



# KOWLOON TRUE LIGHT SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 2024

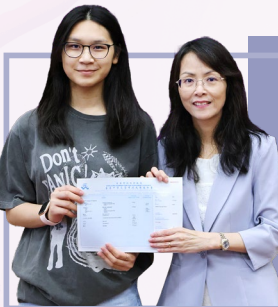
### GRATITUDE FUELS OUR JOURNEY, ACHIEVEMENT LIGHTS THE PATH



**Bachelor of  
Medicine &  
Bachelor of  
Surgery -  
HKU**



**Faculty  
of Law -  
Tsinghua  
University**



**Bachelor  
of Science  
in Speech-  
Language  
Pathology -  
HKU**

## 2024 HKDSE

We are delighted to announce that our Class of 2024 has kept their heads up in adversity and achieved exceptional results in the DSE. 2024 saw a significant leap in overall results in terms of the percentages of Level 4 and Level 5 or above.

This year, the top scorer amassed a commendable total of 36 across 6 subjects. In the subjects of Chinese and English, 64.1% and 59.1% of students, respectively, attained Level 4 or above, significantly surpassing the average levels across Hong Kong. More remarkably, 85% of our students achieved the university admission threshold of 332A2.

Our students took a total of 17 subjects, with 16 subjects having a higher percentage of Level 4 or above than the territory-wide average, including Mathematics Extended Part Module 1, Physical Education, Chemistry, Chinese History, Geography, Physics, Chinese Literature, History, and Biology.

Additionally, the percentage of students scoring Level 5 or above in 10 subjects was also outstanding and higher than the territory-wide average, including Mathematics Extended Part Module 1, Chemistry and Geography.

Eighty percent of the students obtained a degree offer through JUPAS, and about 94% were admitted to bachelor's degree programs, which is highly encouraging. The top student, YU Yee Nok, has been admitted to the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong. Additionally, many students have gained admission to top universities both locally and abroad in their desired fields of study, including Biomedical Science, Veterinary Science, Chinese Medicine, Optometry, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Nursing, Law, Accounting, Finance, Business Management, Languages, Science, Communication, Creative Media, Psychology, Education, and Arts.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 – not only on their remarkable results, but also on making great strides towards bigger goals in their future endeavors. Thwarted by many unprecedented challenges, they exhibited resilience and an admirable spirit through the combined efforts of their teachers and their own determination, and for that, we want to extend our utmost respect. May God's glory continue to light their paths and serve as a beacon of hope.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

To commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our school organized a series of meaningful events that brought together students, teachers, parents, and alumni. Our premiere outdoor Anniversary Carnival held at West Kowloon Art Park was an astounding kick-off and a delightful showcase of the nascent talents of our students. On 14 April, nearly a thousand participants took part in a tree planting and hiking event at Ma On Shan Country Park, where they rejoiced the beauty of nature while contributing to environmental conservation. This was followed by an Anniversary Preparation Day and Carnival on 2 May, featuring an inter-class flower arrangement competition and booths run by various subject departments. The celebrations culminated in a boisterous Gala Dinner on 4 May at the Royal Plaza Hotel, where alumni, retired teachers, and guests gathered to reminisce and create new memories while singing the Thanksgiving Hymn and the True Light Happiness Song.

**Anniversary Preparation Day and Carnival**

In conjunction with the anniversary celebrations, the school also launched the "Nurturing the Heart" program, a mental health initiative aimed at empowering students to care for their peers' well-being. Supported by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention, this program involved twelve girls' schools and included workshops, research projects, and a presentation ceremony held on 24 August. The research covered a broad range of topics, from stress sources and sleep quality to the effects of religious beliefs on mental health. With a focus on female students, the program provided tailored support and fostered a deeper understanding of mental health challenges, equipping participants with the skills to offer meaningful solutions.



**李伊諾 校長**

**Nurturing the  
Heart Program**



**Tree Planting and  
Hiking in celebration of  
the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



**KTLS  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet**

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet**



**Anniversary Carnival**





## ENGLISH, CHINESE AND STEAM



### English Week

In March, the English Department organized an English Week dedicated to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the aim of inspiring students to contribute to the world's sustainable development. Students engaged in activities such as a simulation game on responsible consumption, where they experienced the challenges faced by sweatshop workers. They also participated in an upcycling workshop called "From Bags to Blooms," learning to transform plastic bags into eco-friendly flowers. The Swap Shop initiative encouraged responsible consumption by allowing students to exchange unwanted items, promoting sharing and reducing waste. Additionally, Jey from Inter Cultural Education (ICE) shared real-life examples of youth and female-led startups in Asia Pacific, inspiring students with stories of social innovation and entrepreneurship for sustainable development.



### English Musical

On 11 May, F1 students performed the English musical "Anne of Green Gables" as an integral part of the form council tradition. Their awe-inspiring singing, dancing, and acting, along with excellent English proficiency, bewitched and left an indelible imprint on the audience.



### The Chinese Culture Week

The Chinese Culture Week was a great feat. Through different kinds of activities, students were able to deepen their understanding, recognition and love of traditional culture. It's also hoped that the essence of Chinese culture could be passed on to the younger generations. An array of activities rolled out in the Week including "Cantonese Rhythm and Style," "Kettle for the World," "Four Seasons of Health and Well-being," "Ink Painting," "Virtual Tour of Ancient and Modern China" and "Celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival". Students participated in the school assemblies, booths, workshops and lantern riddles, filling the campus with a rich cultural ambience.



### CityU AI Applications Lecture and Visit

In April, the STEM Departments led our students to attend an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications Lecture organized by the City University of Hong Kong. The lecture featured several professors who explained the development and applications of AI technology, including its use in medical treatments. In addition, the students also had the opportunity to visit multiple laboratories at CityU and gain insights into the daily research work conducted there.



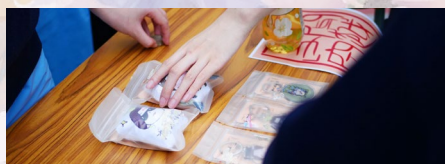


## HUMANITIES AND CULTURAL SUBJECTS



### Citizenship and Social Development Symposium and Mainland China Study Trip Student Learning Achievements Roadshow Launch

On 6 February, the Education Bureau held the Citizenship and Social Development Symposium along with the launch of the Roadshow for Student Learning Achievements from the Mainland China Study Trip. The exhibition displayed our students' experiences at the Seven Star Crags in Zhaoqing.



### The Opening of Biz@TrueLight

Biz@TrueLight Entrepreneurship Program is a domestic program which aims at nurturing students' entrepreneurial spirits, innovation and creativity. Students are required to undergo market research, write a business proposal, do budgeting and design their very own products. More than ten groups of students have participated in the program. They have attended a series of training sessions, including lectures held by professors from the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) and business proposal workshops mediated by student mentors from the CityU.

### Comprehensive On-site Observation Program organized by the Tourism and Hospitality Department

To enhance students' understanding of local tourism issues, the Tourism and Hospitality Department led our students to participate in "Comprehensive On-site Observation Program" organized by Caritas Chan Chun Ha Field Studies Centre. The program included talks on topics such as the globalization of food and beverage, sustainable development from the perspective of community conservation, tourism carrying capacity in Cheung Chau, as well as Chinese culture seen through traditional architecture.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Home-School Partnership

Our school hosted a total of 6 enriching sessions of the Parents' Academy last year, where parents engaged with expert speakers to gain valuable insights into positive parenting and fostering a growth mindset in children. These meetings offered a platform for meaningful discussions, strengthening the connections between parents, teachers, and the broader school community. Additionally, the Parent-Teacher Association organized a delightful Food Printing Workshop, where parents enjoyed a creative and fun-filled afternoon, crafting personalized cookies with a food printer under the guidance of Mr. C.T. Lam.



### Professional Partnership

Our school welcomed educators from the globe to share invaluable experiences through collaborative projects and seminars. Recently, both teachers from the Guangdong province and H.K.M.L.C. Queen Maud Secondary School visited our school for insightful exchanges that bolstered professional growth. The visit from Guangdong English teachers included a deep dive into our English teaching practices and a tour of our facilities, fostering a collaborative spirit between the regions. Similarly, the exchange with Queen Maud Secondary School focused on cross-curricular learning, where teachers shared experiences and ideas, inspiring mutual learning and professional development.





# Achievements

## Sports Achievements

Sports have always been a strong suit at our school, where the spirit of competition is woven into the very fabric the True Light Spirit. Our athletes demonstrated exceptional skill and perseverance across various disciplines, winning the championship in the CCC 3-on-3 basketball tournament and earning commendable placements in the Eastern District Recreation and Sports Association's basketball competition, including championship titles in the U14 and U16 categories. In the realm of archery, our students hit the mark at the K S Lo Cup Secondary Schools Archery Invitational Tournament, securing multiple championships and top placements. The volleyball team soared to 1st runner-up in the CCC Inter-school Volleyball Competition, while the basketball team claimed top positions in the Kowloon District Basketball Division 1 Competition. Additionally, our girls' team excelled in the Inter-school Physical Fitness Challenge, proudly clinching the champion title.



Chinese University Archery Open Invitational Tournament



Hoh Fuk Tong College Archery Competition



KS Lo Cup Secondary Schools Archery Invitational Tournament



The BOC Hong Kong Archery Cup Competition



CCC Sport Tournaments



Inter-school Physical Fitness Challenge



BOCHK Beach Volleyball Cup



CCC Inter-school Volleyball Competition



Historic Victory for the School Volleyball Team



Hong Kong Baseball5 Challenge Cup



Eastern District Recreation and Sports Association First Round and Second Round 3 on 3 basketball competition





## Music and Performing Arts

At our school, where the arts are nurtured with the same care as the mind, the musical and artistic talents bring color and a sense of pride to all of us. The school choir achieved notable success this year, winning a gold prize in the Senior Division of the Hong Kong Inter-School Choral Festival through a collaboration with Sing Yin Secondary School Choir, and another gold prize in the Junior Division of the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival. In speech and storytelling, students excelled in the 75<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival with 2 first prizes, and also reached the finals in the 2nd GBA-HK-Macau "Kids Voice" Cup Speech & Storytelling Competition, with one student earning First Runner-up in the Cantonese Category, alongside a finalist in the HKBU CIE English Public Speaking Contest.



Hong Kong Schools Music Festival



The Hong Kong Inter-School Choral Festival



The Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge

## Academic and Intellectual Competitions

The brilliance of our students' minds was evident as they excelled in various intellectual pursuits. They advanced to the semi-finals in the Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge, standing among the brightest in the region. Their ingenuity also shone in the 4th China Mobile OneNET Innovative Competition, where they secured a top-four finish. Ip Chi Ching displayed remarkable mathematical and problem-solving abilities, earning a Silver Award in the Competition on the Mathematics of Information. In the realm of business acumen, Chan Wai Kiu distinguished themselves by winning the "Outstanding Students' Report" Award in the Business-School Partnership Program.



Business-School Partnership Program



The 4<sup>th</sup> China Mobile OneNET Innovative Competition



Silver Award in the Competition on the Mathematics of Information



Champion in Hong Kong Secondary Schools Debating Competition

## Debating and Public Speaking

Our students are blessed with voices that resonated with eloquence and conviction in the realm of debate and public speaking. They navigated complex arguments and articulated their thoughts with precision, clinching the championship in the Hong Kong Inter-school Debating Competition. Their rhetorical prowess was further showcased as they secured top honors in the Inter-school Public Speaking Contest, where their words echoed with clarity and purpose. In the Hong Kong Speech Festival, their oratory skills earned them several accolades, including multiple first-place awards.



CIE English Public Speaking Contest



First Runner-up in Shing Kwong Cup Short Video Competition



75<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival - English



The "Kids Voice" Cup Speech & Storytelling Competition



# Student Activities and Social Services

## Leadership and Student Development

Our school nurtures leadership and personal growth through a variety of activities. The Student Leadership Handover Ceremony was a pivotal event where outgoing leaders inspired the new cohort to embrace their roles with dedication. Participation in Model United Nations conferences further honed students' leadership skills through critical discussions on global issues, enhancing their analytical abilities and public speaking. The Youth Marketplace Experience allowed students to develop entrepreneurial skills, while the RTHK Radio Recording provided them with an opportunity to communicate in English in a professional media setting, expanding their horizons.

### Student Leadership Handover Ceremony



Youth Marketplace Experience



RTHK Radio Recording



SPCC Model United Nations Conference

## Cultural and Artistic Enrichment

We emphasize cultural appreciation and artistic expression through diverse programs. The Latte Art Course allowed students to explore their creativity and develop focus. The "Walking into Hong Kong's Literary Scenery" event deepened students' understanding of local literature, while the A Cappella Theatre promoted mental health awareness through music. The Chinese Intangible Cultural Heritage Experience Course fostered an appreciation for traditional crafts, and the Tai O Fishing Village visit provided practical insights into local culture and tourism.

### Walking into Hong Kong Literary Scenery



Chinese Intangible Cultural Heritage Experience Course



Latte Art Course



A Cappella Theatre



Tai O Fishing Village Cultural Experience

## Community and Environmental Engagement

Our school also encourages students to contribute positively to society through community and environmental initiatives. The Tree Planting and Hiking event celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, while the Snorkelling and Beach Cleaning event reinforced environmental awareness. The Horticultural Therapy Activity promoted well-being through creative crafts, and Dress Casual Day combined cultural celebration with charity, raising funds and creating a festive atmosphere.



Horticultural Therapy Activity



Dress Casual Day and Lunar New Year Stalls



Snorkelling off the coast of Sharp Island





## Academic and Career Exploration

We seek to provide opportunities for students to explore academic interests and career paths. Visits to The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Prince of Wales Hospital offered valuable insights into design, hospitality, and healthcare fields. The Inter-house Cooking Competition showcased students' culinary skills, and Information Day highlighted the vibrant school life and academic opportunities available at our institution.

Visit to Prince of Wales Hospital



Visit to The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



Inter-house Cooking Competition

## Festive Celebrations and Special Events



Games Day, Christmas Service & Celebration



Information Day

Festive occasions are celebrated with activities that foster school spirit. Games Day and Christmas celebrations brought joy through competitions, a worship service, and lively class parties. The "Jesus: The Story" Gospel Drama introduced Christian teachings, while the Taekwondo Experience and choir performance at a national education gala enriched students' physical, mental, and artistic development.



Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country

Joint school Leadership Training Camp



## Services

Our students embody the school's motto, "Thou Art the Light of the World," by engaging in meaningful service activities that illuminate lives. At the True Light Villa District Elderly Community Centre, they shared moments of joy and connection with the elderly, offering entertainment and companionship during the Lunar New Year. Their visit was not only a tradition but a heartfelt gesture that intertwined care, prayer, and the sharing of the gospel, reflecting the essence of compassion and community spirit. Similarly, the "Big Tree" Pet Care Service Learning project in Tai Kong Po Village allowed students to nurture stray animals, fostering empathy and personal growth as they cared for abandoned pets in need of love and attention.

Our dedication and spirits extend to educational outreach and leadership development. During the KTLS Service Day, students stepped into the role of teachers, sparking curiosity and creativity in younger peers while refining their own communication and leadership skills. The Joint School Leadership Training Camp offered another avenue for personal development, where students from three schools collaborated, building confidence and resilience. Each of these activities not only enriches the lives of those served but also instills in our students the values of responsibility, empathy, and the power of education.



KTLS Service Day



Big Tree Pet Care Service Learning



True Light Villa District Elderly Community Centre



# Excursion



Ice Sparkles - Harbin Sister School Exchange Trip



Flash Tour to the Greater Bay Area – Shenzhen



Joint School Study Tour to Shenzhen and Guangzhou



Flash Tour to the Greater Bay Area – Zhuhai



In-depth Tour Itinerary Design Competition



Jiangsu-Hong Kong Friendly Exchange



2024 Greater Bay Area Youth Model United Nations Conference

## National Exchange and Learning Trips

Our students participated in various national exchange programs that offered them profound insights into different regions of China. During the Jiangsu-Hong Kong Friendly Exchange, students visited historical sites in Nanjing and engaged in cultural exchanges with local schools, fostering friendships and understanding between Hong Kong and Suzhou. Similarly, the Shanghai Cultural Conservation Tour allowed students to explore Shanghai's rich heritage, interact with local students, and showcase their artistic talents. The Harbin Sister School Exchange provided students with a unique opportunity to experience Harbin's winter culture, participate in ice activities, and visit significant landmarks, strengthening ties with their sister school. Additionally, excursions to Shenzhen and Guangzhou, such as the Pioneering and Entrepreneurship Exchange Tour, introduced students to innovative technologies and historical sites, broadening their horizons and offering valuable career insights. The Greater Bay Area flash tours to Shenzhen and Zhuhai further deepened students' understanding of the region's economic development and technological advancements.

## Cultural and Artistic Exploration Trips



True Light Joint-school Summer Tour to England 2024

Our school's cultural trips allowed students to immerse themselves in the artistic and cultural heritage of different regions. The Culture and Literature Trip to Taipei led students on a journey through Taipei's literary and cultural landmarks, where they learned about type casting, papermaking, and the city's historic and commercial evolution. This trip inspired their creativity and fostered cross-cultural awareness. In Seoul, students explored Korean culture through visits to local churches, traditional Korean experiences, and participation in performing arts, enhancing their cultural knowledge and artistic expression. In addition, a 4-day service learning tour to Ho Chi Minh City, led by Principal Lee and NSCC, introduced students to community service and cultural exchange. Meanwhile, Lee Ka Ying and Lo Ngo Yin Vincci gained hands-on aviation experience in the UNSW-DSSSC Hong Kong Future Pilot Program in Sydney. The exchange with Shanghai Anshan Experimental Middle School also provided an opportunity for cultural and academic interaction, strengthening bonds and offering a glimpse into different educational practices.



Shanghai Cultural Conservation Tour



Seoul Religious and Performing Arts Cultural Study Tour



Future Pilot Program 2024



STEM Tour to Germany



Belt and Road Initiative Vietnam Study Tour



Culture and Literature Trip to Taipei