

**Bethel High School Parent Newsletter** 

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# **Liberal Studies Department**

- 1. The Liberal Studies Club organised a visit to the 'Zero Carbon Building' to learn about energy-saving buildings.
- 2. S.5 students have participated in the environmental talks organised by the 'Liberal Studies TV' two times.
- 3. The Liberal Studies department worked with the Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities Team, Office of Yau Tai Tai District Councillor and Fairview Park Estate Management Office to organise the 'Sustainable Development Funfair' at the town centre of Fairview Park. We prepared some booths, display boards and activities such as prize-giving games.
- 4. The Liberal Studies Club visited the Hong Kong Organic Waste Recycling Centre at Sheung Shui to learn how to handle food waste.

## **Visual Arts Department**

- 1. On 11/12/2013, the Visual Arts Department participated in the 'Art Available to All' programme, organised by the Hong Kong Arts Centre, and took 22 S.4 and S.5 NCS students who have taken Visual Arts to visit a huge exhibition, 'Distilling Senses: A Journey through Art and Technology in Asian Contemporary Art'. The docent guided students to make some art criticism and learn about the background, concepts and techniques of the artwork. Students also interacted with some local artists and learnt about photography and its applications. They produced some work with the artists as well. It was a great experience for them.
- 2. On 17/12/2013, 2A students visited the exhibition 'Gems of Chinese Ceramics' in the Hong Kong Museum of Art in Tsim Sha Tsui to prepare themselves for their pottery project.

## **Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities Team**

- 1. The Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities Team organised the Sports Day in December and invited one of the alumni, Yuen Long District Councillor Wong Wai-ling, to be the guest of honour.
- 2. The Student Union organised the 'Christmas Singing Contest' in December. The activity was run smoothly.
- 3. Inter-class Billboard: Five events of the Inter-class Billboard were held, including Casual Wear Day donation, Inter-class Singing Contest, Inter-class Football Competition, Inter-class Basketball Competition and Inter-class relays on the Sports Day.
- 4. On 7/12/2013, the Student Union set up a charity sale booth for the CUHK MBA Alumni Association during the CUHK Anniversary.

- 5. On 8/12/2013, the Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities Team was sponsored by the 'Council for Sustainable Development' to work with the Liberal Studies Department, Office of Yau Tai Tai District Councillor and Fairview Park Estate Management Office, and organised the 'Sustainable Development Funfair' at the town centre of Fairview Park. We prepared some booths, display boards and prize-giving games. 20 students became helpers and there were about 100 Fairview Park residents joining the activity.
- 6. On 15/12/2013, the Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities Team participated in the 'Rotary Christmas Music Showcase' in East Point City, Tseung Kwan O to raise funds for poor students.
- 7. On 21/12/2013, the Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities Team was invited by the Education Bureau to visit the make-up process of the Miss Asia Pageant Final.
- 8. On 22/12/2013, the Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities Team participated in the 'Drama Education Workshop' organised by the Chung Ying Theatre Company in Kwai Tsing Theatre.
- 9. On 23/12/2013, students of the magic class took part in the recording of the television programme, 'Scoop'.
- 10. On 24/12/2013, the Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities Team performed oriental dance and modern dance in the Bethel Bible Seminary Christmas Carolling.

### **Public Relations Team**

- 1. The school was invited by the Office of Yau Tai Tai District Councillor to be the guest performer of the 'Fairview Park Lakeside Healthy Walk, Chinese New Year Celebration' on 19/1/2014.
- 2. The school took part in the 'Yuen Long District Secondary School Exhibition' organised by the Tin Shui Wai Parents Association. We designed and prepared some display boards and roll up banners for the event.
- 3. The school participated in the Yuen Long Secondary School Education Exhibition 2013 on 14/12/2013. The English, Mathematics, Liberal Studies, Visual Arts, Music and Geography Departments, Information Technology Team, and Co-curricular & Extra Curricular Activity Team tried their best to provide various learning activities, such as Bethel Math Journey, Green Shot, Christmas is around the Corner, sand painting, balloon twisting, computer learning games, handchime performance, students' artwork exhibition, etc, for the visitors.
- 4. The school updated the school display board at the town centre of Fairview Park from time to time so that the residents can know about the school development and activities.

#### **Discipline and Guidance Team**

In order to spread the anti-gambling message among students and prevent them from being led astray, the Discipline and Guidance Team, Student Union and Prefect Team participated in the war-game activity jointly organised by the Home Affairs Bureau, Ping Wo Fund and Hong Kong Swargame Club on 6/12/2013. Students learnt the harmful impact of gambling through airsoft battles. On that day, a number of student organisations took part in the event, including the Prefect Team, Student Union, JPC, Football Team, Basketball Team, S.6 representatives and Junior Form representatives. They played happily in the game.

## **Career Guidance Team**

- 1. On 5/12/2013, the Institute of Advanced Learning organised a talk on local study pathways for senior form students. The talk introduced further study pathways other than JUPAS, including self-financing degree and associate degree programmes, studying overseas, etc.
- 2. On 2/1/2014, the Po Leung Kuk Community College introduced its associate and higher diploma programmes to the S.6 students so that they can get comprehensive information about further studies.
- 3. The 'Citi Success Fund' 2013-14 programme, sponsored by Hope Worldwide and the Citi Foundation, has finished. The programme consisted of a make-up and a photo taking course, which taught vocational skills and introduced the working environment of the industry. Students of the photo taking class learnt portrait photography and photo editing. Students of the make-up class learnt skin care, make-up and hairstyle design. Lam Yee Ting (5B) and Au Lok Tsui (6D) had outstanding performance in the activities. They received the Outstanding Student Award.
- 4. From November, 2013 to January, 2014, the Career Guidance Team assisted S.6 students with the JUPAS application. There were 34 students taking part in the JUPAS scheme.
- 5. 'Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions' will be open for application. S.6 students who are interested in studying in the mainland should pay attention to it. Students can login to the joint enrolment system for Hong Kong students (<u>http://www.ecogd.edu.cn/hkmsks/</u>) and make online application and appointment from 25/2/2014 to 20/3/2014. They should attend the on-site confirmation in person at the 'China Education Exchange (HK) Centre' from 15/3/2014 to 31/3/2014. During the online application, students should fill in their 4 choices of universities in order according to their preference. They can make 4 programme choices for each university. The application fee is \$420. In addition, if students have plans to apply for the School Principal' s Nomination for the 'Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions 2014', they should take the application form from Ms. Chan Man Wai and return the form by 4/3/2014.
- 6. The 2014-2015 full-time Degree, Higher Diploma, Foundation Diploma and Diploma in Vocational Education programmes offered by member institutions of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) are open for application. S.6 students can browse the website: <a href="http://www.vtc.edu.hk/admission">http://www.vtc.edu.hk/admission</a> and complete the application procedures by themselves. The application deadline is 28/2/2014. The application fee is \$130.
- 7. S.6 students taking the HKDSE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination) 2014 can apply for the accredited programmes of iPASS (Information Portal for Accredited Post-secondary Programmes) offered by more than 20 local institutions through the E-APP (Electronic Advance Application System for Post-secondary Programmes) system. The application fee ranges between \$100 to \$300. Students should register an account and complete the application procedures as required by the system. The school will submit the School Reference Report (SRR), which includes personal aptitude and S.6 final examination report, for students who registered before 28/2/2014.

# **Civic and Moral Education Team**

- 1. Here are the results of the first round of Inter-class Recycling Competition: Champion 6A,  $1^{st}$  Runner-up 4A,  $2^{nd}$  Runner-up 6B. Students please continue to conserve the environment with the help of the Environmental Ambassadors and establish a good habit of recycling.
- 2. On 2/1/2014, the Civic & Moral Education Team invited the Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention to prepare a workshop for 1B and 2B NCS students and a talk for 3B and senior form NCS students, featuring school bullying, so that they can learn about school bullying, cyber bullying and the importance of a harmonious campus.
- 3. On 2/1/2014, S.4 students had a class teacher period, 'Fairness in School (I)', to examine the meaning of fairness through school cases and analyse the bad impacts of unfairness to individuals and groups.
- 4. In order to develop students' leadership potential and arouse their spirit of serving the school, the school carried out the 'Everyone has a Post Scheme'. In the first term, 85% of the students participated in the scheme.