

# **Bethel High School Parent Newsletter**

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### **Liberal Studies Department**

- 1. We took students to the Yuen Long District Council and sat in a meeting of the Town Planning Board to enhance S.4 students' knowledge about the structure of government.
- 2. We participated in a law seminar and debate competition organised by the Law Society of Hong Kong at AsiaWorld-Expo near Hong Kong International Airport. The activity enhanced students' knowledge of the legal system.
- 3. The EDB invited Mr. Tang Kam Fai to attend 3 seminars and give a talk on topics such as the Independent Enquiry Study of the Liberal Studies school-based assessment and the transition between junior and senior secondary curricula.

#### **Physics Department**

We have sent 3 teams of students (a total of 8 students) to participate in the 'Hong Kong Technology & Renewable Energy Events 2014'. At first, students participated in a workshop at the Cotton Spinners Association Secondary School on 4/10/2014. Later, they participated in the competitions at the Hong Kong Science & Technology Park on 1/11/2014. There were 143 teams that participated in the competitions. Our students, Chan Tsz Keung, Tsang Chak Lung and Wong Ka Ho of 5B, performed outstandingly and came in second place during the first heat of the competitions. The activity helped participants learn how to apply renewable energy and students learned a lot from it.

## **Career Guidance Team**

- 1. Shah Nasikh Ali (6A) and Sze To On Kit, Andy (6C) studied Aviation Studies and Automotive Technology respectively and they obtained the 'Applied Learning Scholarship' offered by the Law's Charitable Foundation and the EDB.
- 2. The Vocational Training Council (VTC) has started to receive applications for its programmes starting from 28/11/2014. S.6 students can apply for the higher diploma or foundation diploma programmes at the following website: http://www.vtc.edu.hk/admission. The application fee is \$140.
- 3. Students who are interested in studying in Taiwan should pay attention to the following: Individual application is accepted from 10/11 to 24/12/2014. Interested applicants please go to the Entrance Committee website (<u>http://www.overseas.ncnu.edu.tw/content/a01</u>) and click the introduction for Hong Kong students to check for the application criteria and application procedures. Since the application takes time, students should start earlier.
- 4. We recommended a number of 4A and 5A students to participate in the Project Himalaya organised by the Yuen Long Police District. The project contains two parts, 'mentorship programme' and 'Chinese tutorial classes'. Students have to attend lessons in the Yuen Long Police Station after school every Wednesday. The 'mentorship programme' comprises a

recruitment talk, sharing sessions with serving Non-ethnic Chinese police officers, and a mock police constable recruitment run by police volunteers to train students in recruitment items such as Physical Fitness Test, Self-introduction, Group Interview, Final Interview, etc. In the 'Chinese tutorial classes', the Chinese tutor first assesses students' Chinese abilities and then provides exercises and training on the topics of the Government Standard Examination (GSE), such as Comprehension and Practical Writing. After joining the project, students indicated that the project can enhance their Chinese abilities and help them to pass the GSE and get into the Police force. The project also increased their interest in joining the Police Force.

5. We have invited an accountant, Mr. Cheung Hon Keung, to give a talk to S.4 and S.6 students on 30/10/2014. In the talk, Mr. Cheung talked about the career prospects of accounting and other related information. He also shared about the means of obtaining professional qualifications for accounting in Hong Kong and other countries.

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

- We have organised a Student Leaders Inauguration Ceremony and invited the chairman of the Rotary Club of Peninsula Sunrise, Wilson Wan, to be the guest of honour of the ceremony. Leaders of 11 student organisations, including the Student Union, Prefect Team, four Houses, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Flag Guards, Student Librarians and the AV Team, participated in the ceremony.
- 2. The Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities Team and the Academic Affairs Team co-organised a 2 days 1 night indoor camp for 10 students at the HKFYG Jockey Club Sai Kung Outdoor Training Camp. In the camp, students received training in skills such as team spirit, creativity, problem solving, etc.

#### Healthy Campus Development Team

In order to encourage students to conserve the school campus and keep the school campus clean and tidy, we have organised an Inter-class Poster Design Competition. There are a champion,  $1^{st}$  Runner-up and  $2^{nd}$  Runner-up for the Junior Forms and Senior Forms respectively. The deadline of submission is 21/11/2014.

#### **Public Relation Team**

We participated in the elderly day organised by the office of Yau Tai Tai District Councillor. Students performed juggling, guitar and Djembe for the elderly.

# **Girl Guides**

- 1. The Girl Guides have participated in a volunteering activity, 'Yuen Long District Care Action for the Rural Areas', co-organised by the Social Welfare Department and the Yuen Long District Coordinating Committee on Promotion of Volunteer Service. The Girl Guide members participated in the kick-off ceremony, visited the elderly in Yuen Kong Tsuen, Kam Tin and distributed gift packs to them on 8/11/2014. The Girl Guides learned a lot from the activity.
- 2. We arranged a 'Pop Cake' class during the special training course on 17/11/2104 and 18/11/2014 to train Girl Guide members' art, home economics and co-operative skills. We shared the products after the class.