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## Gloria Dei, homo vivens

The glory of God is a person fully alive. Exemplifying St Irenaeus' teaching, DGS' vibrant school life offers ample opportunities for spiritual cultivation, sporting achievements, cultural explorations and intellectual pursuits.

Our Model United Nations Team had the honour of being the first group to represent DGS abroad after the lifting of the pandemic restrictions. The girls flew to Singapore to join SCMUN on 14-15 March 2023 and returned from Singapore Chinese Girls' School with many accolades, including the inaugural Best School Delegate Award.

Our team for the Humanities Research Symposium for Youth could not wait to attend the in-person event hosted by Citipointe Christian College in Australia from 18 to 24 June 2023, after two years of virtual conferences. Apart from presentations, the girls enjoyed singing karaoke and visiting Sea World in Brisbane.



Team HK at the WIDPSG in South Africa



Basic Law Ambassadors

Closer to home, our new Basic Law Ambassadors learnt to appreciate national treasures like pandas at Ocean Park and Chinese opera at Xiqu Theatre. In the pipeline are day trips for Secondary 5 students to familiarize themselves with the Greater Bay Area and a concert performance by our music groups in Shenzhen in July.

The Hong Kong Team that travelled to South Africa for the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship 2022 included our alumna as coach and our student among the participants; the Hong Kong Team that came third in the "Safe Cracking" International Physics Tournament in Tel Aviv included two female competitors, one of whom is our student. During the year, our elite athletes competed in Qatar, South Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand.



Having fun at HRSY Brisbane



HRSY in sunny Australia



Team HK at the International Physics Tournament in Tel Aviv



SCMUN - DGS Best School Delegate



## Nothing Can Stop Us Now!



A-Team - 15<sup>th</sup> Grand Slam

Our traditional sporting stalwarts, the Swimming Team and Athletics Team repeated their successes in the post-Covid era too. Our swimmers achieved their 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive win and our athletes their 15<sup>th</sup> Grand Slam. Adding to these sporting triumphs, other sports teams have been working tirelessly to make their mark too. More details are on our homepage but here are some highlights.

Our Tennis Team made the school proud by winning their 8<sup>th</sup> Grand Slam. Persevering with their training as much as they could during the Covid-19 surge, our tennis aces kept themselves in good physical and mental form for the Interschool Tennis Championship.

Our Squash Team returned to the thrill of the game at the Inter-School Squash Team Competition, and for the fourth

consecutive year, was declared the champion team. Individual players also won the top three places in A Grade and top two in C grade.

At the All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Handball Tournament, our Handball Team made history and entered their first final. Their second place win on 6 March was not only a commendable result but also a display of solidarity.

Achieving fantastic results too, our Basketball Team entered the Nike All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Basketball Tournament for the first time since 2015. The team also came second overall at the Inter-school Basketball Competition, their best ranking in a decade with the A and C grades in third place and B grade in second place.



Basketball Team - We did it!



Handball Team - Breakthrough



Tennis Team - Second to None



One for all and all for Squash



# Talent Galore

## Chinese Literary Club Performance

On 20 January students darted from the classrooms to the assembly hall decorated with beautiful spring couplets and red lanterns emanating a sense of prosperity and joy. The celebration for the Year of the Rabbit commenced with the Guzheng Ensemble and Chinese Orchestra performing traditional Chinese favourites. Next on stage came lithe dancers who brought out the beauty of Chinese traditional dance through their graceful moves. Different classes also showcased their esprit de corps through amazing singing, dancing and acting to convey the virtues of 'integrity', 'honesty', and 'humility'. The programme reached its climax when the teacher-student drama came on; the show delighted the audience and raised the temperature in the hall. Still in high spirits, everyone left the hall and school. It was an exhilarating start to the school holidays!



Happy Year of the Rabbit



Treasure Quest



Prosperity

## Trilingual Speech Contest

For the second year running, representatives from DGS and the Affiliated School of Jinan University for Hong Kong and Macao students (ASJ) displayed a gift of the gab before a captivated audience in the auditorium on 17 May 2023. The friendly competition differed from last year's inaugural virtual event with more participants through the addition of a primary and a junior secondary sections. Using English, Putonghua and Cantonese, each speaker shared her insights on the architecture, unique culture and sights in the Greater Bay Area. Articulate, polished and vocabulary-rich execution was the vehicle through which students expressed their ideas. This was achieved particularly endearingly by the primary school participants, eliciting an affectionate response from the audience, including a warm embrace from a visiting principal.



Speech Contest winner

Inaugural Speech Contest winners

## Drama Night

After months of preparation, the long anticipated Drama Night was held on 19 May. The evening showcased three spectacular performances with captivating storylines written, directed, and performed on themes ranging from 'family', 'cultivating kindness and compassion', and 'recollecting the past'. Each production was made more enthralling with the impeccable sound, visual and lighting effects of the AV Team.

The compelling tragi-comedy by La Salle College on family and emigration demonstrated how even in laughter the heart may ache. Next came Diocesan Boys' School's thought-provoking satire on the idea of measuring kindness and compassion through an exam. Last but not least was 'The Trial'. Our climactic war drama exploring the complex dynamics of ambition, love and sacrifice held the audience spellbound. Even more multimedia talent was revealed in the remarkable animations in Cantonese, English and Putonghua produced by students on our S5 Aesthetic Development Programme.



DGS Drama Ensemble



Grand Finale





To celebrate the 180th Anniversary of the Foundation of Sheng Kung Hui in Hong Kong and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Inauguration of the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, a joint Church, School and Social Service Development Day was held on 30 May 2023 at AsiaWorld Expo on the theme, 'One Family in Christ, our Rock'; our religious programme at school and in the Boarding House has always been built on this Rock.

## Holy Communion and Famine Lunch

Blessed with the lifting of pandemic-related measures, we were finally able to hold a Holy Communion for Christians at Easter this year in addition to the Easter Service for the whole school at the end of term. Leading up to these events was the Lenten Bag donation drive which saw students and teachers contributing to charity. Following the Easter break, the school got together for Famine Lunch to show solidarity with those who go hungry in Hong Kong. The proceeds also went to charity.

## Gospel Week and Harvest Festival

From 15-18 November, the Youth Fellowship held three morning assemblies on the theme, 'We are Unique Creations for a Purpose' – a heartwarming original animation of a little robot looking for his place in the community, a hilarious skit of Minions learning to cultivate and share the gifts they have received, and a worship session with touching personal testimonies from our girls. The Gospel Week culminated in the evangelistic meeting led by One Circle (同心圓), reminding us of the unconditional, loving acceptance of our heavenly Father – one that enables us to live lives of eternal purpose for His Kingdom.



God's Minions

It was a joyous event filled with love as the school community gathered on 21 October for the annual celebration of Harvest Festival. Food items brought in by junior form students were on display in the centre of the stage, while senior students responded with monetary donations. Reverend Pollock from St. Andrew's Church encouraged us to reflect on God's generous heart and ask for the strength to emulate Him. With the song 'I Will Offer Up My Life', the Youth Fellowship thanked God for His overflowing blessings, out of which the school community is able to share with the needy in our community.



At Holy Communion