

# **Confucius Hall Secondary School**

# Newsletter II

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#### Principal's Sharing

10th June 2021

Dear parents and students,

The school year is coming to an end and summer vacation is coming soon. Looking back on the past school year, due to the severity of the epidemic, students missed a lot of school days. During the online learning period, I expected the class teachers to contact the parents and students at least once a month, and to inform the school immediately if there is something happening in the family of any student, so that the school can help them, including problems with quarantine, flights, and finances. Class teachers also tried their best to contact students in need. As soon as the epidemic subsided, schools tried to make appointments to see students as long as the group gathering restrictions were met. During the epidemic, although we were in a crisis, we still managed to organize activities and extra classes for students. I still remember the joyful faces of the students when they were allowed to return to school.

Last semester, we held a school-wide surfing event where students came back to school in groups to participate in the event without breaching gathering ban. In April, there was a 100% attendance rate for English tutorials for newly arrived students. In May, the school invited film professionals to the school to assist some senior students in filming their short movie. Students were really engaged in the performance. After the work is completed, the students will participate in a film production competition, hoping that they will be able to perform in different areas. I would like to have more contact with students whenever possible.

I am very happy with the results of the end-of-semester student survey, in which over 90% of the students said they liked or liked the school and the teachers very much. This result is also an

encouragement to teachers.

Since the beginning of this school year, the school has been actively exploring resources to optimize the hardware and software in the school to nurture and develop students' skills and knowledge. The school has been approved to establish an IT Lab to provide students with the use of different IT equipment. Classrooms will also be allocated for IT operations. The school has also been approved by the government for major repairs, including repainting the external walls, demolishing dangerous canopies, waterproofing the auditorium, etc. Students will see a brand new school building in one year. The Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF) has approved the use of refrigerators and steamers for the students' lunches. The school is currently applying for projects such as Greening School Subsidy Scheme and setting up a STEM room. If the applications are successful, we will report to parents and teachers.

Another great news is that our school hall has been graded as a "Grade 1 historic building" by the Antiquities and Monuments Office. The school was overjoyed to hear the news. Afterwards, Cable TV requested to make a special video for the school, which was broadcasted in April in the program "Wish". We also received requests from other Hong Kong media organizations to film and introduce it to the mainland audience, hoping that more people would get to know Confucius Hall. The special filming team was from Phoenix TV and other famous TV stations in the Mainland. The editor and director conducted abundant research about our Hall. Since the broadcast, the school has received many visitors from outside the school. As long as it does not interfere with teaching, our school is more than welcome to do so. Even before this newsletter was released, the school was still being contacted by radio stations who wanted to film the school hall.

To celebrate our hall as a historic building, Mr. Kan Wing-ching, a descendant of the land donor Mr. Kan Kong-chiu's family, has contributed to a lecture series to give back to the Hong Kong community. The first lecture was held on June 5 and was entitled "The Past and Present Life of Confucius Hall", with Mr. Kan Wing-ching, Professor Ting Sun-pao and Ms. Tsui Lai-yip. Mr. Kan spoke on the history of Confucius Hall, Prof. Ting spoke on the relationship between Confucianism and the development of Confucian thought before the founding of the Hall, and Ms. Tsui spoke on the structure and characteristics of Confucius Hall, and Ms. Yip is the director of Leigh & Orange, the design firm of the Hall. The event was attended by many distinguished guests, including members of the Legislative Council, former senior officials, businessmen and professionals. It is believed to be one of the major events in Hong Kong.

In the new school year, our school participates in the "Teach for Hong Kong" program, inviting top students who have just graduated from university to lead the students to learn about the world

and understand the development of different fields. The students of Form 1 to Form 3 will have a refreshing experience to learn about renewable energy beyond what they have learnt from books. Due to the epidemic, we believe that the students will not be able to go abroad for exchange this summer, so the school has contacted different organizations to set up internships for the students to broaden their horizons, including physiotherapy and corporate organizations. The internship program is under preparation, and we hope that the students will get in touch with the society as early as possible to gain life experience.

The new Chairman of the Parent-Teacher Association is Professor Lai Tze Pang. Professor Lai teaches at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and is very concerned about the development of the school and the students, especially the development of the school, and has given a lot of advice. Although the PTA could not hold activities with many people under the epidemic, they still held online presentations. The school hopes to have more contact with parents in the coming year to develop the school and plan the future for the students together.

#### 2. The Analects

- A. Is it not a pleasure, having learned something, to try it out at due intervals? Is it not a joy to have like-minded friends come from afar?
- B. The Master said, "The three Armies can be deprived of their commander, but there is no way a common man can be deprived of his purpose."
- C. It is these things that cause me concern: failure to cultivate virtue, failure to go more deeply into what I have learned, inability, when I am told what is right, to go over to where it is, and inability to reform myself when I have defects.
- D. A craftsman who wishes to practice his craft well must first sharpen his tools.
- E. He cannot be led into excesses when wealthy and hounoured or deflected from his purpose when poor and obscure, nor can he be made to bow before superior force. This is what I would call a great man.

#### 3. Good Tidings

#### 3.1 Good news

Congratulations to Mr. Wu Pat Lun Felix and Mr. Ho Pak Yan who have been awarded the certificate of merit by the Committee on Respect Our Teachers Campaign under the 25th Teacher Commendation Scheme.

#### 3.2 Sir Edward Youde Scholarship

Rai Samip from class 6A and HOU SIQING from class 6B have been awarded the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Prizes for Senior Secondary Students 2020/2021 and granted a sum of HK\$1,000 as a gesture of praise for the student's exceptional endeavor Toand exemplary learning attitude.

Event Coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

#### 3.3 Hong Kong Island Outstanding Student Election (2020)

Our students were recommended to attend the "Hong Kong Island Outstanding Student Election (2020)" organized by the School Heads Association of Wan Chai District. After the interview, 4B CHAU EUPHEMIA was successfully elected as "2020 Regional (Wan Chai District) Outstanding Student", 5B LAI JONAH was awarded "Outstanding Student in 2020(Hong Kong Island)". Both students were awarded a Certificate of Merit and a book coupon as reward.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

#### 3.4 Law's Charitable Foundation

WU JIEHAO and WONG CHING WAI from class 6B has been awarded the an Applied Learning Scholarship of HK\$1,000 and a Certificate of Commendation by Law's Charitable Foundation for their outstanding performance in the Applied Learning of The Foundation in Chinese Medicine from HKU SPACE and the Applied Learning of The Essential of Arts from The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts respectively.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

### 3.5 Centum Charitas Foundation "Fun in the Epidemic" Photo Contest

Our school nominated eight students to participate in the "Fun in the Epidemic" photo contest organized by the Centum Charitas Foundation, in which CHEN XIANLIN of Class 5B won the "Popularity Award" in the secondary school category.

#### 3.6 Mathematics Public Competition

Our students have won several awards in open mathematics competitions as below,

Olympiad Champion Education Centre- Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Mathematical Olympiad,

Big Bay Bei Preliminary Round 2020 (Hong Kong Region) Third Prize,

Japneet-Kaur(2A) · LAU WAI(2B) · LAI SARAH(2B) · LAU HOK HIN(2B) ·

LAM MING TAI(3B) · CHAU EUPHEMIA(4B) · LAI JONAH(5B) · ZENG JUNHUA(5B) · Gurung Isneha(5B)

Big Bay Bei Semi-final Round 2020 (Big Bay Region) Third Prize, LAI SARAH(2B)

Big Bay Bei Semi-final Round 2020 (Big Bay Region) Merit Award, LAM MING TAI(3B) · LAI JONAH(5B) · ZENG JUNHUA(5B)

Big Bay Bei Final Round 2020 Merit Award, LAI SARAH(2B)

Hong Kong International Mathematics Olympiad Preliminary Competition 2020(Hong Kong Region) 2nd runner up,

LAI SARAH(2B) · LAU HOK HIN(2B) · Japneet-Kaur(5B)

Hong Kong Academic Mathematics Ranking Championships 2020 Preliminary Competition(Props), LAI JONAH(5B)

Hong Kong Youth Math Challenge 2020 SZE YIN FAI(4B) · LAI JONAH(5B)

Big Bay Bei Preliminary Round 2021 (Hong Kong Region) First Prize, CHEN JINGQI(5B) · MAI ZECHENG(5B)

Big Bay Bei Preliminary Round 2021 (Hong Kong Region) Third Prize, SZE YIN FAI(4B) · CHAU EUPHEMIA(4B) · LAM KIU YUNG(4B) · **HUANG HONGHUI(5B)** 

Big Bay Bei Semi-final Round 2021 (Big Bay Region) Second Prize, CHEN JINGQI(5B)

Big Bay Bei Semi-final Round 2021 (Big Bay Region) Third Prize, MAI ZECHENG(5B)

Big Bay Bei Semi-final Round 2021 (Big Bay Region) Merit Award, SZE YIN FAI(4B) · CHAU EUPHEMIA(4B)

Big Bay Bei Final Round 2021 Second Prize,



#### CHEN JINGQI(5B) · MAI ZECHENG(5B)

Hua Xia Bei National Mathematical Olympiad 2021 (South China Region) Qualifying Tournament Third Prize,

LO LOK FUNG (1B)

Event coordinator: Ms. Tse Wai Yin

#### 3.7 "2020 MATE HK ROV Challenge"

Two student teams won the champion and the first runner-up in the "2020 MATE HK ROV Challenge" organized by IEEE on March 27. Winning teams are:

(Champion) 5B Zeng Jun Hua and 4B Li Zhen Yu

(First runner-up) 3B Leung Cheuk Hin and 3B Li Tsun Yeung Rex.

There were 7 students joined the 2-week underwater robotics workshop in November. They optimized their robots in the 2-week preparation period with collaboration and problem-solving skills. Winning students were awarded with certification and gifts. All elite students will be the training mentors for the school team training next year.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Kwok Wai

### 3.8 Harmony Scholarships Scheme from Home Affairs Department (2020-21)

2A AKBAR Ahssan, 2B LAI Sarah, 5A AMANTE Juna Albel Gumanab, 5B GURUNG Isneha, 5B RAI Angela and 5B WU Sui Wah were nominated in our school, is now awarded Harmony Scholarship of the academic year 2020/21 by the Home Affairs Department to recognize student's participation in school and community service(particularly activities promoting racial harmony), academic result and conduct. Congratulations to all of you.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wu Pat Lun Felix

#### 3.9 Recognition Scheme for Outstanding Students in Extra-Curricular Activities 2020

5A JAYMA Tristan Benj Uno are recognize in the above scheme by the Hong Kong Extra-Curricular Activities Masters' Association to recognize outstanding performance in participating in extracurricular activities and full of enthusiasm for participating in student activities. Congratulations to all of you.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wu Pat Lun Felix

#### 3.10 Go Smart Net

Our Health Education Section participated in a short film of "Go Smart Net" competition organized by the Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion of The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care in The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Students visited Green Common and interviewed registered dietitians to produce four health



videos on the theme of "Healthy Body". The health education clips were released on the GoSmart Channel platform, (https://www.chep.cuhk.edu.hk/gosmart).

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

#### 3.11 Joyful Fruit Day 2021

The School has joined the "Joyful Fruit Day 2021" organized by the Department of Health (DH) and other organizations. 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 and foster a fruit-eating atmosphere on campus and at home.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

#### 4. School News

#### 4.1 Adjustments to Tuition Fees in 2021-2022

The Education Bureau has approved the following adjustments to the tuition fees in 2021-2022:

- 0 HK\$5,060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.1 students
- HK\$5,060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.2 students 0
- HK\$5,060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.3 students
- HK\$5,060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.4 students
- HK\$5,060 annually in ten installments (HK\$506 monthly) for S.5 students
- HK\$5,060 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.

### 4.2 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.

#### 4.3 Application for "Fee Remission Scheme" and "Subsidy" (2021-2022)

We are dedicated to providing support to families with financial difficulties and helping students as they grow. In the coming academic year, we provide inside- and outside-school subsidy schemes. Details of application are as follows:

Subsidy Scheme	Application Procedure	Application Deadline		
Fee Remission Scheme (2021-2022) (eligible for low-income families or Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)-receiving families)	<ol> <li>Complete the application form         All Application forms are available at the General         Office. Parents can also download the forms from         our school website.</li> <li>Submit the application form         Parents/students should submit the completed         forms, together with a copy of the required income         statement, to the General Office. Applications         without the income statement will not be processed.</li> <li>The application for 2021-2022 is not invalid.         Applicants must re-submit an application for the         new academic year before they can be granted         subsidies.</li> <li>Announcement of Application Results         The application results will be announced within 14         days from the day of application submission</li> </ol>	The deadline for S1-S6 Fee Remission Scheme Application is 3 Sep, 2021 (Fri). Late applications will not be considered.		
"The School Textbook Assistance (TA) Scheme" and "The Student Travel Subsidy (STS) Scheme" from HKSAR	<ol> <li>Application forms were distributed to students,</li> <li>Parents with financial difficulties should prepare income documents and complete the application form and submit it by themselves.</li> </ol>	Parents in financial need should submit an application to the Student Financial Assistance Office as soon as possible.		

### 4.4 "Uniform Recycling and Giveaway" Event

In order to raise students' awareness of environmental protection and making good use of resources, the Student Affairs Office is organizing an event called "Winter/Summer Uniform Recycling and Giveaway". This meaningful event provides a conduit for parents to give away uniforms no longer fit and avoid being wasteful, and encourages parents and students alike to take actions in safeguarding our environment. We hope, through this event, we all learn to utilize our resources more effectively and promote warmth within the community. We hope that parents can actively support us by joining us in this event.



### Schedule for Uniform Collection

Date:	26-30 July 2021
Time:	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Types of Uniform:	Winter/summer uniforms: two-in-one winter coats, sweaters, wool vests, boy/girl button-up shirts, trousers and dresses
Venue:	General Office
Remarks:	<ol> <li>Uniforms collected/recycled will be organized, sorted and distributed.</li> <li>To ensure personal hygiene, please wash the uniforms beforehand.</li> <li>The uniforms collected will be given away to students in need for free.</li> </ol>

### Schedule for Uniform Fitting

Date:	2-6 August 2021
Remarks:	<ol> <li>Students wanting to receive uniforms must register at the General Officer by 5 July 2021</li> <li>The teacher-in-charge will assist students with body measurements and fitting, and will notify parents for collection by 30 July 2021</li> <li>All uniforms are given away on a first come first served basis.</li> <li>No requests for exchange will be considered after the uniforms are given out.</li> <li>Please prepare a reusable bag for uniform collection.</li> <li>For those who do not receive a call by 30 July 2021 can consider their application unsuccessful.</li> </ol>

## 4.5 Passport Photo-taking Service

The Student Affairs Office has commissioned Powerful Colour Image to provide a passport photo-taking service for our students at school on the morning of Thursday, 2 September 2021. Details are as below:

Item	Format	Price	Remarks	
Digital passport photo (Background colorpink)	1.5 x 2 inch	HK\$10 (12 photos)	<ul> <li>Students can decide if they want to use the service</li> <li>Please prepare the exact payment amount; no changes will be provided.</li> </ul>	

#### 4.6 School Lockers

We assign each student a locker in the hope that students can develop the self-care ability, while it lightens the janitors' workload cleaning the classrooms after school. Students should keep their locker keys with care, while parents can prepare one or two replicas to be kept at a safe place as backup keys. The Student Affairs Office will no longer provide backup keys. In case loss, damage of lockers, or violation of use, students concerned will be disentitled to the right of using the lockers. Please remove all personal belongings from the lockers by July 23 to prevent mold and pests.

#### 4.7 Government Information

# Smart Identity Card Replacement Exercise for children born in 2005 to 2007 (i.e. aged 14 to 16)

Parents are reminded that the Immigration Department has announced that children born in 2005 to 2007 (i.e. aged 14 to 16) who are holders of the old Smart Identity Card need to be accompanied by their parents or legal guardians to the Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre for replacement. For details, please visit the website of the Immigration Department at https://www.smartid.gov.hk

### Arrangements for students to receive the COVID-19 vaccine

Our school will keep updating government announcements and cooperate with them to inform parents of the vaccination arrangements in a timely manner.

#### 5. **School Events**

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5.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> June – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Examination
5.2	18 <sup>th</sup> June – 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Post-Examination Activities
5.3	28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Post-Examination Script Checking
5.4	21 <sup>st</sup> July	Release of HKDSE
5.5	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Results Closing Ceremony and Distribution of Report Card
5.6	8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Registration (New S1 Students)
5.7	9 <sup>th</sup> July	Registration (Current Students)
5.8	$12^{th} - 16^{th}$ July	Chi Lang/ Eng. /Maths. Remedial class (S1-S3)
5.9	15 <sup>th</sup> –16 <sup>th</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Re-examination (S4-S5)
5.10	19 <sup>th</sup> –23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Teach for HK-F1 to F3 Summer Course
5.11	11 <sup>th</sup> –17 <sup>th</sup> August	S1 Bridging Course

#### 6. **School Holidays**

6.1	14 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuen Ng Festival
6.2	1 <sup>st</sup> July	HKSAR Establishment Day Holiday
6.3	19 <sup>th</sup> July – 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Summer Holiday

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon Principal Confucius Hall Secondary School 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

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-----Reply Slip-----To: Confucius Hall Secondary School This is to confirm that I have read and understood the content of Newsletter II. Name of student: ) Name of parent/guardian: Signature of parent/guardian:

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