

## Principal's New Academic Year Message:

*Be refined in character and study and  
work earnestly to attain balanced development.*

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*Be self-disciplined to achieve progress and  
strive with determination for exemplary performance.*

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Good Morning Teachers, Boys and Girls,

Welcome back to school again, particularly a warm welcome to the new F.1 students who are joining our big family for the first time.

I think all of you must be very excited on the first day of school after a long and relaxing summer vacation. Those newcomers may also feel excited, perhaps with a little uncertainty, as you will start a new page of school life in Wong Siu Ching, and soon become familiar with the new environment. You are going to interact with new schoolmates, study new subjects, join new activities and make use of new facilities. More importantly, you are going to learn from new teachers. I know you may be very eager to see their faces. Let me introduce them to you now. They are Ms. Hung Kit Sum (English Teacher), Ms. Kwok Chi Yue (Teaching Assistant), Firenze Ms. Choi Hiu Ying (Teaching Assistant) and Mr. Lee Kwok Wai (Social Worker)

I am sure that they will contribute their knowledge, abilities and efforts to guide you through the process of learning effectively.

### **PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS & ECA ACHIEVEMENTS**

The last school year (2015-16) was a fruitful year for Wong Siu Ching because our students gained remarkable achievements in both academic and non-academic areas. In the Diploma of Secondary Education (DSE) Examination, 77.8% of our F.6 graduates attained the basic requirements for university admission, and 53.2% of them achieved Level 4 or above, which is the highest rate compared with the last few years. Eight students scored 30 points or above in 6 best subjects and got into renowned programmes of HKU and CUHK, including Law, Journalism, Engineering, Surveying, Accounting and Finance, etc.

Our achievements in the past year were not only confined to academic performance, but also in extra-curricular activities. Our school won numerous prizes and awards: just to

name a few, our handball team, badminton team and table-tennis team came first in the inter-school competitions. One of our F.5 students obtained the Top Ten Hong Kong Outstanding Visual Art Student Award. Two students won the championships in Piano and Yangqin in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival. A group of F.3 students came first in the Inter-School IT Elite Challenge. For the uniform group, our St. John Ambulance Cadet won the President Cup in Inter-Divisional Competition while our Girl Guide gained the Outstanding Award. These prove that our students have all-round abilities and are full of potentials for great achievements.

To widen our students' exposure and instill positive values among them, our teachers spare no effort to organize learning programmes and extra-curricular activities for them during the summer vacation. For example, three tours to Taiwan on different areas of learning were organized. Training camps were held for students to develop their leadership skills. There were also Summer Bridging Courses and Form 1 Orientation Camp to enhance students' language proficiency and cultivate their sense of belonging to school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for their continued professionalism, excellence and dedication. It is your teachers who have helped create a year that has been bright with opportunities. Besides, I must also tell you that our teachers were actually coming back to school in the past few weeks to prepare for the new school year while you were still enjoying your summer vacations. Let's give them our applause to show our appreciation for their hard work.

## **MAJOR SCHOOL CONCERN OF THE YEAR**

Though plenty of accomplishments have been made, we have never stopped improving to provide the best and most desirable education outcome for our students. In the years ahead, new measures and initiatives will be launched to enhance teaching and learning qualities, and I would like to draw your attention to the three major concerns of the school.

### **First Concern: To enhance the effectiveness of teaching**

Teachers will refine the curriculum with focuses on the learning contents and skills development. They will also teach you self-directed learning methods such as using concept maps, tool books and on-line resources etc. Besides, the school timetable will be reviewed to meet the needs of the subjects and the students.

### **Second Concern: To strengthen students' learning efficacy by building a solid foundation in the junior forms progressively**

To double the results with half the effort in the DSE, our students need a strong

academic foundation. Therefore, the school will strengthen your knowledge and ability from the junior forms up. You will be required to prepare before you attend your lessons, do revision every day and complete assignments carefully. These three basic steps will help you learn effectively. If your knowledge is built up gradually every day, you'll find no difficulty in any tests and exams. Besides, we will invite experts and professionals to conduct workshops for F.1 students on study skills like note-taking, the use of graphic organization and vocabulary building. Since no one can learn without reading, so we will help you develop proper reading skills and good reading habits. Chinese and English extensive reading lessons will be introduced in the junior forms, and there are other related activities and awards to encourage you.

### **Third Concern: To promote whole-person development and to build unique school traditions**

Our school aims at helping you grow up as a whole person and develop our potentials as much as possible in your studies, your general ability, your personality and your social skills. To do this, we will arrange many kinds of activities and learning experiences. To encourage active participation in academic and non-academic activities, Mid-year Prize Presentation Ceremony will be held to recognize the outstanding achievements of our students. We will also provide training opportunities to equip student leaders with good leadership qualities

We all hear about positive values in life. They are essential to success in school, at work and in life. Such values must be built up from our youth. Two of these positive values are care and compassion. They will help you get along with others without argument and conflicts. If you are caring and helpful to others, they will also be kind and helpful to you. In this way, you will make good friends and not enemies, now and in the future. That is why we pay more attention to 'Care and Services' as our core values this year. You will have many chances to practise these values through activities and social services inside school and outside in the community.

### **A WORD OF ADVICE & ENCOURAGEMENT**

Our school has been established for more than 36 years, with the efforts of teachers and students in all these years, we have gained a good reputation in the neighbourhood not only for the rich English learning environment, remarkable academic and non-academic performances, caring teachers, but also well-behaved students and the strong sense of belonging of the alumni, students and the teachers.

To our junior form students, you are now in the foundation stage of your academic journey, you are encouraged to join different activities actively to broaden your minds and widen your knowledge and skills. The school will provide many learning

opportunities and support to help you become self-motivated and well-disciplined individuals, equipped with the skills and knowledge to do well in society and in life. We hope that at the end of the junior stage, you can fully understand and practise the school values contained in our school motto: Reverence, Humility, Perseverance, Earnestness.

To our senior form students, your focus is more on striving for excellence in different aspects, academic and otherwise. You should always have high expectations of yourselves and not just aim at the basic requirements. Teachers will fully prepare you for the DSE by giving extra support like extra-lessons and supplementary materials, as well as individual counseling. On your part, you should set a good timetable, plan your studies and revision, to explore the resources to bring you more knowledge and train your skills. If you set the right goal and work hard on it, you will have a bright future. I believe that with good learning habits and the aim for excellence, your DSE result will be better than you would expect.

Moreover, excellence is not only confined to academic achievements. We expect you to have success founded on positive values and ethics, have the genuine desire to care for and serve the community, be active citizens with a global perspective and truly living up to the school values.

The success of the school does not come easily. I have faith that every WSC student will continue to carry the good name of our school with pride and uphold the rich traditions that have been passed on for generations. Together as a family, we will carry on the WSC spirit and maintain our progress into the future.

Lastly, I wish you all a productive and enjoyable school year! Thank you.

*(Extracted from the Principal's Address at School Opening Ceremony 2016-17)*