Environment

"There were no rubbish bins on the street! I don't know where to dispose of the trash," said Kelly Chan from 5D.

Taiwan is an environmentally friendly place. All people living there separate their rubbish and recycle it.

Besides, there were no janitors at Taiwanese schools. Students have to do all the tidying up and cleaning for the school. "Our tour guide told us that the students wake up early every day and they arrive at school at 7:30am to do the cleaning," said Martha Chan from 5D. These reveal that education about public sanitation in Taiwan is super successful!

Visiting China Airlines

Through this rare opportunity, they've learnt about the history of the company and also the operation of the aircrafts. We must say that these students are so lucky! Everyone received a plane model which costs HKD300! This trip was just so fruitful for the students!



****Another excursion to Malaysia jointly organized by the English Department and the Biology Department will be held in late June.**

SPOTLIGHT

Sam Smith

“STAY WITH ME
COS YOU'RE
ALL I NEED!”
@STAY WITH ME



Have you ever heard a song that touched your heart so deeply? I believe that everyone should have their own favourite songs. Up next, we are going to talk about the super-famous award-winner—Sam Smith.

The Man who Shocked the Music World

Sam Smith is a British singer. His songs are always so stunning and popular that there are millions of people downloading his songs all over the world. He spends a lot of time composing his music works. He spent almost half a year to create his first album—*In The Lonely Hour*. His first single, 'Stay With Me', brought him huge success. It has enabled him to capture the 2015 Grammy Song of the Year. This is one of the most valuable awards in the Grammy Awards, which implies that many people have been impressed by his work and that his talents in music is widely recognized.

Moreover, he won three best new artist awards in different academies, including the BRITS and the BBC Sound of 2014. All awards prove that he's a successful singer. No matter how much he has been criticized, he brings lovely tunes and melodies to his fans.

Sam Smith is a talented singer, but he still maintains a humble heart. Being hardworking, he is a good role model for us. Try to listen to his songs when you are in a bad mood as you will definitely find peace and comfort.





Taylor Swift

The Forever Renowned Lady

Taylor Swift, a name that almost everyone has heard of, is always awarded for her miraculous beautiful voice and her awesome musical talents. She received her very first award at the 2008 AMAs for the Favorite Country Female Artist when she was only 19. She's an all-round talented artist as she writes songs and lyrics, plays instruments and, of course, sings well. Surely, every Swiftie (her fans) is attracted by her great talents.

Recently, she released her 5th album, '1989', in which she totally changed her country pop music style into pop music. We are all looking forward to her greater success in the future!

“PEOPLE HAVEN'T
ALWAYS BEEN THERE
FOR ME BUT MUSIC
ALWAYS HAS.”

@T-SWIZZLE

*Beautiful Taylor

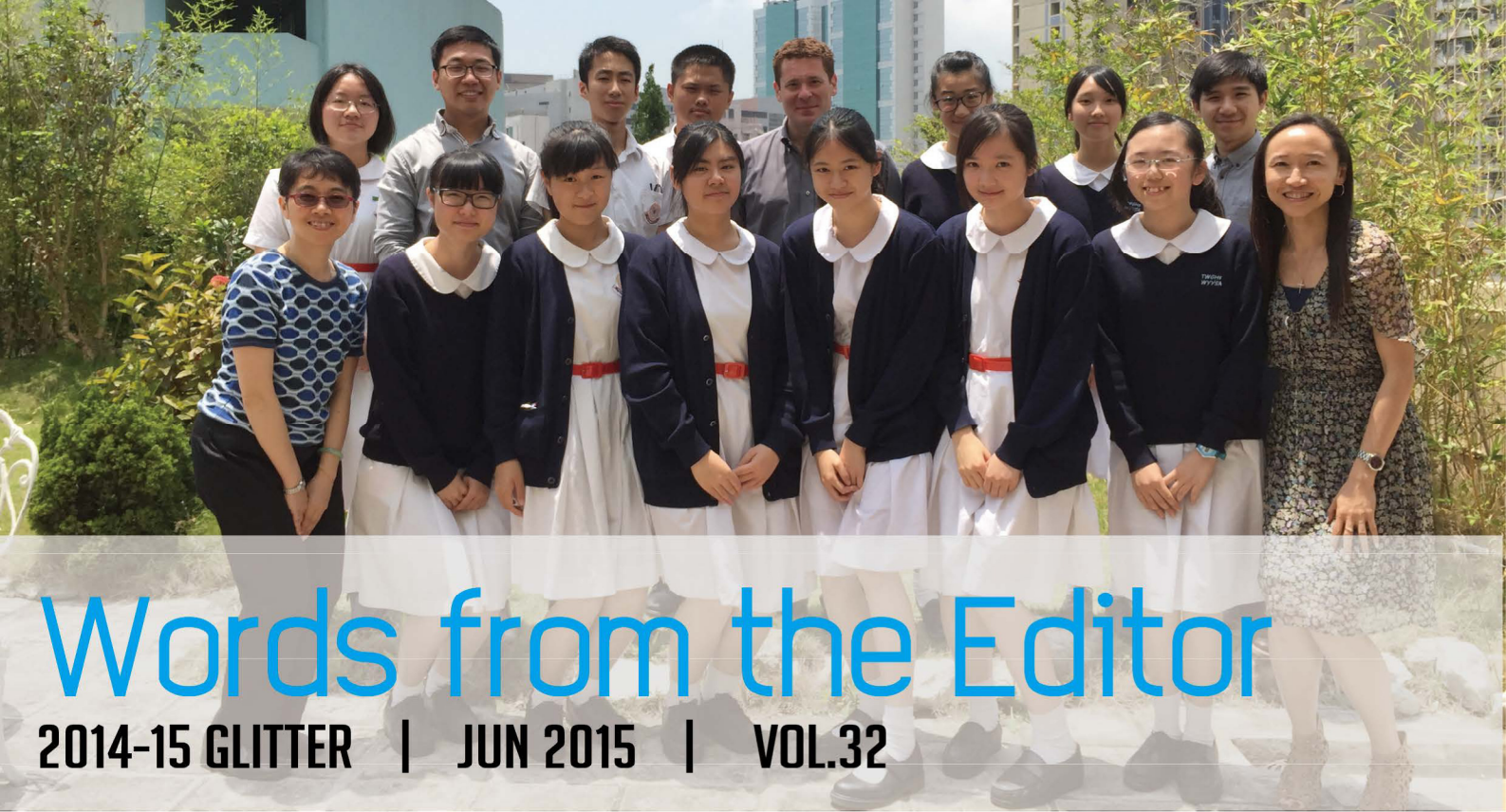


Taylor's latest
album '1989'!

T.S. 1989

At the 2014 AMAs, the Dick Clark
Award of Excellence was given.





Words from the Editor

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In a cosmopolitan city like Hong Kong, students nowadays seldom read books but play games and surf the Net on their cell phones instead. It is surely a pity that most teenagers cannot enjoy the pleasures of reading. I hope that WYY students can enjoy reading more so I decided to become the Editor of Glitter last year. Being the Editor-in-Chief of Glitter this year, I have strived my best to promote fun reading among our students. It is my great pleasure to take up the leadership role of Glitter!

To enhance students' interest in reading, our team makes each issue as fun-filled and entertaining as possible. Apart from increasing schoolmates' reading interest, this edition seeks to highlight that school life is never dull and boring. We earnestly hope that everyone will have the most enjoyable reading experience while reading this edition of Glitter!

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