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Sayings of Wisdom

A picture is worth a thousand words. Through artwork and text descriptions, our schoolmates share about what some sayings of wisdom mean to them.

EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING

3B Chong On Ki

This picture was drawn when I was walking through the valley in my life. My family went to the shore to watch the sunset with me. Then my mood gradually improved. Watching the sunset enables me to put all the sadness aside and to live in the moment. This also allows me to know that our emotions towards the same things will fade away or will be overridden with time. We should always remember that every cloud has a silver lining. No matter how hard our lives are now, the best is always yet to come.

In my work, there are lots of seagulls flying around and they are slowly flying out of the frame. These birds represent the 'anger' in me, flying away from my life. The painting is illustrating a sunset, but to me it is also a sunrise, like a whole new beginning.

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED

3D Ngan Tsz Ho

This drawing is about a boy who found himself to have lost almost all precious things in life. Having no hope, the boy decided to end his life by jumping off this beautiful cliff. A girl tellingly realized his intention and saved him from his dangerous thoughts.

There are times when our thoughts can be our most dangerous abductor. In moments when darkness creeps in, it could lead us far away to places where we feel lonely and helpless. A quote that strikes me is "If you want to go fast, go by yourself; if you want to go far, go together." That's why, let us be reminded of the things and people to be grateful for, like a friend in need is a friend indeed. It is important to achieve our goals, but it is a blessing to have somebody standing by our sides when we are doing so.

HOME S WHERE THE HEART IS

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This drawing illustrates the saying 'home is where the heart is'. There is an injured man in the center of the picture. On his arms, there are lots of wounds caused by the cruelty in life like loneliness, work stress and study pressure. Even so, he still protects the home in his heart because family is everything to him and he can risk anything to protect the happiness. After all, home and family play an irreplaceable role in everyone's life.

There are many reasons why I draw this picture. Firstly, I find that more and more people quarrel with their family members and make their homes inharmonious during the pandemic. It is hoped that this drawing can remind them that their parents really care about them. Secondly, when they feel lost and when nobody listens to their grievances, I hope they remember that their families always have their back.

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Count Your Blessings

2C Mak Sau Wai

In this drawing, there is a girl with a smile. During the pandemic, we don't see each other's face because we wear masks a lot. We worry about whether we will get sick.

So we should cherish what we have and count our blessings. We should remember, even if we are flawed, we may not be able to achieve, we are still accepted and loved by those who care about us.

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3B Leung Tung Hei

This quote is my motto. There are many things we should be grateful for, no matter how trivial they are. For example, it may seem like a routine that my mother prepares breakfast for me every morning. But as time goes by, maybe nobody would be there to prepare breakfast for me. Therefore, we should be grateful to all people who treat us lovingly.

The heart in the hands of the girl illustrates people who are often overlooked but are very important to us. They are our friends and family members. The balloons behind the girl symbolize how much our beloved ones have done for us. I hope this drawing can convey the message that we should always be grateful. We often think we don't have enough, but in fact we DO. We just do not realize the blessings we enjoy.

EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING

3B Cai Wing Ki

My drawing is dedicated to the fact that no matter how hard life gets, a nice sleep is not too far away. When we have a good sleep, we will have enough strength to support ourselves. It can also improve our metabolism, prevent the likelihood of having diseases and help us feel rejuvenated.

I took the literal meaning of the saying of wisdom: "Every cloud has a silver lining" and drew this. They are the silhouettes of clouds floating in the sky. If things don't turn out the way we wish, we might as well let go of what we are doing for a bit and get a good night's sleep. It could be a reminder of the fact that we truly need some rest. Be optimistic no matter what happens!:)

A Friend In Need IS A Friend Indeed

4A Mak Sum Yu

The saying of wisdom describes what a true friend is all about. A true friend is one who gives a timely hand when you are in need. He / She is there for you when you need support and assistance.

In my picture, there are two characters. One is on the edge of a cliff. She uses both hands to hold onto her friend. She won't let go of her buddy who is in crisis. She understands her friend's needs. Her firm and warm grip shows the strength of their friendship.

The other character has fallen off the cliff. She is calling for help. She tries to explain herself but her friend's confirming gaze tells her someone understands and someone is there to offer help.

To me, true friends will never leave you, especially in times of difficulties or dangers. They won't add to your burden but lighten it. I feel lucky to have found some real friends in my school life.

THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE

2B Yip Man Ching

'The grass on the other side of the fence is always greener' is the wise saying I chose for my drawing. The grass on which a young man is standing is shaded, which conveys his thought of the grass. He thinks that the grass is greener on the opposite side of the fence. What's more, he faces the grass on the other side of the fence, which expresses his longing and envy for it. In fact, the grass on both sides of the fence is the same. The grass on which he is standing symbolizes what we already have. However, we are always not satisfied with it. We may think that other people always seem to be in a better situation than us. I hope my drawing can remind everyone to cherish what we have, especially when we are undergoing

a hard time.

I feel grateful for

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Here are what LCDMC students are thankful for.

I'm healthy and I did not get infected.
My family members are healthy too. They are not diagnosed with COVID and they still have a job.

• I live in a very peaceful city. The crime rate here is comparatively lower than some cosmopolitan cities around the world.

4A James Cai

One thing I feel grateful for is how peaceful Hong Kong is. I get to live a life without being forced to go on the battle field. The next thing is that I have a healthy body that allows me to try out different adventures. I also feel blessed for having good friends who are willing to lend an ear and help me kill time when I've to stay home because of the pandemic.

4A Leo Chan

l've got a job! 🔍

l'm happy because I got paid for my hard work. Also, I can gain valuable work experience.

Finishing coursework with my groupmates

During the special holiday, I still needed to attend the Food Science lessons every Friday. I feel thankful for finishing the report successfully with my groupmates who are all nice and smart.

<u>BTS</u>

Wow! I watched a BTS online concert during the special holiday. Though it was not live and only on TV, it was amazing! I enjoyed the concert very much.

4B Alice Lam

First, I'm grateful to my parents. They love me so much and always support me when I have problems.

Next, I'm grateful to my friends. They stand by me and cheer me up when I feel down.

Last but not least, I'm grateful that I have the ability to learn. How grateful I am when I can learn things I desire.

4A Josephine Ling

 I am grateful that my family and I are healthy and COVID-free during the current tough pandemic time. It was hard seeing many people suffering from this virus, being isolated from their families, losing a family member, etc. I am glad that I was able to be with my family at that time and did not need to deal with such problems.



- 2. I am grateful that the Hong Kong government has announced that they will slowly ease the current pandemic control measures. I was especially pleased that the government has lifted flight bans to other countries such as the Philippines, where many of my family members are currently residing in. It gives me a sense of excitement and hope that I will be able to see them soon. With the dining restrictions easing as well, I am happy that I will be able to again sit with my family of 4 at the same table.
- 3.1 am grateful for my true friends. They understand and accept me for who I am. They give me joy anytime of the day. They are there at my lowest point and give me the extra bits of life that make it interesting. My friends are the reasons why I am who I am today. I owe many things in my life to them.

4A Kent Flores

• We sometimes hear news about domestic violence or parents who don't have time to care for their children. I feel grateful for my loving parents.

 Although I do not live in a grand house, nor do I eat sumptuous meals every day, my life is not bad actually. Thinking about people living in African countries who lack even basic resources, I should be grateful for the living conditions in Hong Kong.

 I live in a place that is peaceful. Look at Ukraine. All you have can be gone in a second because of wars. So let's cherish every day when we can enjoy peace.

4A Terence Tin

The popular IKEA sharks are now out of stock but l could get hold of one. Lucky me!

4A Bonnie Mak

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Three things you are grateful for

3A Jerry Ching

Life is short. You may have lost something that is important to you. You don't know what will happen tomorrow . Also you can't change things outside of your control. Therefore, being grateful is the only thing you can practise. Cherish what you have before it's gone.

Family is always the most important for me. My parents have been taking good care of me since I was born. They taught me important values in life and they gave me whatever I wanted. Now I have grown up. So I will be kind and take care of them.

Family is the most important, and so is the place we live. I have been living in the same house since I was born. This house contains a lot of memories I hold dear to my heart. There are different memories in different corners. The house is not the only place I live in, but also is my memory. Recently, I saw that people lost their homes in wars and natural disasters. This is sad news to me. I will cherish my home.

The third thing I am grateful for is my hobby, football. I like playing football because I have so much fun whenever I practise with my team and it gives me a lot of pride. Also, I can learn team spirit from it and I can make some of my best friends there.

l am very thankful and grateful for the things I have. I will cherish them before they are gone.

3A Peter Sze

There are many things that we should be grateful for in the world. The first thing that I should be thankful for is my family. Because of my family, I became a greater person. Without my family's support, I wouldn't be able to get great academic results or develop my interests. I can do these because my family members work hard and take good care of me. Not everybody has a good relationship with their families, so we should cherish the time with our families.

The second thing that I would be grateful for is my friends. Because of my friends, my school life became more fun and interesting. I won't feel bored when I am with my friends. When we have any problems, we can always find a way together and solve them. We can always cheer ourselves up and have fun when we are spending time on our common interests.

Lastly, being alive and staying healthy is the thing I am most grateful for. People always forget the fact that staying and living healthity is a blessing. There are many people suffering from wars, diseases, etc. The people who are suffering from these are unable to live a normal life and always need to worry about their future. So I'm so glad to be born in a peaceful place and enjoy my life.

These are the things that I am grateful for. I would like to keep these things in my life. And I would enjoy every moment with my family and friends. Life is both lack and full of opportunities, in a way that no one can accomplish everything in life. Yet a lot of people are envious of other people's legacy and the idea of gratitude will slowly fade away and even be forgotten. We should be fond of life in general. After all, the chance to live a life is not entitled to any one of us. Starting now on, we should be grateful for things that we have neglected.

First of all, I'm glad to have a sense of achievement. This week I attended and participated in quite a few extracurricular activities. I took part in an aviation programme which involved in a lot of teamwork and hard work. The five of us in a team went through quite a few hours to finish a IOOOword essay step by step. We all ended with a jubilant laugh. It was tiring but none of us regretted or resented each other because we achieved the goal.

Second of all, I'm glad that I was born in a generation where everything is more accessible and available than any time before. We do not need to suffer from shortage of any resources. I am also thankful for living in a place where we don't suffer from wars and natural disasters, while I reckon famines and wars still happen consistently in different parts of the world. I am grateful for the peace that I live in.

Last but not least, I'm glad that I am healthy and physically fit. I'm glad that I can go anywhere I want to.

There are a lot of things to be grateful for in life. Count what you have instead of those you don't.

3A Athena Lei



The first thing I'm grateful for is my family. My family brings me a lot of joy and happiness. They help me when I feel helpless. Also, they share happy things with me, and I feel happy in daily life. We will watch TV together every night and enjoy our family time together.

Second, I am so glad that I have my friends because whenever I'm in trouble, they will help me solve it and go through it . And they will go out with me, go hiking, and eat delicious food together. And we share common topics that are interesting, and they share their fun facts with me. When I come across things in homework that I am confused about, they will be patient and explain it to me.

Third, I am very grateful that I was born in this generation because there are not so many wars and so many casualties in this era. Although we are all facing different problems in this era such as global warming or economic recessions, but at least I am happy. When I'm in history classes I see that there were many more wars and a lot of casualties in the past and I think if I were born in that era, I might have lost my life in a war.

These are the three things I'm grateful for. I hope these things will continue to make everyone happy, not just me but the people around me as well.

What I Believe In

Some believe in friendship, some believe in hard work, some say "where there is a will, there is a way".... What is your belief?

3A Dhenga Arun

What I believe in is equality. So because of this I try to have a non-biased view when discussing or thinking about a certain topic

The reason why I strive for equality and justice is because when I was young, my family influenced me to always treat people fairly. What they meant by this was if someone treats you poorly or badly, it's not worth it to go out of your way to get revenge on them. It's better to just cut them off. If someone treats you with kindness you should repay that kindness but you should never try to be indebted to him.

A good example I could give is if you had people who are always complimenting and agreeing with everything you did, over time you would overestimate your ability and this would inflate your ego. In the end, you might do something wrong and think you're in the right.

Another example would be if you had people who are always criticising and degrading you, you would become less confident in your ability and underestimate yourself in everything you do.

What I'm trying to say is people are different and we shouldn't differentiate between each other 100 years ago people were fighting each other because of differences and that is incorrect. In these 100 years humans have evolved so much but some people still live in the past. I hope we can change this.

3A Khan Abdul Aziz

Good morning everyone. Today I want to talk about what I believe in. Everyone believes in different things. Someone believes in minacles. Someone believes in true love. Someone believes in having happiness. Well I, believe in myself. I think that if we don't believe in something we will never act upon it. We can have the abilities to do many great things but if we don't have the drive in it, then it is all for nothing. We must also have belief not only when we are at the top of the game, but also when we are at the bottom of the game.

We should never leave any doubts in our mind that we can achieve anything by working on any weak aspects of ourselves. We should turn them into our strengths and remove every impossible thought or limitation and believe that there is a way to achieve anything we desire.

Ouerall, I think that if we believe in ourselves we can overcome self doubt and have the confidence to take action and get things done. When we are drowning in fears, doubts, self sabotaging and so on, we will feel out of our grasp. All of the skills, training and tools in the world will not change our life. This is what I think and that's why I believe in myself.



3A Huang Kwan Ming

Good Morning, everyone. Today I am going to talk about the motto I believe in. I believe in the motto of 'No pain no gain' because it is impossible to gain something without feeling any painful experiences.

As I recall from my childhood, I had played a few online games which required 'grinding' and 'skill' to get better. At that time, I was not intelligent enough to understand why I couldn't do it. I often quit after being unable to pass something. Reflecting on it now, I can see the errors of my ways from the past. Instead of quitting, I should have improved my 'skills' on the game instead of relying on others. I should have done more 'grinding' instead of rushing my progress. All of these require lots of time. Without painstaking effort, there wouldn't be any improvement that can be done. In the end, I wouldn't gain anything.

This belief influenced me to be less lazy. I would attempt to push myself to a higher level in terms of studying, playing and maybe other activities such as basketball and badminton. I would be in 'pain' from pushing myself, but I would 'gain' improvement as a result. I practise this belief every day by doing things that require me to push myself to become better.

Hopefully, my beliefs can also give you a pointer if you are looking for some directions in life.

1A Lam Ho

As a young child growing up, I always believe in having an excellent role model that I can look up to and aspire to become one one day. For me, my role model is my father. He is the one who teaches me right from wrong, nurtures me and encourages me to be the best that I can be.

My father is a loving man with a heart of gold. His priority is his family. He always helps me with my homework and teaches me maths, English, Chinese, and other subjects I like much less. He works long hours but he always spends time after work to go over my homework with me. Before a test or exam, he spends all his free time teaching me and answering my questions. Sometimes when I feel scared, I want to give up. But my dad always says, "Try your best. You will never know until you try." His encouragements always keep me going.

What's more, my father has always been by my side to make sure I overcome difficulties. I remember on many occasions I felt depressed about having lots of homework and tests to study for I talked to my dad and he shared his experience with me and it made me feel better. When I was seven, I entered a maths competition. It was my first time to compete and I became scared and wanted to give up. My dad stayed with me all day to help me. As a result, I passed that competition. After that, I was more motivated and confident to join other competitions.

In short, I believe having a good role model is important. For me, that's my father he has one of the biggest hearts I know. If I didn't have him in my life, I wouldn't be who I am today.

What I Believe In

3A Lei Choi Wa

Everyone must believe in one thing or more than one. Some believe in "love is the key to every problem" or "be kind whenever possible". But I believe in "No pain no gain". For example, in sports, in your own studies or everything you do, you need to experience the "pain" first, then you will have gains.

First, in sports. We were not born to know every kind of sport. We need to practise, learn, ask and absorb experience so that we can earn the 'gain' from the competition or simply gain some knowledge.

Second, in studies, we have to listen to the teacher's explanation, then go home to do our homework. Before the exam, we have to do revision and do different exercises so that we can get good grades in the exam and it will be good for us in the future. These are the formats of no pain no gain.

So these are some examples that explain why I believe in the idiom no pain, no gain. Everything needs to be gained. There is no excuse or shortcut before you go through the pain. Remember, most of the gains will come after you give.

1A Limbu Labhang

If you ask me what I believe in, I would say I believe in the good that people do in society. I believe in having a good role model in my life. For me, the role model that inspires me is my beloved grandpa.

First of all, he is a hard-working, humble and resilient man. He was extremely poor and lived in the mountainous region of Nepal. He didn't have much education growing up. He only knew how to work with his hands. He was a farmer working long hours planting and taking care of livestock daily. At times, he felt tired, hungry and exhausted. Life on the mountain was very challenging but he didn't give up.

After my father grew up, he moued to Hong Kong and my grandfather came along since he had already retired from the army. My grandfather works as a security guard to earn money to help his children. My grandpa is a considerate, kindhearted person who puts others before him. I was born and raised in Hong Kong so I don't know much about my own culture. He always reminds me not to forget my roots and be proud of my heritage. He teaches me lots about Nepalese culture and to care about others. I remember fond memories of doing homework with grandpa, and listening to him share his life experiences with me. His life stories instill in me hard work, determination, resilience and the spirit of kindness.

In short, my beloved grandfather is my hero, my role model. I aspire to be just like him one day.

3B Ng Hiu Sum

I believe in true love. I guess everybody does. Sadly, many people do not take their relationship seriously and tend to give up a relationship very easily. The longer they stay together, the more problems they encounter. Then, they quickly come to the conclusion to break up before sitting down and fixing their relationship. I guess what they believe in is that 'the best is yet to come', somehow is different from what I believe - "True love is not about finding someone who you think is perfect and completely in sync with you, but is about improving and developing with your partner in order to make the relationship work.

But how can we distinguish whether we are dating our Mr / Ms. Right or not? Remember to always believe in ourselves. Our feelings won't lie. When we are dating, no matter how attractive he is, just leave him if he always disapproves of our personalities, our behavious, and always questions our values. He's like a black hole which sucks us down and makes us feel like we are as tiny as a swinl of dust to him.

On the contrary, when we are dating the right one, he is like the sun which gives us endless warmth every single day. Not only do we feel secure, but also cherished. He loves us entirely: 13y 'entirely', I mean he loves not only our beauty but also our flaws. He will not leave or abandon us because of our imperfections. Instead, he would stay beside us, complete us and make us develop into a more mature person.

I always bear this in mind: the wrong one makes us feel valueless but the right one makes us feel priceless. If you have already found the right one, congratulations! Hold him tight! It may only happen once in your lifetime.

3A Quito Divine Espara

Do you believe in failure or not? Once you hear the word fail, will you feel anxious, afraid of experiencing failure? Failure is considered embarrassing by society. People run as far as possible to avoid failures.

It all started from when you are studying. You have always wanted to be in the top place in every form and to be the best at every subject. For top students, they would get severely pressured to be the top students by their families. If they get below their expectations, they are considered to be complete failures. Therefore, this causes top students to have the "failure mental ability". They would always strive to be the very best even when they had already succeeded. They would always want to avoid failure from happening.

I believe that it's Ok to fail because failure makes us stronger. The more we fail, the more knowledge we gain. Take Thomas Edison as an example. Of all 1000 failed attempts on making the light bulb, he finally succeeded as well as other famous people, physicists and scientists. Therefore, no one is perfect. We should learn to grow with failure because we will always have to go through failure every step of the way to get where we want to be right now.

What I Believe In

3B Wong Chung Hung

What I believe in is that money is not the key to happiness. We can't buy friendship, true love or family with money.

Friendship is precious because of the sincerity behind it. We need time and efforts to build up a friendship that lasts. Real friends will support us when we are going through the valley in our lives. They are here for us because they care about us and they love us more than they love themselves. No matter how rich we are, we cannot pay others to be friend with us or to be loyal to us.

True love is valuable because of the persevering love bond. Nowadays, with the introduction of dating apps, people fall in love very easily. But is that true love? We need to learn to be inclusive, generous, be devoted before we can settle with the right one. It only happens when the right person sharing the right vision comes at the right time. Undoubtedly, having more money may increase our odds of finding true love. However, money cannot make it happen. At the end of the day, true love is not about finding the right one, but being the right one, the perseverant one and the loyal one.

Family is crucial in our lives because it is the synonym of happiness. They take care of us when we are young, guide us to go down the right path when we are teenagers, share our joys and sorrows for the rest of our lives. I guess everyone will be willing to spend an infinite amount of money to keep our family members beside us forever. But, nobody can escape from death no matter how wealthy we are because money cannot buy us longevity and health.

I do believe that money is not the key to happiness. Only when we learn how to treasure the bonding in our lives, can we truly enjoy the ultimate happiness in life.

3A Wayne Yau Pak He

People often have ideas which they believe in. Well, I believe in a healthy competitive environment. Throughout the history of mankind, we have invented a lot of technology. These progresses we have made have often been linked to the word, "compete", which have indeed played a big role. For example in the space race, the United States and Russia had the same goal to land on the moon. Both nations were pre-emptive. Russia launched a satellite in 1957, which stunned the entire world at that time. The United States responded with the vanguard program which with a stroke of bad luck failed. At that moment, it looked like the Soviets were winning. But in the end, the United States was the first to land on the moon and won the space race. But if you look back, they both benefited during the space race. Both made astounding accomplishments and made a big step forward for mankind. This is one of the many examples in history.

Some people think that competing is redundant and may even be harmful to society. Some competitors would use treacherous tactics to sabotage other establishments which have led to various crimes and corruptions. This is the drawback of the misuse of this method.

Ouerall, I think a healthy competitive environment can benefit the society. Therefore, I believe in a healthy competitive environment.

My Gang

58 Martin Liu Harvard Book Prize Scholarship Candidate

Back in the day when I was still in primary school, I used to be very bad at sports. I was called obese and unmovable due to my weight and body shape but somehow I was still in love with football. I grew up watching my idol - Cristiano Ronaldo. I love how passionate he is with football. His mentality of not giving up is inspirational. It's a pleasure to watch him play. And of course, I fell in love with football because of him.

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I was committed to learning how to play football, but then, in reality I still consider myself a chubby boy. It was very hard for me to lose weight and succeed in being a great football player. I had friends around me that were sporty and football players. When I looked at them, I felt like an outcast because all my friends were very fit and athletic, and I was just a fat boy who seemed very unlikely to play football.

I told my friends about my situation and I thought they would just laugh at me and make fun of my goal. But unexpectedly, they understood me very well and promised that they would help me to lose weight in order to be fit to enter the team. I thought they were just messing around and kidding with me, but it turned out they planned a weight loss programme for me. It guided me when to exercise. They even planned out a suitable diet for me to lose weight. I was touched that my friends would help me to meet my goal. I, for once, felt I was supported even under such an embarrassing yet hilarious circumstance.

Ever since then, I worked very hard to lose weight alongside my friends' help. I successfully lost about 20 pounds within 3 months. The progress was wonderful. I started to play football after 3 months of my weight loss plan. I finally felt less tired after 2 hours of football. It's fair to say that my friends are my true heroes in helping me achieve my goal.

I felt I was very supported by many friends helping me behind my back. They didn't make fun of me and it turned out they had my plan arranged. From this experience, I learnt that you need to make good friends who are loyal and accept you for who you are during good times and bad times. In society, making good friends is incredibly important for your success. They will cheer you up and try their best to assist you and guide you.

The Blissful Sense of Transcendence through English Language

5B Brandon Sin TSz Yeung Harvard Book Prize Scholarship Semi-finalist

Star Students of LCDMC

There are 195 countries around the globe. Within those 195, more than 7,000 languages are spoken every day; some languages even have their own dialect and subdialect. Despite this, English has become what most people would consider "a global language", connecting different parts of the world whilst simultaneously providing easier international opportunities.

In a place where Cantonese is the primary language and English is rarely ever spoken, it was difficult for me to find the correct translation. I would frequently find myself knowing the word in Cantonese but not in English. However, I was eager to learn English so I could travel and study abroad in the future, without worrying about the language barrier. Additionally, being able to understand and speak English would create numerous opportunities for me to meet new people, expanding my social network in the process.

Recently, through social media, I was able to share my culture with different people from across the world. The use of linguistics has allowed me to foster a wider appreciation for my heritage, as teaching others about my culture has helped me understand it more deeply. For example, I got to share details about the Lunar New Year. I described the values and meanings behind the festival and how it symbolizes a new start for many people. In doing this, I have been able to provide insight to foreigners, shedding light on my culture and beliefs. This is especially ture as western culture is so dissimilar to mine.

The English language has allowed me to expand my social circle within Hong Kong from purely local friends who speak only Cantonese: to having foreign friends who speak English and other languages that may not include Cantonese. At home, I speak a less formal, yet respectable, version of Cantonese to my family by incorporating elements of English linguistics. This has strengthened my connection with them and helped me express myself clearly.

Ultimately, I've come to the realization that the English language is an incredibly powerful tool. Despite some differences, it is able to unite communities and broaden one's horizons. Star Students of LCDMC

A New Form of Community

5C DeniSe Law Yee Wan Harvard Book Prize Essay Award Candidate

Asked whether technology is accountable for the coldness and the isolation among people, I reckon we ourselves, the users, are to blame.

Last week, my dad pulled the shutter down for one last time and officially closed his 30year catering business.

Owing to the pandemic, my dad's restaurant suffered a great loss and we had no choice but to close it down. With a view to expressing our gratitude to the customers who have patronized our restaurant all these years, we decided to put up a notice to break the news to the customers. As our last day was drawing close, the regulars paid their last visit and bidded farewell to us.

The last day was finally here last Friday. By lunch, there were a bunch of people waiting outside of my restaurant. To my shock, I had never seen such a number of people come to our restaurant. I flipped open a news app and wondered what happened in our neighbourhood that enticed so many people to come here. Unexpectedly, I saw some keen neighbours post about the shut down of our restaurant on social media and called for people to support us. I was pretty stunned and elated that I went to every table to give our gratitude and thank them for showing up on our last day.

Some new faces, who came for the first and the final time, suggested sticking some memos filled with their best wishes on the wall, whereas some consoled me that unfortunate things would be over soon. On the other hand, some regulars also felt reluctant to come to terms with the closure of our restaurant and spurred us on to open another new restaurant when situations eased out. They were so used to the dishes we made that they could hardly look for a replacement. Some office workers whose offices were nearby dropped by briefly for a goodbye. The warmth these customers brought was incomparable with anything and beyond words.

Since the development of technology has become unprecedentedly vigorous, people have drifted apart and become estranged from one another. Paradoxically, living online, we, strangers to one another, can be brought together for just a common mission. Perhaps, it has less to do with technology and more to do with how we interpret and immerse ourselves in this new form of community.

New Facilities - Auditorium

Teacher : Mr. Cheung Nim Chung Student Reporters: 2C Suzie Mak, 2D Wong Siu Nin C = Mr. Cheung R = Reporter

- R: Thank you Mr. Cheung for accepting our interview. First of all, why did the school install this auditorium?
- C: It was because the school wanted another communal space for events like talks and seminars, film appreciation and performances.



R: What was this room like before the auditorium came into place?
C: It used to be the demonstration room. It was a place where teachers demonstrated science experiments. The room's layout was like a lecture theatre and it was different from other classrooms

R: How long did it take to complete the auditorium?

C: It took more than a year. We couldn't start the work when you were having lessons. So we could only work after school or during Saturdays. So the progress was quite slow. The completion date was postposed again and again.

R: Have students been trained to use these facilities?

C: We have a group of students backstage for different kinds of performances. They are quite professional. They know how to use the sound and lighting console, etc.

- R: The auditorium makes a perfect gathering place during festive events. Mr Cheung, do you remember celebrating a festive event in a place like this?
- C: We celebrated the school's Open Day here. It was a big success. Students and guests enjoyed the facility.

Writers' note:

With such a grand space for showcasing students' talents, we surely look forward to more events happening in the auditorium. Today a reader, tomorrow a leader. - Margaret Fuller

New Facilities

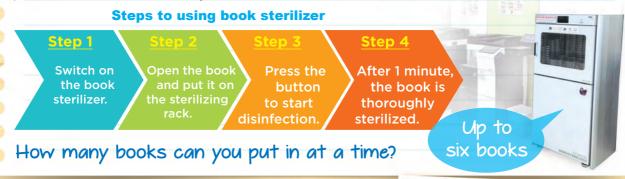
An Interview with Miss Alison So

Our reporters Tommy Ngan and George Wong of 3D have talked to our assistant librarian Miss Alison So and knew more about the renovation project and the new facilities of the school library.

S = Miss So R = Reporters

- R: How long did it take to renovate the library? R: Could you te
- S: The renovation started from the end of July 2021. The new library finally opened its door on 8th November 2021. The whole project lasted for about 5 months.
- R: We really like the two small rooms in the library. What are they for?
- S: They are not new facilities of the library. They were installed in 2013. These two rooms are for self-learning and they serve as perfect venues for discussions and tutorials.
- R: Could you tell us something about the e-library Plus System?
- S: The e-Library Plus System is a comprehensive and sustainable library management system. For me, as an administrator of the library, the new system runs as an online platform to centralize books data and circulation records. Our school had adopted the e-Library Plus since last November With the new online system, I can import data online or access loan records anytime and anywhere on a mobile phone or a computer.

Reading In the Times of the Pandemic The library sees it as a calling to ensure all our students can enjoy reading even during the pandemic. Our school has brought a new book sterilizer.



Interior design and color tone

The newly renovated library has got a facelift. From being filled with dark wood color bookshelves, the library has undergone a makeover and refreshed its look. Students can now read in a well-lit environment. There are also encouraging messages hanging on the walls and columns. The most eyecatching one will be the display board with color design and a very encouraging slogan "Today's reader, tomorrow's leader.



Well-groomed for a full-load London flight

The Sky is the Lim

Reporters: Kent Louis Siva Flores, Terence Tin

We had an interview with our teacher, Mr. Chan. And if you didn't know, Mr. Chan used to be a flight attendant before he started his teaching career. Let's get to know more about Mr. Chan when he was a flight attendant.

Why did you want to be a flight attendant?

I wanted to take this opportunity to pursue my dreams of traveling around the globe, and I would be able to do it for free! Also, being a flight attendant I feel cool and confident when wearing the uniforms.

Which company did you work for and how long did you work as a flight attendant?

I worked for Cathay Pacific for around 2 and a half years. I started working in July 2017 until August 2019. In that time span, I've had my footsteps on all five continents (Asia, Europe, Africa, Oceania, and the Americas).

What was your daily routine as a flight attendant when you had a scheduled flight?

The boarding day schedule started with arriving at Cathay City and me answering some in flight safety questions. We would then move on into the briefing room to have a quick briefing with the flight crew, regarding flight destinations, flight hours, service expectations, etc. When we have boarded the plane, we would first do a thorough emergency equipment check and security check. Once done, the passengers would then start boarding.

What were the main challenges of being a flight attendant?

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As a flight attendant, I had many challenges. They were mainly time and stress. We had to deal with jetlag, due to the time differences between the two places, which often causes insomnia. A few days later, we would have to be very energetic and put on a big smile on our faces, although deep inside were very tired. We also had to deal with different passengers and cabin crew on every flight, which shows you must be an extrovert and an outgoing person for this job.

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Awesome Californian weather in L.A.



What is the most memorable event you encountered as a flight attendant?

At Cathay Pacific, we have a saying that the most beautiful scenery is not the astonishing landscapes or the fascinating tourist spots, but it is the people or the crew of the company. This brings me to my most memorable moment which was on my last flight. The cabin crew surprised me with a farewell card and a gift. They wished me good luck and all the best in the future.

Why did you want to change profession to become a teacher?

I had a sense of mission that I wanted to achieve. I wanted to make good use of my professional knowledge and contribute to society. After two years of being a flight attendant, I wanted some personal advancement, to step out of my comfort zone and continue to learn something new. As a teacher now, seeing the growth of a student as a whole person is quite rewarding as well.

What challenges did you need to face when you changed profession to be a teacher?

I learned that both jobs are completely different from one another. Being a flight attendant is a service-based job, where I have to be very easy-going and cheerful. On the contrary, a teacher has to be more authoritative and strict. During my first few days here at LCDMC, I wasn't completely able to adapt to the school environment and had a few mishaps. But as time goes by, I started to get used to it more.

What do you think about students at LCDMC?

I think that the students at LCDMC are very kind-hearted. Academically, our students might not be the best, but I'm sure our students got big hearts. I find that they are quite cheerful too, which makes me really happy to be able to teach here.

What messages would you like to give our students at LCDMC? For aspiring flight attendants of LCDMC: **1. Be cheerful.**

2. Be nice.

3. If you are an introvert, Step out of your comfort zone.

4. Improve your EngliSh proficiency.

For all LCDMC Students:

1. "Where there IS a will, there iS a way"

2. Believe in yourSelf, and everything will

be possible.

Having a taste of the Indian culture

Good tidings from

Interview with MS Cheng Chi Fung

By Ken Chen

When was your baby born? My baby was born on 5th March.

How has your daily schedule changed since the newborn arrived?

Since my baby's arrival, his schedule has become my schedule, from feeding milk to tummy time.

Does the baby affect your sleep? Yes, pretty much especially during the first month.

Will the baby cry during midnight? Yes, once he is hungry or his nappy is wet.

What difficulties did you encounter when the baby was born?

It was not easy to understand a newborn baby language – crying. Once my baby was crying, I had to figure out whether he wanted to have some milk, his nappy changed or he did not feel well.

How did you solve the problems?

I read guidebooks about how to take good care of newborn babies and asked some experienced moms.

What future plans do you have with your baby? I plan to go travelling with my baby so that he can have more exposure in his life.

Does the baby affect you in any mental ways? Not much.

Does the baby affect you being a teacher? I have to be more multitasking.

What would you hope for your baby to grow up as? No specific answers, as long as he can make contributions to society.

Interview with MS Ko Cheuk Yan

When was the baby born? The baby was born in December, 2020.

Is it a boy or a girl and what is his/her name ? It is a boy. His name is Julius.

How do you feel about becoming a mom? I feel exhausted after becoming a mom. I didn't get enough sleep because the baby would cry during midnight.

What difficulties have you been facing since the baby was born? I have been facing the difficulties of taking care of the baby because I have to deal with extra classes for students and administrative related work.

How do you solve these difficulties? I have to be patient and more of a problem-solver.

Will the baby cry at night? Yes, but the baby rarely cries after growing up a little.

our teachers

Interview with MS Wu Hiu Kwan

By Michael Huang and Ken Chen

When was the baby born? It was born on the 27th of April.

Is it a boy or a girl? It is a girl. What is his/her name? Her name is Yuet Sze, in Chinese 悅詩 which means joyful hymn.

How do you feel about becoming a mom? Surreal. I feel so lucky to have a baby girl.

What difficulties have you been facing since the baby was born? Breastfeeding. I have not enough rest from it so I feel stressed.

How do you solve these difficulties? I would seek help from family members and friends to help adjust my schedule and mind.

Will the baby cry at night? Yes, it will.

How does your life change after becoming a mum? My first priority has changed to be my baby.

Who helps you take care of your child when you're busy? My husband and my mum

How does he or she help you? They help me by feeding and changing the baby's diapers. They also help me by doing housework.

By Ken Chen

How does your life change after becoming a mum? I have to take a lot of time to plan for the child's future such as looking for kindergartens and teaching the child how to speak, etc. Although there are many problems, I still feel happy and proud of my child as he is picking up things fast when he is learning.

Who helps you take care of your child when you're busy?

My husband, my mother and my mother-in-law.

How does he or she help you?

During the weekends, my mother helps me take care of my child by taking him to play in the park. Sometimes, I bring my child to my dad's house so I can relax by letting my dad play with the child.

MR WU CHI YAN by Michael Huang

Why did you pick to join this school? It's because it has a good reputation and has over 50 years of history.

Which subjects are you teaching? Economics and Chinese History.

Why are you teaching this subject? It is because I studied business and administration at university.

Which classes are you teaching this year? I teach Form 2, 4 to 6.

What is your goal here? My goal is to provide a good learning atmosphere to my students.

What do you do in your free time? I watch movies and play TV games at home during my free time.

What is the hardest thing of being a teacher? The hardest thing about being a teacher is to teach students how to think. What do you think of the students in LCDMC?

I think the first impression of the students is nice and sincere.

Do you like the environment of the school? Yes, it is because the school is surrounded by many green plants.

Has this pandemic affected any of your projects that you wanted to do? Yes It did. It has affected my travelling plans, we cannot travel around the world because of the current pandemic.

Interview

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Why do you want to be our school's teacher? It is because the school was recruiting a Chinese teacher last December and thus here I am.

What do you teach in our school?

I'm a Chinese teacher. I teach the NCS. (non-Chinese speaking students)

What is the main problem of teaching in our school?

I think the main problem for me is arousing student's learning motivation.

How would you attempt to overcome this problem?

I use different kinds of methods to arouse student's learning motivation. For example, internet resources, role-play activities and interactive games.

What is your personality? I think I am a kind-hearted person.

What are your favourite hobbies? My favourite hobby is travelling. I'm interested in travelling around the world.

What do you do during your free time? I usually browse the internet, read books and watch TV. What was your teaching experience? I taught the D.F.S (Diploma of foundation studies) and the H.D. (Higher Diploma) in I.V.E for the past five years.

Do you have any wishes for the students? I hope that all students can engage in learning. They should study hard. It's because studying is the first priority for the students.

What advice would you give to students? We are in a knowledge-based society. It is important for us to develop a sense of life-long learning. I suggest students master language skills like Putonghua, English and Cantonese.

MR KUAN KA CHUN by Divine Quito Espara

What made you decide to become a teacher?

It is because I enjoy teaching and passing down my knowledge to others.

Why did you pick this subject to teach? It is because I enjoy physics and I think physics is a useful subject and it also includes mathematics which I enjoy.

How does it feel teaching students? It is enjoyable teaching students but it is also quite difficult.

Which classes are you teaching this year? Form 1-3 mathematics and form 4 physics. Where do you see yourself in 5 years? I think in the next 5 years I will continue teaching.

Is there a skill that you hadn't expected that you would need to become a teacher but turns out to be very essential in your daily teaching life now?

I think humour is a very essential skill for teaching because without it students will fall asleep.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy jogging and going to the gym to stay fit.

What school clubs did you serve in when you were a student? I was a librarian and in the STEM Club.

If you had another choice what would you like to do besides being a teacher? I would pursue higher education to become a physicist or mathematician.

What do you think of the students in LCDMC?

The students are very energetic.

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MR POON SHEUNG KUEN

by Skylar Lam

What made you decide to become a teacher? I always had an interest in English. So I pursued the subject in college.

Why did you pick this subject to teach?

I always had an interest in this subject when I was young. I enjoy sharing speeches and hosting English events for students.

How does it feel teaching students?

It was challenging and fulfilling because teachers nowadays have to compete with content creators and also new technologies for their students to learn.

Which classes are you teaching this year? Form 1-3 English.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

In the next 5 years there are 3 principles I would like to keep:

- 1. Feel fulfilled in what I do.
- 2. Can provide an income.
- 3. Have an positive impact on the people around you

Is there a skill that you hadn't expected that you would need to become a teacher but turns out to be very essential in your daily teaching life now? Emotional intelligence

What are your hobbies?

Hiking and going to the beach, mostly outdoor activities.

What school clubs did you join when you were a student?

Drama Club and Hiking Club.

What is the hardship of being a teacher?

Teaching students to master their faculty of reasoning in a world much filled with uncertainties.

What do you think about the students in LCDMC?I think the LCDMC students aretrendy and tech savvy.§1]

MS WAT WUN YAN

by Dhenga Arun

What made you decide to become a teacher? I actually wasn't planning to be a teacher but I got accepted into a visual arts bachelor's degree programme in JUPAS and I wasn't interested in any other subject so, I decided to be a VA teacher.

Why did you pick this subject to teach? When I was growing up I liked visual arts and it made me feel accomplished.

How does it feel teaching students? The students here are very mischievous, but they're not bad at heart.

Which classes are you teaching this year? I teach F.1 to F.3 visual arts.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? I assume I would still be teaching here.

Is there a skill that you hadn't expected that you would need to become a teacher but turns out to be very essential in your daily teaching life now?

Mainly patience because every student's learning ability is different.



What are your hobbies? Besides drawing I like brewing coffee and jogging.

What school clubs did you join when you were a student? I was in the Art Club.

Where did you graduate? I graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Do you like the environment of the school? Since this school is small, students tend to be closer with their peers. The atmosphere of this school is pretty harmonious.

MR WONG KWONG CHOW

by Divine Quito Espara

What made you decide to become a teacher? When I was young,I would feel accomplished when helping or teaching someone.

Why did you pick this subject to teach? Because I enjoy ICT and Mathematics.

How do you feel about the students of LCDMC? They are obedient and if they misbehave,I'll tell them to pay attention and they are mostly willing to listen.

Which subjects are you teaching this year? I am currently teaching science, ICT and maths.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? I hope I can still continue teaching in the next 5 years.

Is there a skill that you hadn't expected that you would need to become a teacher but turns out to be very essential in your daily teaching life now? Technology skills and computer skills.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy coding.

What school clubs did you join when you were a student? Computer Club.

Our school is atop the hill. Was it inconvenient for you to come to school? It is a slight inconvenience if there's traffic at times.

What's the process to become a teacher?

You need a bachelor's degree and a certificate of education.

MR NG KI HONG by Divine Quito Espara

What made you decide to become a teacher? It was due to the influence of my teacher that made me like Chinese and so I wanted to also make students appreciate Chinese.

Why did you pick this subject to teach? Well it's due to my teacher and also due to the fact that I really like reading and writing.

How does it feel teaching students? The students here behave quite well and the atmosphere during class is pretty peaceful. I do hope that they will put more effort into their homework.

Which classes are you teaching this year? I teach F.1 - F.3 and also higher form students.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? I will likely still be teaching, hopefully in this school.

Is there a skill that you hadn't expected that you would need to become a teacher but turns out to be very essential in your daily teaching life now?

Humour because Chinese to most students is pretty boring.

What are your hobbies? Basketball, football, badminton, swimming, chess and music.



What school clubs did you join when you were a student?

Basketball, football, badminton, swimming, chess and volleyball also ping pong.

Why did you choose to come to our school to teach?

Mainly because my middle school is on the hill so it feels nice to have a familiar environment.

How has this pandemic affected you and your plans for the future?

I couldn't travel nor visit my relatives, so I couldn't honour my grandma's grave.

MS LI DANDAN by Dhenga Arun

What made you decide to become a teacher? I was inspired by my Chinese teacher and I wanted to become like her so that's why I became a teacher.

Why did you pick this subject to teach? It is because I was influenced by my Chinese teacher so that's why I chose the Chinese subject to teach.

How do you feel about the students of LCDMC? The students are friendly and polite and they leave a positive impression on me.

Which classes are you teaching this year? I am teaching Form 1, Form 2 and Form 4. I also teach in groups.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years I hope to still be teaching here and teaching in general.

Is there a skill that you hadn't expected that you would need to become a teacher but turns out to be very essential in your daily teaching life now?

The skill I learnt was that teaching students right from wrong and how to make them reflect on their actions was a very important skill.



What are your hobbies? Hiking and martial arts.

What school clubs did you join when you were a student? Chinese Literature Club

How long do you plan on teaching in this school? Hopefully, I'll still be teaching in this school for a long while.

Do your family members or friends also work as a teacher? My mum was an educator and a lot of my friends are teachers.

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MR LAU CHIT HANG

What do you like to do when you are free? When I am free, I like playing chess and going hiking.

Which type of music do you like to listen to? I usually listen to English songs.

How many years have you been a teacher? Around 10 to 11 years.

What inspired you to become a teacher? I want students to learn more about the fun facts about Chinese History and I hope to get along well and grow with my students.

Do you enjoy teaching in LCDMC? I enjoy teaching in LCDMC.

What is the most difficult thing of being a teacher?

Some students may not be very interested in history. I will think of a lot of interactive and interesting ways to let students know about Chinese History. I also teach students to analyze from different perspectives objectively.



What can you learn from being a teacher?

I can learn more about communication skills.

What do you want to tell our students as an encouragement?

Learning is an ongoing journey. Sometimes students may have unsatisfactory results in their tests and exams, but if they keep trying and be persistent, I am sure they will improve. One important way is to enhance the question-answering skills.

Reported by Michael Wan, Enok Luu, Samuel Chong

MISS CHAN YAT TUNG

What do you like to do when you are free? I like to watch TV series, listen to music, watch movies, and ride bicycle. Sometimes I like to watch some YouTube videos about physics experiments.

Which type of music do you like to listen to? Actually, I don't have a typical type of music that I like to listen to. If I am in a bad mood, I will listen to lyrical songs. If I am in a good mood, I will listen to rock songs. Also, I like to listen to the songs that students play on the piano in school.

How many years have you been a teacher? I have been teaching for a long time. The students that I have taught have already got married.



What inspired you to become a teacher?

I like to help people and when I am helping people, I will have a sense of satisfaction. Also, I believe in using life to affect the lives of others and I want students to find out what they are good at.

Do you enjoy teaching in LCDMC?

I enjoy teaching in this school because the school gives us a lot of resources and space for me to do a lot of activities and let students learn in different ways.

What is the most difficult thing of being a teacher?

I think the most difficult thing is that if students do not respond to me, I won't know if they understand the things that I teach or not. Also, I think giving mutual feedback is important to enhance learning and teaching.

What can you learn from being a teacher?

I learn how to communicate with teenagers as nowadays teenagers like using WhatsApp or other apps to communicate. Also, I have to catch up with the new technology nowadays.

What do you want to tell our students as an encouragement?

Embrace life and love learning.

MR PAK KIN MING

What do you like to do when you are free? I usually read some books /e-books in the morning. I also watch some YouTube videos for entertainment. Also, sometimes I take a nap if I am free.

Which type of music do you like to listen to? I usually listen to some Cantonese music and Japanese music, for example, like Yoasabi.

What inspired you to become a teacher? In fact, in primary school, my dream job was always becoming a teacher. I am glad to become a teacher now. Also, another main reason to become a teacher is that in my primary school life my grades were good, and many classmates asked me questions that they didn't understand. I then explained to them and I felt so satisfied because I actually solve the problems they met.

Do you enjoy teaching in LCDMC? Of course! I think I am happy working in this school.



What is the most difficult thing of being a teacher?

I would think letting my students fully understand the knowledge or the things that I want to teach them because students' feedback is really important for me. It enables me to have a better understanding of each student. Another thing is to explore various effective means to let them learn.

What can you learn from being a teacher? Communication and presenting skills because being a teacher we need to express ourselves clearly. I strive to enhance these skills.

What do you want to tell our students as an encouragement? Sleep early and have a healthy diet.

Reported by Michael Wan, Enok Luu, Samuel Chong

MR WONG WAI MAN

What do you do when you are free? I usually watch some videos, for example, I watch some videos about education or some TV shows or read some books. I watch movies e.g. Marvel or DC movies when I am free. Lastly, I listen to music or attend regular church meetings.

Which type of music do you like to listen to? I usually like some classical oldies or some new ones, for example some Korean and English music.

How many years have you been teaching? I started teaching in 1990.

What inspired you to become a teacher? My first job was about numbers and computers. At that time, I realized how rewarding it was to teach others and I wanted to achieve my dream job of being a teacher so I became a teacher.



Do you enjoy teaching in LCDMC?

Sure! I enjoy teaching in LCDMC because the teachers and students are pretty good. Although some students may be a bit naughty at times, they are kind-hearted and helpful. I embrace and understand them. I think the most important thing is that our students are willing to communicate.

What is the most difficult thing of being a teacher?

We can't control everything, such as the pandemic. It affects the learning and teaching mode and I can't always teach in the computer room.

What can you learn from being a teacher?

I can learn a lot of things like trying to find a lot of different ways to let students learn and understand better. Also, I can also learn and improve if others tell me about my mistakes.

What do you want to tell our students as an encouragement?

Be persistent and never give up! Believe in yourself and work hard to achieve your dream. Eventually you can achieve your goals and make your dream come true. 35

MR CHUNG CHUN PUI by Skylar Lam

What made you decide to become a teacher?

I thought about becoming a teacher,and I enjoyed mathematics as a kid.So I decided to become a maths teacher.

How does it feel teaching students?

When finding myself in this job,I realised that teaching younger generations is not as easy as I first expected. For example, after teaching my students a certain topic,they would easily forget it the next day.

Which classes are you teaching this year?

I am currently teaching combined science in 1C, 2B, 2D and Form 4 mathematics.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? The next five years a lot of changes might appear, and I'm sure I will still be at this school educating the students.

Is there a skill that you hadn't expected that you would need to become a teacher but turns out to be very essential in your daily teaching life now?

I underestimated the importance of communication skills and patience. To become a good teacher, you need to know how to communicate with students.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy swimming and football. Due to the pandemic I couldn't do sports.

What school clubs did you join when you were a student?

I joined Badminton Club.

If young people want to become teachers, what would you say to them?

You have to be patient and resilient as well as be competent in your subject.

Anything you want to tell LCDMC students in particular?

Don't give up, go step by step and you will improve.

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