



Buddhist Yip Kei Nam Memorial College

Newsletter

Principal's Address

Dear students,

Welcome back to another school year. I hope you have all enjoyed a refreshing summer break.

Every year, we emphasize the importance of goal setting. A person with at least a short term goal can never wander aimlessly in life. I sincerely hope all of you will write down your goals for each academic year and use the handbook as a constant reminder to spur you to achieve these goals. For our S6 students this year, I think the goals are even clearer because the HKDSE is around the corner.

The importance of goal setting also applies to schools. The government requires all subsidized schools to make development plans every three years. This year marks the beginning of another 3-year cycle of school development. With the help of all teachers, the school has set two new major concerns, in other words, two new goals for the improvement of our school.

Thus, I am delighted to share with you the school's major concerns for 2019 to 2020 – "to cultivate students' positive learning attitudes to promote learning and teaching effectiveness" and "to nurture students' positive value and establish healthy pleasant school

cultures". Without a doubt, we have been trying our very best to help our students establish self-discipline in learning, and boost their self-confidence, with a view to developing their competency and ability to adopt life-long learning.

As for the aspect of personal growth, we always do our best to foster a culture of encouragement, praise and respect, so as to establish an atmosphere of harmony and mutual trust on campus. Alongside this, we will play a more active role in organizing life-wide learning activities and deepening learning experiences of our students, so that all of you can have a clear career goal in your lives. Our school has been established for more than 40 years, being the first government-aided secondary school to be located on Tsing Yi Island, nurturing a wide range of talent in different social strata. You can find out more examples of this on the next pages.

Last but not least, I sincerely hope that you will carry on pursuing your dreams no matter how difficult the future is. With the wholehearted support from our school staff, I am confident that we will make continued progress.

Mr. So Ka Leung
Principal



Outstanding Alumni of BYKNMC

BKYNMC teachers are devoted to unleashing the potential of students and extending their learning, so as to equip them with practical skills and useful knowledge. Needless to say, there have been a number of outstanding alumni and they are now playing different key roles in society. Some of them would like to share with you their experiences.

University of Hong Kong

Being one of the most outstanding alumni, Dr. Lau Moon Ming Godfrey graduated from our school and the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Hong Kong in 1987 and in 1992 respectively. Working as a Senior Dental Officer at the Department of Health, Dr. Lau always upholds the principles of serving the general public as much as he can. Throughout numerous years of working as a professional dentist, Dr. Lau is enthusiastic in helping others with his techniques, and never gives up trying, even though he faces challenges in his life. Indeed, we should also learn from his motto: 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going!'



Chinese University of Hong Kong

Dr. Yeung Man Chow, alumnae of our school, was admitted to study medicine at the Chinese University of Hong Kong through the early admission scheme because she passed the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination with flying colours in 1986. She graduated in 1993 and she became a doctor after an internship. She still vividly remembered the happy memories from our school. She once said that doing voluntary work helped her to have a deeper understanding about why and how to help the needy in society. Owing to the experience she gained from volunteering, she endorses the principle: 'to serve, not to be served!'. On the other hand, she advises our students to take interests and abilities into serious consideration while choosing their electives in the senior forms.



Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Mr. Tsang Kin Chung Terry obtained his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Civil Engineering at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 2004 and 2006 respectively. Mr. Tsang quitted his stable high-paid job as a fund salesman in 2008 and started his own company to design games – his real interest in life. He achieved great success in Hong Kong, Malaysia and many other Asian countries when he developed the famous game 'Tower of Saviors' in 2013. Mr. Tsang received the award of 'Emerging Entrepreneur Category Winner' at the 'EY Entrepreneur of the Year Awards China' in the same year. At present, he is the Chief Executive Officer of Mad Head Limited, a leading mobile game developer. He encourages all BYKNMC students to pursue their dreams and do voluntary work to help others.



Most Outstanding Students' Award



5A Li Chak Yuk

It is my pleasure to receive this wonderful award. In my opinion, I must equip myself well by studying hard and doing more voluntary work. Everyone has his or her own strengths and weaknesses no matter who you are. Thus, I do believe that it is important to develop our potential and make progress through perseverance. When we make more effort, we can achieve success.

6A Lee Lok Sze

I am very happy to be presented with this award. I would like to say thank you to my teachers because they are helpful and resourceful. I sincerely hope that I will perform better after obtaining it. This is a kind of motivation and inspiration. I will also strike a balance between studying and playing.

6C Oh Wing Tung

I like challenges. This is because I like trying anything demanding. I can enhance a sense of achievement when I solve any problems arising in studies and communication. As the old saying goes, this is a "no pain; no gain" situation. Sometimes, even though we have tried our best, we may be still unable to complete the tasks. Only by working hard and working smart can we solve any problems.

Study Tour to Singapore and Malaysia



As the old saying goes, 'seeing is believing'. Our students paid a visit to Singapore and Malaysia in this summer vacation. They enjoyed the study tour very much because they were able to widen their horizons, make friends with the students in different countries and acquire more knowledge about various cultures.



On this journey, I saw many famous attractions in Singapore and Malaysia, such as the Twin Towers, Gardens by the Bay, Legoland Malaysia and so on. Among them, my favourites were Gardens by the Bay and the Twin Towers.

I always wanted to go to the Twin Towers when I was a child. I thought its name and architecture were both very special. It is such an amazing opportunity to see the design of the building like the Twin Towers. Looking at this tall and majestic building from the bottom up, it seems like I am very short!

I also love Gardens by the Bay, which is a paradise for girls! There are many beautiful flowers, tall trees and green grass, which form the perfect backdrop for girls to take pictures.

On the day of the school visit, it was really fun to play with the Malaysian students. They were very polite, nice and active. The number of students in their classes is smaller than that in Hong Kong, and their library had more children and teenager books than those in Hong Kong.

During our trip, the Malaysian trip leaders and teachers and us sang slowly and happily on the coach. I realized that the pace in Hong Kong is too fast and it is easy to miss the good things. The Malaysians are always in a leisurely mood, and they live more happily than us in Hong Kong.

1A Chow Yi Chun, Hazel



During the five-day Singapore-Malaysia exchange experience, I got the feeling that their pace of life is slow, such as when they are eating or walking.

At Central Market Kuala Lumpur, I bought a watch which is worth HKD\$20. But for the same watch bought in Hong Kong, I have to pay more than HKD\$100. Why are their things so cheap? It is because their monthly minimum wage is only HK\$2,100. Their products have to be sold at a low price.

In addition, although I only spent half a day in Singapore, I already got the feeling that Singapore is much stricter than I imagined. For example, when we got to Singapore Customs, we were not allowed to use phones. If you take out your phone, it will be confiscated.

1B Choi Hau Lam, Coral

I am very honoured and happy to have been able to participate in this five-day- four-night Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour. In the blink of an eye, time flies like an arrow but I can still remember it very well.

On the third day, we went on a school visit and we had some time to communicate with local students. There are both primary and secondary sections on the campus. The size of the campus was smaller than ours and the facilities there were not as many as ours, but the students there were very satisfied. This made me feel very happy. I sometimes think that the facilities at our school are relatively backward, which makes me feel a little embarrassed. But now, I realise that I should feel happy with what I already have. On the last day, we finally left Singapore reluctantly.



1B Chow Nok Yee, Coby

On this Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour, I tried to speak English everywhere, for example, at the airport, at food stalls and in shops when I bought food, drinks and souvenirs. It was also a good chance for me to learn the history and culture of famous places in Malaysia and Singapore.

While we are eating or people are speaking to us, we should respect people by not using our phones.

Air pollution in Hong Kong is serious.

Air in Malaysia and Singapore is fresher than that in Hong Kong. Malaysia and Singapore are also cleaner than Hong Kong because some inconsiderate people litter in Hong Kong, making Hong Kong very dirty. We cannot chew chewing gum in Singapore. This may explain why Singapore is cleaner than Hong Kong. I think it is interesting that we should not take out our phone when we are at Singapore Customs, or our phone will be confiscated.

This trip was very exciting. I have gained a lot of knowledge and improved my English.



2A Chan Ka Yan, Yanice



I joined the Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour because I think that English is a really important language for us. It is because now many Hong Kong people need to work with other foreigners. If you are good at English, you can have wider job choices. I also think that I can use English to make more new friends who come from other countries to learn about their cultures.

The thing that impressed me the most was the Petronas Twin Towers. It is because they are really huge. I have been to sky100 in Hong Kong before. The feeling was so amazing. But these Petronas

Twin Towers are really amazing. The only regret is that I did not have the chance to get inside or get on the observation deck to appreciate Malaysia from high above.

I learnt a lot of skills on this trip, like speaking skills, social skills and many things about Malaysian culture. For example, the guide told us many Malaysian jokes and about what local people usually eat.

If I have the chance to go on a school trip again, I will interact with foreigners in English. I think that I was a little bit too shy on this trip. Of course I will cherish the chance to use English on future trips if I am given the chance.

4A So Ping Kwan, Tom



The study tour to Malaysia and Singapore was amazing. I was really excited and could not wait to start preparing for the trip two weeks before. This was the first time I have ever travelled without my parents. So actually, I was a little bit nervous.

But after this trip I found that I have really learned a lot. The study tour is certainly a fruitful

experience from which I know I still have much more room for improvement. I gained a lot of new experiences which I could never get from books or lessons. It was definitely a treasurable and memorable experience for me! The Chinese famous saying "Walking a million miles is worth much more than reading a million books" is really true!

3A Tai Hoi In, Hailey

I joined the Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour because I want to learn more English and about the cultures of other countries.

During the trip, there were many unforgettable scenes. But the most impressive one was what I saw on the last day when we got to Singapore from Malaysia. When we were on the bridge, I saw so many Malaysians riding a motorcycle to Singapore to work. They need to wake up early to get to Singapore in order to earn more money. They are just like our parents. Seeing them helped me understand that it is very hard for our parents to earn money.

On this study tour, I met a lot of new friends. When we talked about our life and hobbies, I tried to use more English. Malaysian students are helpful and kind. Also, I could see and learn about the culture of these two countries. It was a good study experience for me.

It would have been much better if we could have had a school visit in Singapore too.

4B Lo Kai Cheuk, Ethan



Malaysia is a beautiful country in Southeast Asia. This journey opened my eyes because the locals there are Green. They are very clean. Plants and trees are everywhere.

I joined the Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour because I want to learn more English and use it to talk with people outside of Hong Kong. We went to a shopping mall, so we got the chance to communicate with the locals. This improved my English speaking ability and courage. On the fourth day, we interacted with local students in Malaysia. They were active in introducing their school to us.



It was exciting for me to take part in this Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour. It has helped me to learn how to converse in English and I learnt about some food in Malaysia. I think this five-day trip was really awesome. I will actively participate in future study tours.

2A Chau Yuet Cheung, Rex

I joined the Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour because I am interested in the country's culture and wanted to try the local food. It was also the place that I really wanted to go at that time.

The thing that impressed me the most was that our tour guide is from India, but he knows a lot of languages such as Malay, English and even Cantonese and, a little bit of Putonghua as well. Overall, it was fun to communicate with him.

I have learnt a lot of things. After visiting the Tin Museum, I learnt that tin is a very reliable resource. You can make a lot of products with tin, such as tea cups, figures and much more. The price of tin products is very reasonable. You can get a tin key ring for only twenty dollars.

If I have the chance to go on a school trip again, I'll definitely go and take part because I am looking forward to learning about other countries' cultures.

2A Lam Chun Hin, Anthony

I joined the Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour because I wanted to learn more English and about cultures from other countries.

On day 1, we went to Yaro Food Street.

On day 2, we went to the Petronas Twin Towers, Malaysia's National Palace, the National Heroes Monument and Independence Square.

On day 3, we went to the Straits of Malacca, Dutch Red House Square, St. Paul's Church and Johore.

On day 4, we visited a local school and took part in an exchange with local students and we also went to Legoland.

On day 5, we went to Singapore. We went to Mermaid Park, the National Monuments, Capitol Building, the High Court, Government Building, Orchard Road, a local food center and Gardens by the Bay.

The time that impressed me the most was when we went from Johore to Singapore. Between Johore and Singapore there is a bridge. On that day we needed to wake up at 5 a.m. because if we woke up late we could not have gone to Singapore fast, we would have needed 7 hours to go to Singapore. When we crossed the bridge I saw so many people ride a motorcycle to Singapore to work. They needed to wake up early to get to Singapore. Just like our parents, it is so hard for them to make money.

On this study tour, I learnt how to work with my partner and how to take care of myself. At night, we stayed in a hotel. For example, we needed to take turns to have a bath. I would discuss with my partner who would have the first bath. And we would discuss what time was the best to wake up or sleep.

If I had the chance to go on a school trip again, I would join. It is because on a school trip I can learn more outside the classroom and it can broaden my horizons.

4A Wan Ka Ho, Bryan



I joined the Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour because this is a really meaningful trip. On this trip I could learn so many English words and also make so many new friends in Malaysia.

Among all the attractions I have been to in Malaysia and Singapore, I was most interested in Legoland. It is because there are a lot of rides about Lego and Lego models of world attractions made of Lego, like Big Ben and the Great Wall.

If I have the chance to go on a school trip again, I'll take a lot of photos at every single attraction because I didn't take too many photos this time. It is a pity that I do not have enough photos to share with my family and schoolmates. Also, I will buy a lot of local souvenirs for friends and relatives.

4B Chan Ka Leung, Dan



I joined the Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour because I wanted to expand my horizons. On this trip I learnt some social skills and to be more brave in using English. This trip provided me with a chance to learn about a different country's culture and learn from people from other countries.

An unforgettable moment was when we got to Singapore from Johore in Malaysia. On that day we had to wake up at 5am because of the possible traffic jam on the bridge. If you don't reach the bridge early, you can't get to Singapore on time. We may have needed to wait for seven hours to cross the border and go over the bridge. When we were on the bridge, I saw many people riding their motorcycle to go to work in Singapore because they can earn more money working in Singapore.

On this study tour, I learnt how to take care of myself and become more sociable. Also, I gained more travel experience from the tour guide and learnt more about different cultures from other countries such as their working time, what they like to eat and why they can master many languages.

This trip helped me learn a lot and expand my horizons. If I have a chance, I will join school learning tours again. The tour guide told us that the more mistakes we make means the more we learn from mistakes. Therefore, we shouldn't be afraid of learning new things and becoming a sociable person.

Thanks trip leader, teachers and tour guide on this trip.

4A Li Man Yin, Alex



I joined the Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour because I want to improve my English through communicating in English more. Honestly, I think my English speaking got better after this study tour.

The scenic spot that impressed me the most was the National Heroes Monument. This showed me war is really bad. People start a war for money and land. A lot of people die in a war. Looking at the Monument, I could see names engraved on it. War is definitely not a great solution to disputes.

Humans have not learnt a lesson through history. They start meaningless wars over and over again. How many more families do they have to break in wars?

Singapore is a very clean place. The streets, buildings and toilets are clean. In Hong Kong, rubbish bins are everywhere, but Hong Kong is not as clean as Singapore.

The other thing I would like to talk about is multilingual users. In Malaysia and Singapore, students learn more than three languages in school. I think this is the reason why they can master several languages so well.

If I have the chance to go on a school trip again, I will talk more in English with other people so that my ability to speak in English can be much better. And I will eat more great Malaysian food. Thank you teachers and schoolmates for giving me a nice experience on the tour.

4A Tse Cheuk Yin, Alan

I joined the Singapore-Malaysia English Study Tour because my family and I thought it was a great opportunity for me to go on a study tour and have some meaningful experiences.

I learned different things through this study tour. The tour guides taught us the local culture of Singapore and Malaysia and shared their life experience with us. Now, I not only understand more about the local culture of Singapore and Malaysia than I used to, but I also know I should be thankful for the freedom that I have now. In Singapore, no one can chew chewing gum. But in Hong Kong, we can do so.

I also improved my English speaking skills during and after the tour. On Day 4, we went to a local Malaysian school and I had tons of fun there. We played different kinds of games with the local students, and I find games are truly the best way to interact with people. Although we don't speak the same language, we could still communicate with each other by using simple English and body language while we were having fun.

The thing that impressed me the most was the greening measures of Singapore. Singapore is very different to Hong Kong; it's like a garden with a lot of stylistic buildings in it. Plants are in every corner of the city; it's really hard to find a place in Singapore that does not have plants.

I wish Hong Kong could be more like Singapore. I would love to see more green spaces appear in my city.

If I have the chance to go on a school trip again, I will definitely go on a trip that could help me learn different things, just like this one.

4A Yip Lok Yi, Iris



Counselling Committee

Counselling Committee Members:

Social Workers: Ms. Lee Wai Fun, Mr. Wong Shun Kwong,
Ms. Ho Tsz Chin

Counsellors: Ms. Lai Yan Hang, Ms. Kwok Chui Huen

Speech Therapist: Ms. Cheung Wai Yin

Educational Psychologist: Ms. Chung Hei Shun

Convenor: Ms. Ko Po Fong

Members: Ms. Yu Pui Kwan, Ms. Hui Wing Sze,
Ms. Yung Hiu Ching, Ms. Choi Sha Sha,
Mr. Luk Pak Yin, Ms. Yuen Fung Yee, Ms. Leung Wai Yan



Group Photo of Counselling Committee Members

S1 Get-Set-Go Camp



Students enhanced communication and cooperation through different activities.



Group Photo of S1 students and teachers

To enhance self-discipline and team spirit, social workers and Counselling Committee members organized the 'Get-Set-Go' Camp for S1 students on 13th September at PLK Tai Tong Holiday Camp. They were engaged in a variety of activities and benefited a lot from a sharing session, adapting themselves to school life through putting what they learnt into practice.

English Department

There are 12 English teachers in the English Department, and they are: Mr. Chan Chi Chung (English Panel Head), Ms. Chung Mei King, Ms. Chung Wing Yan, Ms. Foo Fong Fei, Ms. Ho Yan Ying, Ms. Hui Wing Sze, Mrs. Julie Smith, Ms. Lee Nga Kit, Mr. Lok Chi Wai, Ms. Tang Lai Yung, Mr. Tse Wun Bon and Mr. Wong Yiu Ming. They have been teaching English for a number of years and they are devoted, helpful and resourceful. With full school support, a lot of fun-filled English activities such as English Café, Spelling Bee and Halloween Party are organized by English teachers and English Ambassadors every year.



New English Teachers

There are altogether 4 new teachers joining the English Department, namely, Mr. Chan, Ms. Ho, Ms. Hui and Mr. Wong. All of them are highly experienced and qualified—all of them graduated from university with bachelor's degrees in English as the major subject and have already obtained master's degrees and postgraduate diplomas in education. Though they come from different secondary schools, they share the same goal – to improve students' English so that they can reach their full potential in their future career paths.



Mr. Chan Chi Chung William (English Panel Head)

Hi! My name is William. I am glad to be one of the members at BYKNMC.

Although this is my first year to teach English here, I have taught English for many years at other secondary schools and universities. I love teaching very much because I feel very happy when my students improve their English and find learning English is full of fun. I also like chatting with my students after school because a good teacher-student relationship is vital. My wife is also an English teacher at a secondary school. I have two daughters. My elder daughter has just finished her university course and started an internship. My younger daughter is also a university student and she will complete her course soon.

Mr. Wong Yiu Ming Louis

Hi everyone,

I am Mr. Wong, one of the new English teachers this year. I am so excited to meet all of you. This will be my first year teaching at Buddhist Yip Kei Nam Memorial College.

It is going to be a fruitful year full of new friends, new adventures and new discoveries. Like many of you, I will get to know a lot of people and learn interesting things. I have a variety of interests such as reading books, watching movies, listening to music, playing sports and meeting people from all walks of life.

I am going to teach S1 to S3 English this year. Learning English through songs and watching movies can be great fun. If you start listening to some English songs such as Lemon Tree and watching English movies, cartoons or TV dramas, you will love English a lot more. Did you watch Toy Story 4 during the summer holidays?

I hope more students will like English and improve your English learning. I am looking forward to seeing all of you when the school term begins.



Ms. Ho Yan Ying Sylvia



Hi everyone, I am Ms. Sylvia Ho, a new teacher this year. I have been teaching in secondary schools for a number of years. As I am an English literature major, I am fond of reading classic novels written by renowned authors such as Jane Austen, Charles Dickens and Virginia Woolf. There are three classic novels which are always on the top of my favourite book list including *Pride and Prejudice*, *A Tale of Two Cities* as well as *Mrs. Dalloway*.

Apart from reading, I love listening to classical music and appreciating different forms of art. I firmly believe in the power of music in healing and calming one's soul. Every time I listen to classical pieces, I can relieve my stress and anxiety from work. My all time favorite piece is Rachmaninoff piano concerto 2 because of its terribly romantic melody, especially for its second movement.

I believe that the ability of appreciating arts can be cultivated gradually. As a student, subject knowledge of course is important. However, you should also grasp every chance to widen your learning horizons and be open-minded to accept new things and challenges.

Miss Hui Wing Sze Flora

Hello everyone! I'm Miss Hui, a new member of BYKNMC family. When I was a teenager like you, my dream was to be an English teacher because I love English very much! Now that my dream has come true, I would like to help my students realize their dream.

In learning English, I believe that some of you may find it difficult. Yet, always remember: it is never too late to start the beautiful 'journey' and I hope we can work hard together!

Some students asked me what I love doing in my spare time. Here comes the answer: I love taking pictures of the beautiful sky as I feel calm, relaxed and hopeful when I see the sunshine.

I would also like to end my introduction by sharing my favourite quote:

"Dream Big, Be Grateful, Give Love and Laugh Lots!"



English Activities

Teaching English with IT

To teach English more effectively, teachers made use of different IT elements so that students could find learning full of fun. For example, they enjoyed learning better English through using 'Kahoot', a kind of learning game.



Joint-school Oral Practice

The Joint-school Oral Practice was conducted by Buddhist Sin Tak College, Buddhist Fat Ho Memorial College and our school on 6th September. 56 students practised their oral skills in Part A: "Group Discussion" as well as Part B: "Individual Response", after which teachers provided them with valuable advice.



Drama Workshop

To learn more authentic English, a Drama Workshop was conducted by a team of professionals who focused on some drama skills in English. As the old saying goes, 'practice makes perfect', so our students practised what they learned in the school hall. Most importantly, students were able to express their ideas with better English.



S1 Orientation Day

On 9th September, the Orientation Day was organized to help our S1 students get used to the new English learning environment.

There were also 24 English Ambassadors from S4A and S5A. S1 students enjoyed touring around the campus and communicating with teachers and classmates in English. Finally, the winners received fabulous prizes from our Principal.



Mid-Autumn Festival Riddles Competition

Though this is one of the most important Chinese festivals, our students enjoyed learning English through the riddles competition. For example, they learned a lot of useful vocabulary and understood how to communicate with others in English. Through active participation, they enjoyed using English.

