

## Principal's Message 2019-20

September is the time that we start school again. It is often said that learning is not about scores. True, if you simply study to get promoted, you will find attending lessons a time-wasting task as you just need to do well in the examinations. Similarly, if you study to compete with others, you will feel the pressure because the desire to win will overwhelm your joy of knowing more. Instead, learning should be a choice. Brian Herbert said, "The capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill and the willingness to learn is a choice."

When you have an innate desire to learn, you will see growth and changes in yourself and that would be the ultimate fruit of learning for a good cause.



In April, the release of the first-ever picture of a black hole, which is 55 million light-years away on earth, excited the world. The supermassive black hole was unveiled with the collaboration of scientists across continents through the collection of data by a global network of eight radio telescope observations. Among the groundbreaking scientists was Mr Chan Chi-kwan, a Hongkonger who had graduated from our school in 1998. He is now a computational astrophysicist working with cutting edge technologies at the University of Arizona. The seed of learning and exploring was sowed very early on during his HCY school days.

HCY has a good reputation in science education. Besides the formal curriculum, we promote STEM education at different levels. The current science curriculum has been enriched with additional STEM-related elements and, there have been after school programmes organised for interested students. Last October, we were proud to send a team of 16 students to participate in the iGEM (Internationally Genetically Engineered Machine) competition in Boston. The inspiring experience has fueled our students' passion and curiosity in learning. To further develop students' interest in different disciplines, we will incorporate Arts into STEM this year making it a more comprehensive package - STEAM which will benefit not only students who are strong in science but also provide opportunities to those who are more art inclined.

As the world is changing fast, the focus is on STEM and STEAM education. I hope that our students would not only grasp the knowledge of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics but also understand the underpinning concepts of all and explore issues that improve the well-being of

humanity. This is no easy job. Our alumnus Mr Chan Chi-kwan, however, has shown the world it's possible. Let's follow his path.

Besides providing our students with a breadth of experiences and opportunities, we have never stopped promoting academic excellence among our students. The result of the eighth cohort of HKDSE exam was announced in July 2019. I am glad to share with you that the overall results of all F.6 graduates is promising as both the percentages of students attaining level 4 and level 5 or above have increased. The percentage of JUPAS degree offer is also at its highest. Lam Wai Yee achieved five level 5\*\*, one level 5 and one level 4 and Li Long Yin achieved four level 5\*\*, three level 5\* and one Level 5. Both have chosen to study in prestigious universities in the UK, University College London and Durham University, pursuing their studies in History and Physics respectively. Lam Wai Yee was also awarded the Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme (HKSES) 2019 for her outstanding performance. The HKSES aims to support local students in pursuing studies in renowned universities outside Hong Kong to enrich students' global vision and international network through world-class education.

I sincerely hope that our school motto "Rest in the highest excellence" will manifest itself in the spirit of our students in striving for the best.

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