



# Confucius Hall Secondary School

## Newsletter I

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## 1. Principal's Sharing

11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear parents and students,

Due to the pandemic, Hong Kong schools have entered into a new normal mode of teaching, which is to teach online in response to the pandemic. Since September, our school has been successful in handling the pandemic prevention work, and the students' awareness of pandemic prevention has also increased. In October, we conducted a comprehensive survey and found that the vaccination rate of our teachers and students exceeded the government's requirement of 70%, so we decided to resume whole-day classes in November. For the past two years, teachers and students have had to adapt to the pandemic and many students have had a great emotional impact. I hope that parents will pay attention to their children's behavior and emotions to see if they are different from before. If you find anything noticeable, please contact your class teacher or social worker as soon as possible and the school will take immediate follow-up action. After school resumes in November, students from Form 1 to Form 3 have to stay at school for lunch, and the school has joined the Environmental Protection Department's Pilot Scheme for Provision of Necessary Equipment for "Plastic-free" School Lunch " and received funding for a rice steamer, refrigerator and sterilizing cupboard. Parents can prepare lunch for their children and have the school staff reheat it for them.

During the summer vacation, the school offered different courses to try to catch up with the lost time. In particular, the English tutorial classes were held, and some students wanted to continue the classes. The school would make an effort to continue the classes based on the situation. Since the school hall became a "Grade 1 historical building", there are many visitors and different companies want to come to the hall for filming. In the middle of summer, Mr. Law Kar Ying, a great Cantonese opera master, came to the school hall to film the play "The Feast of the divas". Our students also participated in the performance and gained valuable experience. Another important event was the unveiling of the bronze statue of Mr. Kan Hong Chiu, the donor of the school site, on September 10. In addition to Mr. Kan Wing-ching and Ms. Kan Pui-ling, the representatives of the Kan family, Ms. Michelle Lee, the Permanent Secretary of the Education Bureau, was also invited to give a speech on that day. After the ceremony, a tree planting ceremony was to

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commemorate the event, together with the chairman Mr. Wan Wai-lun. On the following day, member of the Legislative Council Mr. Ma Fung-kwok and Director of the National Palace Museum, Mr. Ng Chi-wa, were invited to give a keynote speech to nearly 100 people.

Another event that attracted worldwide attention was the international peace event organized by the UNESCO Peace Center at our school, which was attended by representatives of various religious groups and over 200 performers and was simultaneously broadcast on the Internet from over 170 countries worldwide.

Although the pandemic has not yet subsided, the school organized visits to seniors, sports competitions, college talks and all-around learning days with adequate safety and pandemic prevention measures. Students participated in latte art workshops, baking workshops, and four club sports competitions in school, hoping that students could have normal extracurricular activities.

On October 22, TVB sent its staff to the school to film the history lesson and students were very excited; on November 3, Chinese students visited the Ko Shan Theatre and the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong to enhance their knowledge of traditional Cantonese opera; NCS students visited the SmarTone 5G home innovation exhibition, hoping students will have the latest knowledge of technology; S6 students attended the Open Day of the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education to help students with their career planning.

Since the resumption of classes, the school has continued to offer remedial classes at the senior level and “Level Up” after-school enrichment courses at other levels. We have invited tertiary students to our school to provide tutoring for different levels and subjects, and most of the students have been very active in attending classes and have good relationships with their tutors.

Since the beginning of the school year, I would like to thank the teachers for taking care of the students. Whenever I ask about the class, the teachers are always familiar with the character and background of the students. If I find a special case, I will immediately refer it to the social worker or meet with the student in person to ask about the situation. According to the EDB’s online survey (APASO), the student-teacher relationship index of our school is about 4.2 (the highest is 5), which shows that most of the students like school life. This index also indicates that our school is in the top 25% of schools in Hong Kong in terms of popularity among students. This is due to the love and dedication of our teachers to our students.

## 2. The Analects

- A. What the gentleman seeks, he seeks within himself; what the small man seeks, he seeks in others.
- B. The gentleman is ashamed when the words he utters outstrip his deeds.
- C. Someone who is aware every day of what he lacks, and every month does not forget what he has developed, can be called ‘a lover of learning.’

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- D. What passes away is, perhaps, like this. Day and night is never lets up.
- E. Only after it turns winter are we aware of the survival of the Pine and Cypress.
- F. Is benevolence really far away? No sooner do I desire it than it is here.

### 3. Good News

3.1 Congratulations to Ms Tse Wai Yin and Ms Lo Tsz Ching who have been awarded the certificate of merit by the Committee on Respect Our Teachers Campaign under the 26<sup>th</sup> Teacher Commendation Scheme.

3.2 Congratulations to the four students who successfully set the Guinness World Record within the time limit of one hour in the event of "Mass Robot programming for New world record" on August 22 (Sunday). The participating students are: Lo Lok Fung(2B), Kwok Tsz Ho(2B), Leung Cheuk Hin(4B) and Lee Tsun Yeung(4B). After six months of training and rehearsal, more than 500 students from over 70 schools were able to create a large scale robot performance by performing a variety of movements in human, vehicle and drone shapes within a specified period of time.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Kwok Wai

### 4. School News

#### 4.1 School SMS

To strengthen parent-school communication, the school will continue to send SMS messages to your mobile phones. We hope that parents can provide their mobile phone numbers for our future communication.

#### 4.2 Tuition Fees for S1 to S6 Students

- HK\$5060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.1 students
- HK\$5060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.2 students
- HK\$5060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.3 students
- HK\$5060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.4 students
- HK\$5060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.5 students
- HK\$5060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.6 students
- The adjustments of tuition fees are subject to students' admission to our school for the year.
- The tuition fees from October 2021 to June 2022 should be settled via direct debit from banks. The transaction is scheduled for the first working day of each month. The Direct Debit Authorization Form should be completed and returned to the Class Teacher for handling.

#### 4.3 Tuition Fee Grant

In order to help students with financial burdens focus on their studies and join different activities, the school has established the Tuition Fee Grant to help students in need. This grant is

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open to application all year round. Students may obtain the application form at the General Office.

#### 4.4 **Grant for Tertiary Institutes**

The school has established the Higher Institutes Scholarship Scheme to provide support to alumni struggling financially to finish their tertiary studies. For those who wish to apply, please note that the deadline is 31st December (of the year in which the applicant sits for the HKDSE) with a quota of two applicants. Details of the scheme have been updated and uploaded to the school website. Parents can also download the form from the website. The completed form together with all necessary documents should be submitted to the school to be assessed and approved by the “Higher Institute Scholarship Scheme” Committee.

#### 4.5 **Policies for Handling of Students’ Cell Phones 2021-22**

- Students are not allowed to bring cell phones to school
- Upon entering the school, all cell phones must be handed in to be kept by the school and returned by class teachers after school.
- Teachers should follow the procedure below in case students are found to have displayed, switched on, or used a cell phone on campus:
  1. The cell phone concerned will be confiscated and passed to the corresponding class teacher
  2. Students found displaying or using cell phones on campus, or that their cell phones ring during class or exams will be penalized according to the school rules
  3. Cell phones temporarily kept by the class teacher will only be returned upon receiving a guarantee letter from parents; however, parents may come to school in person to retrieve the students’ cell phones from the class teacher.

**Remarks:**

*As for the cell phones temporarily kept by the class teachers, in case of theft, natural or man-made disasters, etc. The school does not take any responsibilities or is not held liable for compensation.*

#### 4.6 **PE Uniform Rules in School**

Students are prohibited from wearing PE uniforms on days without PE lessons. Students violating the rule may be demanded to return home to get changed before they are allowed to enter the school.

#### 4.7 **Lunch arrangements**

To keep junior form students safe from bad social influences, S.1 – S.3 students must stay at school for lunch. Parents please notice the following items:

- 1) Parents can let students bring their lunch to school using a thermos, or use heat-resistant glass lunch boxes to store food in the refrigerator and let school staff use the steamer to reheat it.
- 2) Parents can bring the lunch to school. Our staff will distribute the lunch boxes to the

corresponding students.

Time for lunch collection: 12:15 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.

(Please state clearly the student's name and class.)

- 3) Our school canteen service provider, Vitaland Services Limited, who aims at providing noodles and rice menu. Students can pre-order it in the 1<sup>st</sup> recess.

#### 4.8 Arrangements for school social workers in schools

Two social workers from the Hong Kong Children and Youth Services are stationed at the school to provide appropriate counselling to students.

Social workers	Service date and time	Contact Number
Ms. LUI Wai Yi	Every Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri	2895 1969
Ms. TAM On Wing	Every Tue, Thur	2895 2023

#### 4.9 Lockers

We provide a locker for each student in the hope to cultivate their self-care ability and to reduce janitors' workload on afterschool cleaning routine. Students should keep their locker keys in a safe place. Parents are advised to keep one or two sets of the locker keys in case of loss. The Department of Students Affairs Management will no longer store a set of spare keys for students. Students will lose their right to use the lockers if they lose their keys, damage the lockers or violate the user guidelines.

#### 4.10 Health Education Information

##### **Arrangements of Student Health Check by Department of Health**

Department of Health will arrange shuttle buses to pick up Form One participants at school to Chai Wan Health Centre for body check in December. The examination date, are listed as follows:

14/12	15/12	16/12
1A、1B、3B、4B	2A、3A、4A、6A	5A、5B、2B、6B

Departure time and participant list for each class will later be posted on the bulletin board in the classroom. On that day, students must wear the PE uniform and bring along their identity documents and immunization records (if appropriate) for verification of identity by medical staff. To ensure student's safety, the Department of Health will assign staff to stay on the bus to provide care for the students and the school will also assign staff to provide assistance at the health centre. Students should bring along the books needed for lessons held before and after the scheduled examination. For those who do not attend this program, go to class as usual.

#### 4.11 The Prevention of the Outbreak of Infectious Diseases

Due to the increasing numbers of the outbreak of infectious diseases like coronavirus, influenza, dengue fever, scarlet fever, hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD), chickenpox, enterovirus, etc., parents are recommended to closely communicate and co-operate with the school to remind students to observe their personal hygiene and keep the school campus clean in avoidance of the outbreak of the aforementioned infectious diseases.

#### 4.12 Sports Experience Day

Due to covid-19, it is not suitable for school picnic day. The picnic day scheduled for November 19, 2021 (Friday) will be changed to a sports experience day,

	Time	Class	Wearing
Indoor rock climbing training	8:15-13:30	1A,2A,3A,4A	PE-uniform
Indoor field training	8:15-13:30	1B,2B,3B,4B	PE-uniform
College Visit	8:15-13:30	5A,5B,6A,6B	School uniform

#### 4.13 Inter-House Singing Contest & Christmas Party

The Inter-House Singing Contest & Christmas Party is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> December (Tue) with details below:

Time	Programme Rundown
08:15	Rolling
08:15 – 08:30	Class teacher period
08:30 – 10:30	Inter-House Singing Contest

#### 4.14 58<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony and Awards Presentation Day

The 56th Graduation Ceremony and Awards Presentation Day is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022(Fri) at the school hall. I now cordially invite parents to attend the ceremony and to share the joy of your children. Please see below for the programme rundown:

Time	Programme Rundown
3:00 pm	Reception at Room 204
3:30 pm	Welcoming Guest of Honor and Other Guests (Hall) 主禮人及嘉賓進場(禮堂)
3:35 – 3:40 pm	Playing of National Anthem 奏國歌
3:40 – 3:45 pm	Welcoming Speech from Supervisor 校監致歡迎辭
3:45 – 4:00 pm	School Affairs Report by Principal 校長報告校務
4:00 – 4:20 pm	Awards Presentation from Honorable Guest 嘉賓頒發獎項
4:20 – 4:35 pm	Speech from Honorable Guest 主禮嘉賓致辭
4:35 – 4:40 pm	Speech from Student Representative 學生代表致辭
4:40 – 4:45 pm	Presenting Souvenirs from Principal to Honorable Guests and Performing

	Guests 校長向主禮嘉賓、表演嘉賓致送紀念品
4:45 – 4:55 pm	Student Performance 學生表演
4:55 – 5:00 pm	Singing School Song 唱孔聖頌
5:00 pm	Recession 主禮人及嘉賓離場
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Tea Party

#### 4.15 **IVE INFO DAY 2021 (Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education)**

An "IVE Information Day and Guided Tour" will be held on 19 November 2021 (Friday) for our Secondary 6 students. Students will be arranged to visit the Morrison Hill campus and the Haking Wong campus according to their interests. Free transportation will be arranged for the students. Through seminars, Taster programme and guided tours of the institutions, students will be able to gain a better understanding of the curriculum and admission requirements and prepare for a wide range of study pathways.

<u>Campus</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Dress code</u>
Haking Wong	08:30-13:00	F.6	School Uniform
Morrison Hill	08:30-13:00	F.6	School Uniform

#### 4.16 **Joyful Fruit Day 2022**

The School has joined the "Joyful Fruit Day 2022" organized by the Department of Health (DH) and other organizations (go to <http://school.eatsmart.gov.hk> for details). The activity aims at enhancing school-parent collaboration and fostering a fruit-eating atmosphere on campus and at home. Parents should introduce their child to balanced diets with a daily consumption of at least two portions of fruits and three portions of vegetables, coupled with regular exercise to maintain good health. Besides, our Health Education Team has successfully applied for a subsidy of HK\$2,000 from the Hong Kong College of Cardiology, which will be used to hold a series of health education event between January and March. Further details will be announced at the morning assemblies. Students are encourage to actively participate in these events.

#### 4.17 **Join the PTA committee**

The PTA has been playing a vital role of a bridge linking the parents and the teachers and the school authority since its establishment in 2000. Through the various activities organized by the PTA, parents and teachers have a chance to communicate with each other. The constructive ideas generated from these conversations help the school to improve its learning environment.

Over the years, the PTA has been making tremendous contributions in giving advice to the school authority in areas concerning school policy-making and student welfare. We attribute the success of the PTA to the ardent support of enthusiastic parent committee members. The PTA is now re-electing its committee members. You are cordially invited to sign up to stand for the election.

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5.4	25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Sport days
5.5	1 <sup>st</sup> November	Winter Uniform Allowed
5.6	19 <sup>th</sup> November	School Picnic
5.7	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Winter Uniform Required
5.8	30 <sup>th</sup> November to 10 <sup>th</sup> December	First Term Exam Week (F.1-F.5) / Pre-mock Exam (F.6)
5.9	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Inter-house Singing Contest & Christmas Party
5.10	5 <sup>th</sup> January	Elective Subjects Selection Briefing Session
5.11	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> January	First Term Re-Examination
5.12	15 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> Parents' Day
5.13	21 <sup>st</sup> January	Speech Day
5.14	24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese Culture Week
5.15	14 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> February	S.6 Mock Examination
5.16	15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> March	Second Term Uniform Test
5.17	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Summer Uniform Allowed
5.18	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Summer Uniform Required

## 6. School Holidays

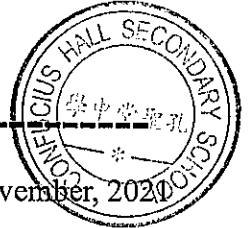
6.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	The Day following Mid-autumn Festival
6.2	1 <sup>st</sup> October	National Day Holiday
6.3	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	The Birthday of Confucius
6.4	14 <sup>th</sup> October	Chung Yeung Festival
6.5	27 <sup>th</sup> October	The day following Sport day
6.6	29 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> Teacher Development Day
6.7	20 <sup>th</sup> December	The day following the Polling Day
6.8	22 <sup>nd</sup> December to 4 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021	Christmas and New Year Holidays
6.9	1 <sup>st</sup> January	The first day of January
6.10	31 <sup>st</sup> January to 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year Holiday
6.11	14 <sup>th</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> Teacher Development Day
6.12	4 <sup>th</sup> April	The day following Parents' Day
6.13	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Ching Ming Festival
6.14	11 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Holiday
6.15	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	The Day following Labour Day and The Birthday of Mencius
6.16	9 <sup>th</sup> May	The Birthday of Buddha
6.17	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Tuen Ng Festival



Regards



Dr. Yeung Wing Hon  
Principal  
Confucius Hall Secondary School



-----**Reply Slip**-----

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter I (2021-2022). I *agree / disagree*\* to provide my contact information.

(Please tick the  as appropriate)

Provide mobile phone number for contact and receiving school information by SMSs	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree Mobile Phone Number: _____ Name of the Contact Person: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Join the PTA committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ (            )

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please delete as appropriate*

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