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WORLD OF CREATIVITY**

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AN INCREASINGLY GLOBALLY MINDED FUTURE**



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From the Principal's Desk

Learning with an International Focus Brings Long Term Benefits

The World seems to be decreasing in size as technology advances at an unprecedented rate. It has never been more important for Hong Kong students to be familiar with the World as a whole. By connecting with students and teachers from other countries, we are better able to help our students to understand their place in the future.

A number of globally focused activities have taken place this year, and there are more scheduled to occur in the coming months. These include both hosting visitors of other countries and visiting various overseas locations.

The annual educational exchange between our school and South Vermillion High School in the United States is set to continue this summer with a number of our students jetting to Indiana to participate.

The highly successful German exchange programme is also set to continue this summer with another group of intrepid LSS students heading to Europe in July. It was a pleasure for LSS to host the German students and teachers in April and we are now looking forward once again to experiencing the wonderful German hospitality.

Although the time allocated for such activities is relatively limited, their value is immeasurable, providing our students with memories, skills and knowledge which will last a lifetime. Frequent interaction with international students provides significant scope for the expansion of our school's e-learning programme – allowing LSS students to effectively share a classroom with students of other countries. Language and communication skills are another beneficial side effect of increased global interaction.

ELCHK Lutheran Secondary School is proud to be the host of this year's International Friendship Week. In November, teachers and students of seven nations will assemble in Hong Kong to participate in the annual programme. Those attending include Germany, Denmark, Italy, Sweden, Japan, Singapore and Mexico. This is a major event, and one which demonstrates the way in which the countries of the world are becoming more interconnected.

Global awareness is a necessity in the modern world, and we at ELCHK Lutheran Secondary School are proud to do our part in providing students with the tools necessary for a bright and successful future.



Our Principal, Mr. Liang presents visiting German school Vice Principal, Mr. Huebner with a school pennant.



Reflections of Italy



LSS students share a joke with their new friends in Italy.

The International Friendship Week—Salerno, Italy exchange program ended half a year ago, but all the memories are like it just finished yesterday. On this trip, we communicated with students from the North of Italy, the South of Italy, Denmark and Canada. Therefore, I realized the culture of different countries.

I dreamed that one day I could leisurely walk in the streets of Rome. After this trip, my dream has come true. We visited a lot of historical buildings in Rome, such as the largest church, the Roman

Coliseum, the Trevi Fountain and the Piazza di Spagna. These are places I have been learning about in the history textbook, but this time I could personally come to these places to study and visit.



Vicky Lo, Jay Lam, Rosa Chan (all 4A) and Lily Li (5A), entertain their fellow students during the talent night on the trip to Italy.

Education is the most important feature of a country's policy. This time I visited their local school and knew the policy of Education in Italy. First, we visited their primary school and we found that their preschool education has its own unique features. Then, we also visited their secondary school. We found that they have some interesting subjects, such as navigation and anatomy. We can't learn these subjects in our school and I was very interested in it. After

visiting, I knew what the differences of education between Italy and Hong Kong were. After this ten day study trip, I learned a lot of knowledge and met a lot of new friends. I hope I will have more experiences like this in the future.

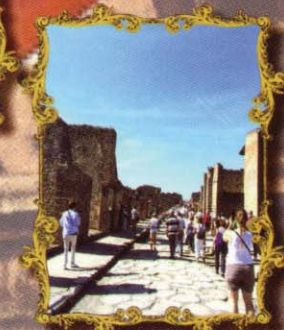
Thanks for this wonderful trip!



Rosa Chan (4A) and Vicky Lo (4A) sample one of the local treats on their Italian tour.



4A Vicky Lo



The romance and history of Italy's art and architecture were an inspiration to the visitors

My Germany Experience

On the 1st of July I left to stay in Germany for two weeks. It was very interesting and exciting.

Firstly, I joined many interesting activities in Germany. I have been to Kiel, Hamburg and Lubeck. Also, I made a t-shirt, had a boat trip and went to an art festival. The most enjoyable moment on this trip was the art festival. There were a lot of people singing a song and dancing, so I could relax and listen to the music. The



Hong Kong and German students relax and get to know each other.

other activity I enjoyed the most was the boat trip with my buddy, Carla. She is a nice girl. We sat on the boat, enjoyed sun bathing and observed the sea view.

Secondly, the weather in Germany is different compared to Hong Kong. Germany has a natural air-conditioner. In Germany we never switched on the air-conditioner; there was no airconditioner in my buddy's home. The weather in Hong Kong is very hot; therefore I need to switch on the air-conditioner for the whole day.

Thirdly, I have made a very good friendship with my buddy, Carla. She is a kind girl. We had a lot of fun in Germany. For example, we swam together, we sang together, we played together and she shared a lot of things with me. The funniest part with her family was when I taught Cantonese to them, such as hello, goodbye and I love you.

In the end, I had a nice experience in Germany.



Hong Kong and German students display their self-designed t-shirts.



German-exchange students surprise their Hong Kong hosts during a tour of the city.



A tram ride on Hong Kong Island proved a comfortable way to take in the sights.



Ms. Szeto of LSS guides the students on their tour of the city, taking them on the famous Mid-Levels escalator.



Our German guests enthusiastically share a lesson with class 2B.

5B Tina Chin

New and Unique Cultural Experiences



Neustadt's local newspaper proudly announces the arrival of our LSS students.

At first, when I was notified that I could join this student exchange programme I felt so excited because I could make some friends who live in a different country. Besides, I had never been to Germany before so I was curious about their culture and the difference between Hong Kong and Germany.

After the trip, I found that the best thing about Germany is their weather. In Hong Kong's summer the temperature may climb to above 27 Degrees Celsius, but in Germany the temperature is below 27 degrees and it

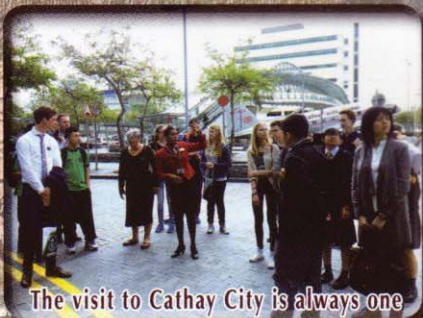
seldom rains. The weather is comfortable and suitable for us to do as many outdoor activities as we like. In Pelzerhaken there are miles of beach and sea to form a wonderful view, which made an impression on me.

Besides the view and the weather the most unforgettable experience was the time I had with my host family. The buddy I was partnered with has a nice family and I felt glad that I was staying with them for the whole trip. First, my partner is approachable, nice and friendly. His family members are also very nice and that made my trip more interesting. He has five family members. I enjoyed talking with his father most as he and I like world history a lot - so every night we chatted. We always came up with different subjects and we enjoyed the time we spent with each other.

Finally, I feel grateful that I joined this student exchange programme, because I experienced things that I can never see or feel in Hong Kong. Students should grab these chances in order to experience the culture or the lifestyle of different countries.



Joseph Lo (4A) works on his unique t-shirt design as part of the Hong Kong/German exchange programme.



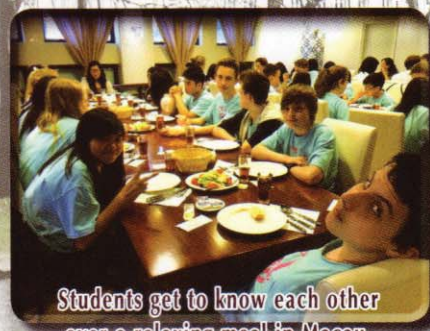
The visit to Cathay City is always one of the highlights of the Exchange Tour.



Students make themselves comfortable aboard the training simulator at Cathay City.



Ms. Wen relaxes with local and visiting students in the Cathay City Exhibition Hall.



Students get to know each other over a relaxing meal in Macau.

AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER

I am very happy that I joined the USA trip. I was very glad that I could stay with my buddy Helea, her sisters and her parents. They were very nice to me and took care of me very well, so I exchanged my phone number with them and I hoped to always chat with them.

On this trip, I learnt a lot. I now know something interesting - in the USA they don't drink warm or hot water. They thought that it was strange. I knew these features because I was sick for the first three days. On these days, I was reluctant to speak up but the host family had taken to me very well.

One of the most unforgettable things I saw was the fireworks with the other family. It was really more beautiful than I have seen before, so I took a lot of photos. The second unforgettable thing that I learnt was how to do art clay. I had a lot of fun on it and I could share this experience with friends in Hong Kong. My friends said the art clay was good and cool. They said they want to go to the USA with me too!

I thought this trip was an experience for me since I can see a different view from the USA and I can share things with the buddies, such as study skills and interests - and we could go shopping together. The host family had a lot of fun shopping. We had all shopped a lot and we all hoped to shop again! I still remember that we were crying when I had to leave. We missed each other so much, but now we are okay and we chat with each-other sometimes.

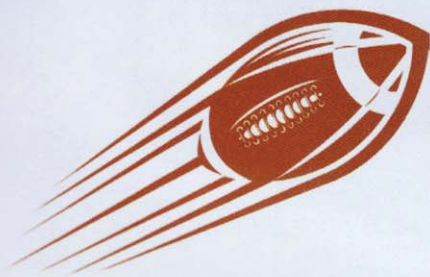
4A Janis Wong



Janis Wong (4B) gets her hands dirty while enjoying a lesson with her buddy.



LSS students get to know the elementary school Principal, Mrs. Foster.



New Friends in the USA



Karen Li (2B) enjoys an Art lesson on clay sculpture with her buddy during the exchange tour.

This U.S study trip was very memorable for me. On this trip, my buddy was Elaine. She is a grade 9 student at South Vermillion High School. She participated in the cheerleading team.

Elaine has a father, mother and a brother. Elaine's father is a maintenance worker. Elaine's mother is a housewife. Elaine's brother's name is John. John is smaller than Elaine and he is a grade 5 student.

On the first day of this trip I went to SVHS with Elaine by school bus. The first lesson was an Art lesson. I made a clay project. Then, we walked around SVHS. This high school is very large. It has a big swimming pool, a big hall and a huge American football field. After our tour, we visited an elementary school. We taught Cantonese to the elementary school

students. I had a special feeling when I was teaching Cantonese to the elementary school students. It was special to teach a new language to the elementary school students.

On the next day we went to an orchard and a farm. We picked apples in the orchard. The apples were big and sweet. Then we went to a farm. I learnt a lot of things about corn and beans. After school, I went to the cheerleading team with my buddy.

On the sixth day, SVHS had a varsity American football game. Everyone came to watch this game.

On the seventh day, SVHS had a Homecoming Dance. I went to this party too. It was fun but made me really tired.

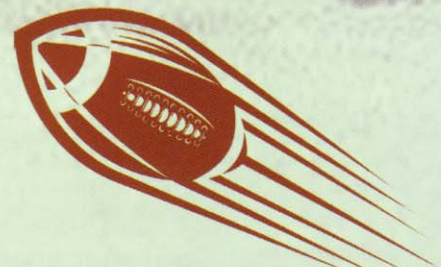
On the eighth day, I had a free day with my host family. In the morning, I went to Church. It was a really big Church. After that, we went back home to watch some movies and have lunch. Then, we went to a horse training ground. I went there to ride horses. After I rode horses, I thought it is not very difficult to ride horses, but when I am riding a horse, I need someone to help me to guide it.

Soon, it came to the parting day. I reluctantly bid farewell to my host family. This trip was a new challenge for me because this is my first time to live with a host family. I learnt a lot of things on this trip. I learnt how to communicate with Americans. I learnt more English. I liked this trip so much!

2B Karen Li



Karen Li (2B) and a new friend; The U.S educational exchange provided some unique cultural experiences for LSS students.



Mainland Exchange Programme for Student Leaders



Mainland exchange tour participants meet LSS students at the airport.

It was my honour to have been chosen by the Hong Kong Education Bureau to attend a study tour in Beijing over five days in April. On the tour, I had different and wonderful feelings.

Firstly, it was amazing when we visited a lot of exhibitions and talks. The most impressive experience was visiting Beihang University. It is grand and modern. Also, it has its own science museum which has an area nearly as big as a whole university in Hong Kong. I learnt about the aeronautical development of China,

which was inspiring and sustained. Although the technology may not be as mature as that of America or other well-developed countries, it is great to see that China is willing to develop these skills.

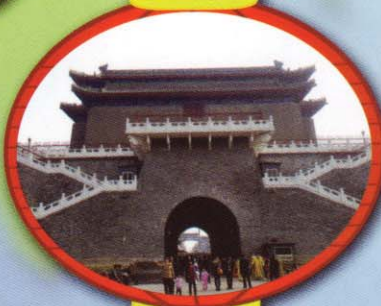
Secondly, the feeling was dejection. The history of China should be familiar to us; however we can only know the dates and events but never really feel the grief of it as we are too far from those times. On the trip, Beihang University had invited an 80-year-old professor to give a talk on the aeronautical development of China. He worked on China's aeronautical development for over 50 years. He touched most of our hearts because of his reason to start this work: which he determined during the Japanese invasion of China. He noted that China was too weak, so other countries kept underestimating and treating the Chinese inhumanely. He recognised that only China itself could increase its strength and create change. A child in China at the time, he cannot forget how the Japanese treated the Chinese. When he mentioned it he even became agitated and stopped a few times.

To sum up, China is getting stronger and we should not forget the past.

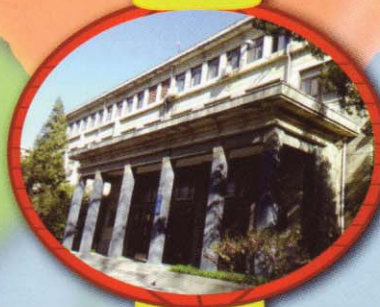
5B Choco Law



Thousands of newly built cars await delivery at Hyundai Motors, Beijing.



A remnant of the old city wall, the gate of Beijing is one of the Chinese capital's many popular tourist locations.



The stately façade of Beijing's Beihang University - destination of the Hong Kong/Mainland exchange programme.



The U.S 'Black Widow' bomber on display at Beihang University. One of only four of its kind in the world.

HongKong/Singapore Educational Exchange Programme



Mr. Wong (right) and students Emily Chan - 6C and Dicky Lai - 2D enjoy their time in Singapore at the Marina Barrage.



Carmen Au - 3C shares her experiences with the other students at the end of a full day of activities in Singapore.



Lutheran Secondary School students take a break and get to know their Singaporean counterparts during the LSS visit to Singapore.

Ningbo Cultural Visit



Maggie Pun - 4B and Rosa Chan - 4A try their hand at preparing sesame dumplings during one of the many fun Ningbo exchange activities.



Minna Wong - 4A and Rosa Chan - 4A paint beautiful peony flowers during a traditional Chinese art lesson at Ci Hu Middle School, Ningbo.



LSS students tough out a wushu lesson at Ci Hu Middle School in Ningbo.



Ms. Luen (second from left) joins students Minna Wong - 4A and Vicky Lo - 4A as visiting Ningbo and Hong Kong students enjoy a barbecue dinner.

Nansha and Qianhai Economic Development Exploration Visit



A tour guide gives visiting F4-5 LSS students some basic information about the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.



The exhibition hall gave students an interesting insight into the future plans of the ambitious construction.



The 'Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Fok Ying Tung Research Institute' organised programme informed students of the exciting future of the special cooperation zone.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMME

Junior Achievement Programme Gives 'Real Life' Skills

Initially, I thought that the JA programme was just a simple task. Now I know that the more you do, the more you get. I have learnt many ways to treat people.

In the trade fair, I was the mobile promoter of my company. I was the only one to have the permission to promote the idea. This was the first time for me to deal with the public. Originally, I had no idea of being surprised because the costs were too expensive. At last, I solved it in a cheaper way. We created a Lego hat, English style promotion board and a few coupons. Finally, we enjoyed it very much because we promoted our shop successfully.



LSS students promote their own product during the Junior Achievement activity.

Furthermore, I was one of the presenters of a 30 second promotion on stage. We used dialogue to present our idea and promote our products. When we heard that we needed to present for 30 seconds, all of us thought that the time would be too short. However, when another presenter and I tried to present our product and idea for 30 seconds, we found that it was really long. Generally, a company having a promotion on TV only has 15 seconds. In this promotion, I have learnt that every second is very important. Also, in that 30 seconds, using convincing words is very important.

At last, the JA programme has taught me many marketing skills and the ways to treat different people. I have learnt a lot in this programme. I hope you will join this programme in the future. I Hope to see you at the trade fair soon.

4B Jessica Mak



The Junior Achievement stalls gave students real-life experience of the world of business and marketing.

English Day Camp

English Day Camp Fun

On the 14th of February, 2015, our school had an English day camp. I think that day was very good for us, because we could learn English from that day.

On that day, we played a lot of games and watched a show. We also watched a video of the school musical. The topic of the video was "The Lion King".

First, we played a warm up game in the hall with other school students who came to our school. The warm up game let me know English and the pronunciation of some words.



The warm-up activities were a fun way to kick off the English Day Camp.

There were many games, but the game I can remember clearly was called "Big TV". Everyone watched TV, and that is why it was called "Big TV". "Big TV" is a game which is very popular. The rule of this game is we need to use our body language to tell other group members what you see on the screen. I don't think I played very well.

Second, we watched a show from one of the other schools. They sang a song called "Friends". The song was wonderful and they sang very well. They also used some musical instruments, like guitars.

In this activity, I learned more English and I made lots of friends from the English day camp. I hope I can join this type of activity next time!

2B Cindy Sze



An excellent performance from Cognitio College at the LSS English Day Camp.



Public Speaking Nerves



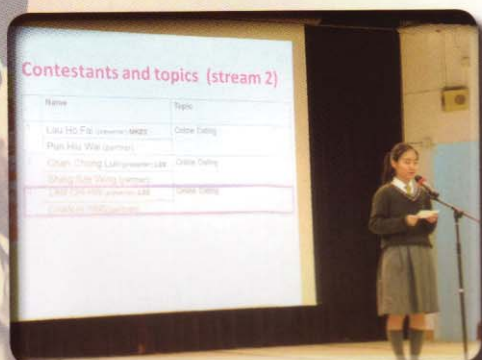
Chloe Ng (2B) ably puts her excellent English speaking skills to the test.

On the 28th of March, 2015, I felt a little bit excited because Saturday was the Public Speaking Performance, so I went to school together with Wendy. The weather was very sunny and hot. I went to the hall and saw many students who came from different schools. I felt very worried and nervous. I saw Wendy and she saw me too. So I think she could understand my feelings. I read and read the poem again and again and Wendy did too. I talked with my neighbour who came from another school. I thought she was very nice because she knew how I was feeling so she told some interesting things to me - and it also released my pressure. I watched their performance patiently because they had self-confidence and clarity. Although I was so nervous, I got the courage to perform as loudly as I could. When I finished, Wendy was going to ask questions to students and I could feel she was very nervous. I sat on the chair with Wendy and talked about our feelings with each other. We kept watching the performers patiently. Luckily, I got an award with Wendy. In the end, I went home happily.

2B Chloe Ng



LSS Principal, Mr. Liang presents a token of appreciation to guest speaker, Ms. Podolny.



Rosa Chan (4A) gives a winning presentation to her LSS schoolmates.

Public Speaking and Social Awareness

The Public Speaking Showcase is a very nice opportunity for us to practise our oral English skills and I am so happy to be the winner of the competition. Before I wrote the script of the public showcase, I had done a lot of research on online dating in order to know more about this issue. While surfing the information on the Internet, I learnt that online dating is now very popular among teens, but the majority of them don't realise that there are also some potential dangers. Therefore, I suggest that the government should set up some laws to protect teenagers from being deceived. Moreover, the Public Speaking Showcase enabled me to know more about society, the things around us, and even the world. I think that raising the awareness of knowing more about our city is very important and it is also our responsibility.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my teachers who encouraged me to join the showcase and helped me to practise the script over and over. Although I won the Public Speaking Showcase, I still think I have some weak points that can be improved and I can do better in the future.

4A Rosa Chan



The audience question portion of the programme prompts a query from Judy Chu (2D).



Guest speaker for the event, Ms. Lisa Podolny of the U.S. Consulate General imparts her public speaking expertise to LSS students.

A Fascinating Journey - American Art and History



LSS student helpers assist with the wonderful presentation.

These works can help me learn more about the culture and history of the United States, understand local people's lives and build and deepen my understanding of the United States. Behind each work there is a meaning. For example, 'Ladder' by Booker T. Washington, is about hope. Some works are about life in America. Through these works I can feel the characteristics of life and culture in the United States.



Mr. Scott Robinson of the U.S Consulate explains the history and meaning of many famous works of art.

On the 24th of April, 2015, there was an art exhibition called "PICTURING AMERICA: TELLING AMERICA'S STORY THROUGH ART". Mr. Scott Robinson, the Spokesman and Deputy for Public Affairs of the United States Consulate, was invited to give a talk on the history, culture, and values of the United States during the exhibition.

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Students were able to get a close-up view of the beautiful images.

In the 'Lansdowne Portrait' of George Washington, Washington's choice of attire is a plain black coat and no wig, because the artist thought that the US president is not a king. He wanted to create a place where everyone is equal!

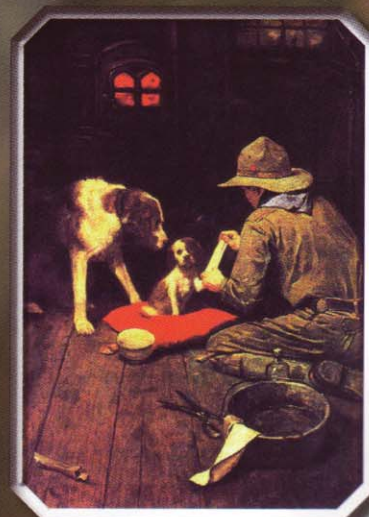
For the picture of Abraham Lincoln, Lincoln's appearance seems to be older than 55. This shows his weariness and worry about his country as the President of the United States. Wearing a dark suit, white shirt and crooked bowtie, he is like an ordinary person more than a president.

These two portraits of former US presidents make me feel very interested in American art history and culture.

3E Jackson Lee



Winslow Homer - Canoe In The Rapids



Norman Rockwell - His First Scouting Calendar



Thomas Cole - L'Allegro



Thomas Cole - Home In The Woods

Memories of the Year

Danish Principal Hong Kong Education Tour



LSS students and teachers welcome the Danish Principal delegation.



Lutheran Secondary School Principal, Mr. Liang meets with the visitors to discuss professional and cultural observations.



Form 1 girls show their appreciation for the visiting Principals in the school hall.



Students of 1E learn more about Denmark while entertaining one of our visiting Principals.



Karmen Kong, Nancy Lam and Mandy Cheung of 1E make our visitors from Denmark feel welcome.



Visiting Danish Principal, Mr. Lars Peter Nitchke shows his appreciation to LSS Principal Mr. Liang by presenting a gift from Denmark.

Telling American Stories through Art



The great relationship between ELCHK Lutheran Secondary School and the U.S Consulate General continues as Principal Liang presents a token of appreciation to guest speaker, Mr. Scott Robinson.



LSS Native English Teacher, Mr. Corrie introduces U.S Consulate Deputy for Public Affairs, Mr. Robinson to an eager gathering of junior form students.



The U.S Consulate's Mr. Scott Robinson educates students on the role of art in American history.



Ms. Adeline Fung (U.S Consulate) assists Mr. Robinson during his thoroughly enthralling presentation.

International Alliance for Invitational Education Visit



3A Kathy Lam (Left) and 3A Jackie Chan (Right) do a wonderful job as interviewers as they ask Dr. Jim O'Connor a variety of questions for the LSS Campus TV.



Invitational Education Committee members and students show their appreciation for Dr. O'Connor's visit.



Ms. Theresa Lo (LSS Invitational Education Committee Leader) explains some of the features of the LSS educational philosophy to Dr. Jim O'Connor with IE Committee organisers, Mr. Gary Ng, Ms. Teresa Hau and Principal, Mr. Kevin Liang (LSS School Administrative Team).



Mr. Liang (Left) presents tokens of the school's appreciation to visiting International Alliance for Invitational Education representative Dr. Jim O'Connor.

The Speaking Towards Excellence Project Network Speaking Activity



Lutheran Secondary School Principal, Mr. Liang (right) presents certificates and a school flag to participating teachers from Mu Kuang English School at the LSS hosted S6 Network Speaking Day.



Ms. Florence Yip, Senior Education Advisor of the Hong Kong Education Bureau (Right) presents certificates to student leaders of the event – LSS Alumni and University of Hong Kong representative, Christina Tsang (2nd right).

Lutheran Secondary School English Teacher, Mr. Wong (Right) assists school Alumni to share their experience with students.



Lutheran Secondary School English Teacher, Ms. Szeto (Left) supervises as Christina Tsang of the University of Hong Kong leads the S6 pupils in discussion.

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The Gift of Music



Principal cast members, (from left) Kelvin Leung (4D), Jackson Lee (3E) and Elma Hui (4D) take centre stage in 'A Simple Heart'.

us to effectively deal with social problems.

Besides that, you should read and memorise the script before the show, which helped me to build up my sense of responsibility. Moreover, musical drama can guide me to learn to perform different expressions, strengthen the use of body language to express myself, make me become more confident and improve my imagination. It can also help my concentration and language skills, like the pronunciation and grammar of English. So, I have learnt a lot of things by participating in the musical drama.



'A Simple Heart' cast, crew and teachers celebrate the end of a great night of entertainment.

many crazy things with us, like making birthday cakes.

At last, I strongly recommend students join our musical drama. It is well worth you joining it because you will learn a lot of things and meet more friends.

5D Patrick Fong



Play Director, Patrick Fong (centre) poses with the cast after the close of the show on opening night.

A Simple Heart - Plot Synopsis

Set against the glamorous backdrop of show business is the latest LSS School Musical production, A Simple Heart. The cast and crew pack an astounding array of song and dance numbers into the play, which is sure to leave the audience breathless and thoroughly entertained. Primarily a love story, "A Simple Heart" follows the story of Emma, a popular and wealthy singing and acting star, accustomed to luxury and the adoration of her many fans. "A Simple Heart" shows us that we should not be limited by our preconceptions, and only by approaching everyone equally and openly can we find happiness.

Mr. Matthew Corrie



The production was filled with dramatic and expertly staged dance routines.



Cast mates entertain a riveted audience on the opening night of the LSS school musical, A Simple Heart.



A Simple Heart



*I will not let thee go
The stars that crowd the summer skies
Have watched us so below
I dare not let thee go*

Robert Bridges