



## Those Good Old Days (Part III)

Following from our last issue, do you want to hear more about what our old girls think about life as a DGS girl? This is the final part of The Good Old Days series and we hope you have enjoyed reading it. We would like to thank our alumnae for their invaluable contribution!

### Q: What did you miss most about your school days at DGS?

#### 1930s

"My friends. For many many years after school, we used to meet up and have monthly ladies lunch to chat and reminisce." (Mabel Lim '33)

#### 1950s

"All my friends." (Hester Tan '58)

#### 1970s

"Surprisingly, I missed the morning assembly." (Bernadette Liu '76)

"Hymn singing in assembly, bell ringing to mark the end of lessons, racing to the tuck shop at the beginning of break time, lunch outside of school." (Lily Wong '76)

"Special programs during the week before Christmas, e.g. drama day, concerts etc." (Hazel Lui '76)

#### 1980s

"The camaraderie and closeness of my classmates." (Anonymous)

"I miss the unique time I had with my classmates, all the fun and laughter we had together – they sure brought back good old memories!" (Mabel Ng '86)

"Participating in interschool swimming competitions, speech and music festivals." (Anonymous)

#### 1990s

"I loved spending time with friends during the extra-curricular activities. I met some of my closest friends during orchestra rehearsals, playing netball, preparing for House activities and inter-house competitions etc. I also missed leading cheers at the Wanchai Sports Ground and Kowloon Park Swimming Pool for inter-school events." (Michelle Kwok '94)

"Being with my friends at school and the carefree and happy days." (Adeline Cheng '91)

"Being so close to a group of girl friends" (Anonymous)

#### 2000s

"Everything." (Junes Shek '06)

### Q: When you think of DGS, what is the first thing that comes to mind?

#### 1930s

"How happy I was when I went to school, all my memories of DGS were good ones." (Mabel Lim '33)

#### 1950s

"Friendship." (Anonymous)

#### 1960s

"I think that most DGS girls have a characteristic that people can tell distinctly without fail." (Anonymous)

#### 1970s

"The very unique winter uniform." (Bernadette Liu '76)

"The school uniform." (Lily Wong '76)

"The good teachers and the study environment." (Hazel Lui '76)

#### 1980s

"The strong bond and sisterhood of DGS girls. My class recently had our 25th year reunion, and about 70 people attended! Some even flew in from overseas!" (Anonymous)

"The school spirit and Dr. Symons." (Mabel Ng '86)

"Smart girls!" (Anonymous)

#### 1990s

"How proud I am to be part of such an outstanding school." (Adeline Cheng '91)

"The friendship I have developed and managed to keep fresh till this very day." (Anonymous)

"The blue and white uniform – the best uniform of all schools." (Anonymous)

#### 2000s

"Smart girls that go on in life to become women of excellence." (Junes Shek '06)

### Q: What do you feel most proud of as a DGS girl?

#### 1930s

"I feel proud and privileged that my parents sent me to DGS, giving me an all-rounded English education. Lots of my friends never had that opportunity." (Mabel Lim '33)

#### 1950s

"I am very happy and proud that I had the chance to study in the top girls' school in HK." (Hester Tan '58)

"Independence and confidence, with a good sense of doing the right thing. I have heard people comment over the years that you can often tell a 'DGS girl' because she tends to be forthright and direct in comparison with others." (Anonymous)

#### 1960s

"We are of a special kind." (Anonymous)

#### 1970s

"DGS is a renowned school with very qualified teachers and good students." (Bernadette Liu '76)

"Global in outlook without losing our heritage and brave enough to take on new challenges." (Lily Wong '76)

"Having more chances and exposure in learning things compared to other schools (at least in our days – we were always one of the pioneer in many projects)." (Hazel Lui '76)

#### 1980s

"The school's heritage as one of the top girls' school in HK. DGS girls are synonymous with being well-rounded, high academic achievers." (Anonymous)

"Once a DGS girl, always a DGS girl. I am most proud of the school as it was my junior and secondary school. Everyone looked up to DGS girls as they always helped out and spread their love and care in all areas of the community." (Mabel Ng '86)

"The best description of a DGS girl is smart and all-rounded in academics, music, sports – and I am proud to be part of such a family!" (Anonymous)

#### 1990s

"School spirit – a lasting quality for DGS girls across the years and for causes initiated by the school." (Michelle Kwok '94)

"As a school that is admired and looked up on, I feel most proud of its name and the history I carry as a DGS girl." (Adeline Cheng '91)

"The fact that DGS has maintained its reputation through the years of being a school capable of bringing up girls of academic excellence and confident character." (Anonymous)

"Being trained to be all rounded and being from a part of an elite school." (Anonymous)

#### 2000s

"We are trained to be all-rounded and people hold us in high regard in society." (Junes Shek '06)



# Activities

## DOGA Medic Group First Gathering – October 2012

### Membership Sub-Committee

The DOGA Medic Group held an inauguration dinner at HKU on 25th October, 2012. Over 70 old girls from both CUHK and HKU gathered to make new friends and reconnect with their elder and younger sisters. The evening started with a cocktail reception followed by a delightful dinner with sharing from 10 DGS medical graduates ranging from across the years and specialties, representing both private and public sectors. They shared with our DGS medical students the wisdom to live a well-rounded medic life and the importance of keeping the family network with DOGA.



DOGA Medic Group first gathering



20th Reunion for the Class of 1992

## 20th Reunion for the Class of 1992 – December 2012

The 20th reunion celebration for the Class of 1992 kicked off with a visit to the new campus on 21st December, 2012, dedicated for overseas classmates who returned for the special occasion. A celebration dinner was held on 23rd December at the Hotel Nikko, Tsim Sha Tsui East and nearly 60 classmates attended. We were honoured to have at our dinner teachers from both the Junior School and the Senior School including our beloved 趙老師 and

our most respected former Headmistress, Mrs. Elim Lau. There was a slideshow with pictures from our schools days and recent photos from overseas classmates who could not attend the event. There was also a sharing session from classmates and teachers, a lucky draw and sale of the School's souvenir. Thanks to our star classmate, Cynthia Cheng, for taking the lead to make this the most wonderful and joyful reunion a success. We look forward to having our 25th reunion celebration!

## Recent Membership Sub-Committee Events

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**Form 6 Talk on 25th February, 2013 –**  
155 current Form 6 students were introduced to the work of DOGA. Highlights included the mentoring programme and alumnae-led University groups.



**Tea Gathering on 14th April, 2013 –**  
40 alumnae from years spanning from 1964 to 2012 gathered at the DOGA Room for a wonderful time of sharing and fellowship.



## DOGA Alumnae Wall Opening Ceremony – January 2013



DOGA President, Jane Ng, addressing guests at the DOGA Alumnae Wall Opening Ceremony

Greeted warmly by girls from the Senior and Junior School on a beautiful day, guests and donors arrived on 17th January for the official School's Opening Ceremony of our redeveloped campus. It was truly a blessed moment as The Archbishop Dr. Paul Kwong, Mr. Kenneth Ting, Chairman of the Fundraising Campaign Committee, Mr. Hardy Lok, Chairman of the Building Sub-committee, Bishop Andrew Chan and Reverend John Menear officiated the occasion. Subsequently, guests and old girls moved on to the DOGA Place where an opening ceremony for the DOGA Alumnae Wall was held by our DOGA president Ms. Jane Ng together with other guests. Old girls searched eagerly for the

location of the tiles they have donated as part of the fundraising campaign for the School, taking photos to capture this memorable and meaningful event. This day marked the beginning of a new chapter of DGS history – a modern, well-equipped campus that will enhance DGS education for years to come.



Honored guests officiating the DOGA Alumnae Wall Opening Ceremony



Both parents and children had so much fun creating the Kumquat Tree!

## Making of the Kumquat Tree – January 2013

Art Club

DOGA Art Club greeted their members ahead of the Chinese New Year in 2013 by organising an event to make a Kumquat Tree. Members spent a cozy and fun afternoon together with family and friends creating this festive ornament. Adults were busy twisting wires to form the tree trunks and branches, while the children anxiously rolled up thin orange nets into little kumquats. The most exciting part for the kids was the hanging of their little kumquats onto the branches to complete their Kumquat Tree. Everyone was happy to bring home their DIY Kumquat Tree for decoration to welcome the Year of the Snake!

## Health Seminar – March 2013

Social Sub-Committee

DOGA organised a health seminar on 23rd March, 2013 on campus featuring Dr. Lawrence Lan, a paediatric surgeon at Queen Mary Hospital and clinical assistant professor at University of Hong Kong. 28 old girls and friends attended the event to obtain knowledge in three most common causes of respiratory, gastrointestinal and urinary infections in children. Dr. Lan shared statistics of infections in different countries and suggested preventive measures for each ailment. A Q&A session wrapped up the seminar where Dr. Lan answered questions related to vaccinations, fever symptoms, diet & nutrition, and government measures. All attendants, especially parents with young children, gained a reservoir of knowledge from Dr. Lan.



Dr. Lan showed statistics of infections in different countries



## Chocolate Art Workshop – April 2013

### Art Club

In celebration of Mother's and Father's Day, over 50 alumnae and family gathered on a cool spring afternoon to make their own Belgian chocolates. While the chocolate specialist introduced the basics of chocolate creation and demonstrated the more complicated steps of heating, mixing, and cooling, participants got their hands (and some faces) chocolate-dirty as they dunked their hazelnut fillings into the molten chocolate to create their own pralines! Everybody went home with their own box of hand decorated and very professional looking Belgian chocolates for their parents, grandparents, children, friends, and for ourselves!



Mother's and Father's Day event –  
Chocolate Art Workshop

## Sub-Committee Focus – Careers and Scholarship

Working out what you want to do or where to study after graduation can be daunting. The Careers and Scholarship Sub-Committee provides career counselling and guidance to current students of the School. With the aim of offering practical advice on how to develop career ideas and to explore career options, we regularly organise career talks by inviting DGS graduates from different industries to share their study and job experiences, as well as their work in the real life context. To assist students identify suitable careers, we also offer job shadowing programmes at our graduates' workplaces to help students gain a valuable flavour of actual professional responsibilities and activities.



Career talk given by four lawyers to six formers in July 2012.



Yolanda Chen (front row, middle), 2012 Dr. C J Symons Scholarship recipient, with previous scholarship recipients and Careers and Scholarship Sub-Committee members at the tea gathering in August 2012.

Since 1985, the Careers and Scholarship Sub-Committee has been interviewing and selecting recipients for the Dr C J Symons Scholarship. The Scholarship, which is open for application to all six formers, is awarded annually to a successful candidate with HK\$160,000 to further her tertiary studies in Hong Kong or abroad. In August 2012, we organised a reunion tea gathering for previous and present Dr. C J Symons Scholarship recipients who enjoyed an afternoon of camaraderie – a word very much favoured by Dr Symons herself!

Graduates who are interested in participating in career talks or job shadowing programmes are most welcome to write to the Careers and Scholarship Sub-Committee at [doga.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:doga.scholarship@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

November 2013

Diocesan Graduate Singers Annual Concert

December 2013

Art Club Event; Careers Talk; DGS Mini-Bazaar

Details of the events will be updated periodically. Please visit [www.doga.org.hk](http://www.doga.org.hk) to obtain the latest information.

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### Joining DOGA

Any old girl of DGS or DGJS (whether resident or abroad) who has completed at least one academic year at DGS or DGJS is eligible to apply for membership of DOGA Ltd. Details of the application can be found at [www.doga.org.hk](http://www.doga.org.hk).

### Class Reunion Gathering

Alumnae who are interested in organising their class reunion gathering at the School, please contact DOGA office for further information.