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A NEWSLETTER ARTICLE 3D Wu Tsun Hei, Hayden **Teacher: WWF** 

Volunteering is about helping other people and making a

I volunteer for a small NGO that helps find jobs for homeless

people. I often have to speak to people from different companies.

This has really improved my communication skills and I'm sure it'll

help the homeless people to get jobs. I help in the office every Friday

way to meet people. You can make friends with other volunteers. I

To make a difference in our communities, we must all start with

There are advantages of doing voluntary work. Firstly, it's a great

difference in your community.

have made lots of friends

after school and during the school holidays.

Secondly, it's good for your CV. You can

Lat but not least, it's good for your

get some work experience. You can

personal development. Being a volunteer

can increase your self-confidence and make

you happier. You will believe more on yourself.

ourselves. Why not volunteer for a good cause?

improve skills like communication skills.

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From pens to pages & •

Social influencers 5D Lee Sze Wing

Social influencers share a lot about their personal lives on social media. They attract many followers by making fun and entertaining content. Influencers can also promote products to earn money on various platforms.

Many influencers make good money on sites like Instagram, TikTok, Facebook and YouTube. They create videos to show products and share links to those products. When their followers buy these items using the links, the influencers earn a commission.

People like social influencers because they seem friendly, almost like friends. They share positive information and can help promote different products. Their sense of humor makes their

1D Fong Sau Sum

content entertaining and enjoyable for their followers. Influencers play an important

role in marketing today. They connect well with their audience, allowing them to include product links in their posts. Because of this, influencers are a big part of the social media world we live in today.

Letter to the Editor

4D Ip Kei Yau Teacher: WWF

I am writing to express my deepest concern about few electric cars are being bought and used. There are only less than 3% of all vehicles sold worldwide in 2020 were electric although studies show electric cars are more environment friendly than petrol cars. I have been thinking about this and have some ideas to share.

One main reason for the low sale of electric cars is that there are not enough charging stations. It is not easy to find charging stations. They can only be found in a few shopping centres, car parks and shopping malls.

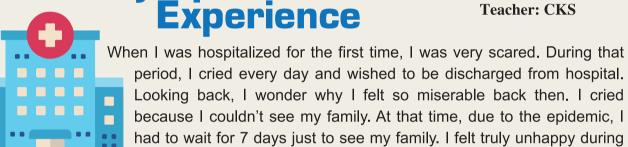
Another reason is that the batteries are expensive. People are not willing to pay the price. As a result, there are not many people want to buy

In my opinion, we should build more charging stations. Therefore, it is easier for people to use electric cars. I also think that the government should sponsor the batteries. So, more people may want to buy electric cars.

> It is my earnest hope that we can work together to have a better environment for our future generations.

> > Yours faithfully

My Special Experience



After more than a month, the epidemic situation improved, and I could see my family every two days, which made me happy. I also grew close to the nurses. They took care of me, just like I was a child. Especially, since I was in the adult ward and the only child there. Unfortunately, I got infected. I watched TV every day reporting deaths due to the epidemic. I was really scared, but the medical staff took good care of me, and I eventually recovered and was successfully discharged from hospital.

Later, I was hospitalized again for a surgery. But this time, I wasn't afraid because I had become familiar with many people and had various activities to enjoy, such as painting and creating artworks. I had developed a close bond with the nurses, who would help me style my hair beautifully.

Eventually, I was discharged. I have been grateful having the staff and nurses as my

Decline of Small Independent

Stationery Shops in Hong Kong

My Christmas Holiday

2A Law Tsz Pong Teacher: NYM

holiday, I mainly stayed in my hometown, where my family has an apartment that was fully renovated a few We first started our holiday by spending time at a local mall and ended it off with a family reunion. In

Good morning, everybody. I'm going to talk about how I spent my recent Christmas holiday. During the

between, we bought some stylish clothes and enjoyed a lot of delicious food. We even got to play arcade games in classic arcades. It was very fun.

Since we only had two bikes for transportation, it wasn't efficient, and we quickly got tired of cycling. So, we then explored several motorcycle dealerships and found the best deal on a great motorcycle. It was great riding it around.

After that, we purchased the motorcycle, and we rode it to my grandpa's inherited property, an old house filled with 1950's items and some insects. We went through the house and recovered usable items and electronics. It was frustrating and exciting. Next, we bought materials to renovate and repair the old house. We also came up with

some exciting future plans for it. It was frustrating. Finally, we spent time at home playing video games and relaxing. While playing, I held a small tournament for my cousins, and the winner received a prize. It was intense and frightening. In the end, we returned to Hong

Kong, and I completed my holiday homework.

Thank you for listening.

Teacher: ZWP

In recent years, small independent stationery shops in Hong Kong have experienced a hard time. Many of these shops have closed, leaving their neighborhoods with fewer choices. This trend makes us wonder whether such shops can survive.

One big reason for this decline is online shopping. Large e-commerce platforms sell many types of stationery at lower prices. Customers can easily compare prices and shop from home, which makes it hard for local shops to compete. Many of these shops depend on loyal customers but as shopping habits change, even those customers are choosing online options.

Also, big chain stores are becoming more popular. These stores usually have sufficient financial support to offer discounts that small shops cannot match. As more people shop at these larger stores, independent stationery shops find it hard to attract

Another problem faced by small stationery shops in Hong Kong is the rising rental fees. Many small shop owners struggle to pay the high rent. As costs go up, they often have to raise the prices of their products, which turns away customers. Some shop owners try to offer unique products or special services. However, this is not enough for many to sustain themselves.

Despite these challenges, there is still hope for independent stationery shops. Some people value personal interactions and the unique items these shops offer. They enjoy browsing and looking for products they might not see online. For these customers, shopping at local stores is not just about buying supplies, but also giving

To survive, independent stationery shops may need to try new ideas. Many are using social media to reach more customers. By showing their products online and offering special ideas, they can attract more shoppers. By working with local artists or hosting workshops, they can also help to create a sense of community that brings people in.

In conclusion, while the decline of small independent stationery shops in Hong Kong is a concerning issue due to other shopping options, there is still a chance for them to survive by adapting to the changing consumer habits and focusing on their unique strengths. These shops can find a way to thrive in a challenging market. The future of independent stationery shops depends on both the resilience of shop owners and the support of their community.

My School Life in Hong Kong

Yan Oi Tong Chan Wong Suk Fong Memorial Secondary School. Let's go

1A Tam Hoi Lam

**Teacher: TLY** 

As you see here, we all have to wear school uniforms. Come with me! In the covered playground, we have a gym where we can work out, but you need to have the teachers' permission. Now look over here, we have a café called Chan Wong de Café. We have different kinds of English games here, and I am one of the English ambassadors.

Follow me! Here we are at my favorite place – the DT room. This place is newly built. We can do crafts here. I'm now making a notice board. It's fun, and you all should visit this place.

Let's walk up the stairs. We have a science lab and an activity room on the right-hand side. Even though the activity room is simple, we can create memorable experiences here. Every Monday, we have dance practices. I have made a lot of friends in this room.

During lunch break, we usually go to the outdoor playground on the ground floor. I play volleyball with my friends and chat together.

This is the end of the video. Thank you for watching, and I hope you enjoy it. Hope to see you soon. Bye!

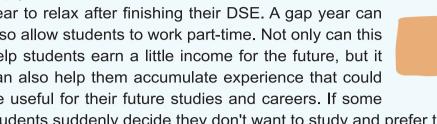


#### The Benefits of Taking a Gap Year

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my views on taking a gap year. In my opinion, I strongly agree with this motion.

There are many reasons why I agree with taking a gap year. The main reason is that students can have a year to relax after finishing their DSE. A gap year can also allow students to work part-time. Not only can this help students earn a little income for the future, but it can also help them accumulate experience that could be useful for their future studies and careers. If some



students suddenly decide they don't want to study and prefer to work, they will have a year of working experience, which can help them easily find a job.

Secondly, students can join some charity events. Not only can this help people, but it also provides an opportunity to develop their social skills. That will never be a waste of time, and I think a gap year will be something worthwhile. Participating in charity events can also help them accumulate experience and improve their communication and inter person skills.

All in all, I agree that a gap year is beneficial for students. It is worth it to gain experience for their careers and prepare for university studies.

Yours sincerely,

#### Letter to the Editor about travelling experience 5C Tang Yui Chit Teacher: NYM

Dear Editor,

I am writing to share my recent travel experience, which underscored the multifaceted nature of travel. It is indeed a rich experience that allows individuals to explore new cultures, meet diverse people and gain invaluable insights. However, it also brings its own set of challenges such as environmental impact and cultural misunderstanding.

Last month, I embarked on a journey to Japan. The experience was overwhelmingly positive, as I was able to immerse myself in a culture that is both ancient and cutting-edge. I visited historical sites, interacted with locals, and savored exquisite cuisine. Each encounter offered a unique perspective, enriching my understanding of Japanese society.

However, not all was smooth sailing. I encountered a cultural misunderstanding when I attempted to tip a server at a restaurant. In Japan, tipping is not customary and can even be considered rude. This incident served as a reminder of the importance of being culturally sensitive.



Moreover, I was concerned about the environmental impact of my trip. The carbon footprint of air travel and the waste generated by tourism were disconcerting. It is crucial for travelers to be mindful of their ecological

In conclusion, while travel offers invaluable experiences, it also presents challenges that we must navigate with respect and mindfulness.

> Yours faithfully, Chris Wong

**4B Zhuang Tsz Ham Cathy** 

**Teacher: KPL** 

#### CYBERCRIME

6B Ng Tsz Kit Teacher: WKK

Cybercrime refers to illegal activities committed online. As technology continues to integrate into our daily lives, cybercrime is on the rise. It is increasingly important to understand the common types of cybercrime and the preventive measures to counteract them.

The most common types of cybercrime include phishing, malware, identity theft and online scams. Phishing is similar to the word "fishing," as it involves using lures to "fish" for sensitive information from others. Understanding phishing is the first step in prevention. To protect yourself, consider disabling all pop-ups, as many phishers use pop-up windows to trick users into revealing sensitive information. By installing a pop-up blocker, you can make surfing the internet much safer.

For malware, prevention is straightforward. By installing antivirus software and regularly updating it, you can stop most viruses, including malware. Additionally, be cautious with email attachments and links, as these are common vectors for malware infections. Always verify the sender before clicking on any links or downloading files. Keeping your operating system and software up to date is also crucial as updates often include security patches that protect against newly discovered vulnerabilities.

Identity theft and online scams are harder to prevent as they rely on your vigilance and awareness of potential threats. To protect against identity theft, consider using strong, unique passwords for each of your accounts and enabling two-factor authentication wherever possible. Regularly monitoring your financial statements and credit reports can help you spot any unusual activity early. Be wary of unsolicited requests for personal information and always verify the authenticity of any organization asking for sensitive data.

The methods I've outlined are suggestions. To be 100% safe, you would need to stop using technology altogether. The impact of cybercrime can be significant, affecting people of all ages, including children and the elderly. Even a small reduction in these risks can be beneficial. Conducting your own research on online safety is also advisable, rather than relying solely on my advice.

In conclusion, cybercrime is a serious issue that can affect everyone. However, by taking some simple measures, you can protect yourself from becoming a victim. Staying safe online is essential today. The more time you spend online, the more you engage with the digital world and the greater the risks you face. I highly recommend doing your own research on online safety as well.

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## The Impact of iPads on Student Engagement and Learning in the Classroom

Teacher: NYM

Recently, the issue of students using iPads during school hours has been brought into focus. There are several main reasons: students are addicted to their iPads, and iPads have a lot of interesting things and class can be so boring. They watch Youtubers. For example, to learn English, watch funny memes, and study.

Another reason is that students can take photos of the blackboard and use Google Translate. The third and very important reason is that iPads can help students solve their problems.

It seems that iPads have created a lot of problems in the

classroom. To address these issues, the school plays an important role in solving the problem. It should cooperate with parents and not let students use their iPads and phones.

As a student, I should not use my iPad to create problems in school. I wish the school could solve these problems with their iPads or smartphones.



### My Favourite Teacher 1B Yau Yan Ting Audrey Teacher: KPL

Hello! I'm gonna talk about my favourite teacher. Her name is Miss Kam and she teaches English. Although she may be strict, she teaches us very well. And she is very kind too.

She is my favourite teacher because she is always there for me when I deal with problems in my life. She always gives me good advice and helps me step by step. She is a great teacher!

Although most of her classes weren't really that fun, there is one in particular that will be memorable to me. In that class, we had special cards, each card represents an emotion, angry, sad, happy and more. And we were separated into groups. We had to role play the emotions. It was very enjoyable to play with my

Regardless, I think every teacher is nice. They work very hard for us and we should be grateful. We shouldn't be rude to our teachers or have a bad attitude against them. Strict or not, we need to always respect our teachers and thank them for teaching.

#### **Water Pollution**

4C Chan Cheuk Yin Cherry **Teacher: CTF** 

Cause

Water pollution mainly arises from untreated industrial wastewater and agricultural runoff, including pesticides. This is problematic as clean water is crucial for our growth. Solution

To address this issue, water filters can treat sewage before discharge. Implementing laws to ensure factories use these

filters is essential. Although costly, it is necessary to preserve clean water sources.

**Advantages and Disadvantages** 

Filters enhance water quality and reduce harm to marine life. However, they require significant resources for maintenance and monitoring, which can be time-consuming.



### Why students like movies

3C Yim Tsz Yau

Movies serve as an excellent excuse to spend quality time with friends. They are affordable and widely accessible, making them an ideal choice for social gatherings. After watching a film together, friends often find themselves engaged in lively discussions, which can deepen relationships and spark new conversations.

For students, movies can be a delightful way to unwind after the stress of exams or tests. Viewing a film provides a much-needed break, allowing them to relax and recharge. This leisure activity not only helps in reducing stress but also serves as a mental escape from academic pressure.

Furthermore, certain films can be highly educational. Historical movies, for example, transform boring textbook narratives into engaging visual stories. These films breathe life into past events, making them more relatable and memorable. Additionally, watching movies in a foreign language with subtitles can significantly aid language learning. This method allows students to see the words alongside the dialogue, enhancing their

In conclusion, movies offer a dual benefit. They provide a means to relax and de-stress while also making learning enjoyable and accessible. Whether for entertainment or education, films hold a unique place in our lives.

understanding and pronunciation skills.

#### **My Most Memorable Family Trip**

2B Xu Cho Wan, Sarah **Teacher: CTF** 

Last summer, I traveled to Japan with my father, mother, and younger brother. During the holiday, we flew to Japan for a international travel experience.

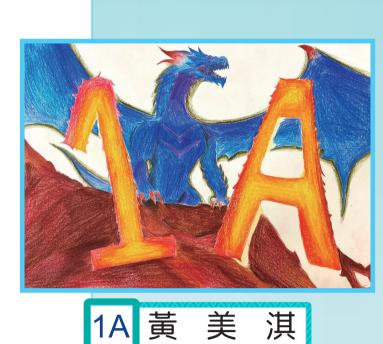
First, we visited Hokkaido for skiing. The natural scenery provided opportunities for taking photos with my family.

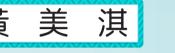
Next, we experienced Japan's famous cuisine by eating sushi. The sushi was fresh; my parents appreciated the salmon, while I enjoyed the crab fillet.

Finally, we spent time shopping in various malls and badge shops, where numerous cartoon characters were featured. I acquired Doraemon and Ghostbuster dolls, my brother bought some Japanese snacks, and my mother purchased skincare products.

After a 5-day holiday, we returned home by plane at 8 o'clock. The trip provided our family with a memorable experience.

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3A 陳 俞



3B 吳 雨 嘉



3C 陳心悠、劉柏希



3C 李潔汶、黃希琳



