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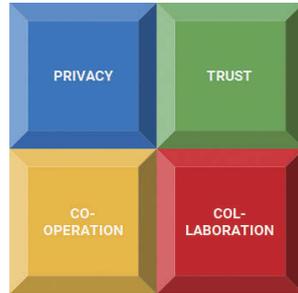
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Kaleidoscope is back after a brief hiatus to bring you exciting news about the Diocesan community. We hope you will enjoy reading this issue as much as we have enjoyed putting it together for you. Thank you for your continued support.

Full STEAM ahead!



DGS Blockchain Club

Blockchain Technology is no doubt the biggest tech buzzword of the last decade. There is boundless potential in its application, such as preventing counterfeit and double-spending. To acquaint our students with this technology and equip them for their future studies and careers, the school has established the first DGS Blockchain Club. The course was taught by three professionals of the industry, namely Joyce, Chon and Gabriel from the Hong Kong Blockchain Society. Lessons were held every Monday afternoon, during which the instructors guided students to explore the fundamentals of blockchain. Present at the first lesson on 22nd February in the Assembly Hall were interested students from Secondary 1 to 5, our Supervisor and Headmistress. After six training sessions, the school selected 20 members to represent the school in blockchain competitions, such as the International Blockchain Olympiad.

DGS Droids – Temi

The two Temi were designed in Israel, manufactured in China and programmed in DGS by S3 and S4 IT schoolmates who completed a course over the Chinese New Year holidays on how to write code for controlling robots and directing them to recognise obstacles, map locations, walk, and even talk to visitors about information about the school's history and facilities!



Of course, other students who did not have the opportunity to programme these droids can interact with them around the campus as Temi issue reminders on social distancing and other safety precautions. Certain forms will also have courses during the mini-summer term on robotics, and some IT lessons in the junior forms may even involve learning with Temi.

DGS Judge Platform

To promote hands-on exploration of technology, the DGS Programming Team launched its own Online Judge platform with code written by students and a server provided by the school. The goal is to give students, whether they are experienced programmers, computer enthusiasts or novices to technology, the opportunity to access programming tutorials and learn through coding by solving programming problems. Many DGS students have utilised the platform to further their programming skills. With this platform, the team is planning to hold a territory wide programming competition for girls in summer.

*“With all who passed before us,
We praise Thy name today.”*

~ Celebrating 160 years of God’s blessings



Year 2020 marked the 160th anniversary of Diocesan Girls' School, and despite the unprecedented challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the school community was able to hold simple celebrations by the grace of God.

On 5th June 2020, the School gathered together for the 160th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service, which comprised a Time Capsule Ceremony, the dedication of the Chapel, and the blessing of the newly constructed Boarding House. It was a memorable day for us to reflect on our history, give thanks for the present blessings and look forward to the future of DGS with hope.

160th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

Attended by distinguished guests, including past and present Headmistresses, members of the School Council and the Parent Teacher Association, and led by the Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong, Archbishop and Primate of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the 160th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service was a precious occasion for the School to join together to recommit ourselves to serving God through the work of education.

Time Capsule Ceremony

The Thanksgiving Service was followed by the Time Capsule Ceremony, a tradition recurring every decade. This year, the time capsule items representing present-day school life included:



- an iPad, symbolic of the move towards e-learning at DGS;
- the GCE A-Level curriculum booklet, detailing the offering of an academic path alternative to the HKDSE;
- the Mini Bazaar mascot, reminding us of the love spread through charity work;
- tickets for the Secondary 5 Drama Night and the Concerto Competition, encapsulating the artistic talent and uplifting endeavours promoted by the school;
- the programme booklet for the 160th Anniversary Service as a memento of this milestone; and
- a DGS school history book co-authored by old girls, depicting the rich traditions of the School from 1860 to 2020 (to be completed).

Dedication of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit

The Archbishop Paul Kwong led the Guests of Honour to the School Chapel after the Thanksgiving Service, and presided over the solemn yet joyful dedication service of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. The room was filled with voices lifted up in praise and thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ for His presence and blessing upon the sanctuary, as well as in prayer for His continued work upon all who gather to worship in His name.



Blessing of the Boarding House

The most exciting part of the celebrations was the inauguration ceremony of the Boarding House. The Archbishop led prayers of intercession, inviting God's protection and blessing throughout the entire facility, including the dormitory area, the dining area, and the common area.



As one student participant of the proceedings described it: The overall ambience was cosy and pleasant. Light brown wooden furniture, potted plants and comfy seats gave us a warm sense of welcome. The environment was bright due to the natural light that entered from tall floor-to-ceiling windows. Going down the corridor, the dormitories were just as homey and neat. There was occasional hushed admiration from distinguished visitors and students alike, who were impressed by the aesthetics of the Boarding House. Indeed, the facilities more than meet the needs of any student. Lastly, senior members the School Choir angelically sang a hymn of praise and blessing in the common room, followed by the unveiling of the plaque by the Archbishop, officially opening the Boarding House. The

ceremony concluded in a huge round of delighted applause.

160th Anniversary Souvenirs

Besides the 160th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service, specially designed souvenirs in commemoration of the special milestone were also available for members of the DGS family. These souvenirs, a concerted effort by DGS, DGJS, PTA and DOGA, included tote bags, placemats, coasters, A4 folders, hymn book covers, magnets, badges, and DGS girl dolls.

The School community looks back gratefully on God's blessing of making possible the launch of the 160th anniversary ceremony amidst the challenging circumstances. This time-honoured, forward-looking attitude serves as a timely reminder for us: come rain or shine, we carry forward the baton of the Diocesan legacy. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness to the School over the past 160 years, and look to Him for strength and grace to carry out His mission of educating women of excellence for many more years to come.



**“One family unbroken,
We join, with one acclaim,
One heart, one voice uplifting,
To glorify Thy name.”**



The floor is yours!

Humanities Research Symposium for Youth 2021

The 13th Humanities Research Symposium for Youth 2021 was hosted by DGS and involved multiple schools across the Asia-Pacific region. This year's theme was Innovation and Tradition, and featured debates, presentations on research papers, cultural exchanges, as well as Keynote Speeches by Professor Dennis Lo and Professor Helen Meng from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. A well-established opportunity to interact with peers and deepen our understanding of the world, the 13th HRSY was also the first symposium hosted virtually. Whether by making a Discord server to provide delegates with the chance to talk, or in finding ways to make HRSY's iconic activities feasible in a virtual setting, we were able to successfully maintain the spirit of HRSY and make it a resounding success.

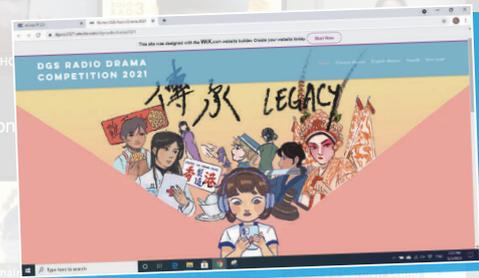


Model United Nations

This year's Model United Nations conferences were held virtually. RENMUN is one of the largest locally, offering 14 councils. Held online, it introduced apps like MUNcommand and Discord, and delegates gave speeches, formed blocs, and wrote resolutions on topics ranging from food security, NATO, mass incarceration in the US, to a re-enactment of the Iraq War. SCMUN is an international conference, focusing on bonding and cultural exchange, and we learnt about Singapore and Indonesia, while sharing about Hong Kong. Apart from formal debates, there were icebreaker activities such as heated discussions on "pineapple on pizza". Delegates won numerous accolades too.

Online Radio Drama

Our much-loved Drama Night became an online Radio Drama Competition this year. Typically, the S5 Aesthetic Development students would showcase the productions rehearsed over the year, but this year they learnt new skills such as using programs like Adobe Audition for recording and editing, as well as using computer graphics to create visual backgrounds and animations to accompany their radio plays. The competition's theme of 'Legacy' saw some creative and poignant pieces in English and Chinese that delighted the school community who was invited to vote for a favorite. Audience participation, a hallmark of Drama Night, simply moved online.



Debating Virtually

Both the English and Chinese Debating Teams have not been held back by the challenges of the pandemic, with training and competitions continuing online.

Our English team was the quarterfinalist in the Junior Schools Debating Championship, semifinalist in the Hong Kong Schools Mooting and Mock Trial Competition, and second runner-up in the Singtao Debating Competition. Members also won numerous individual awards, with one making the Hong Kong National Team and another the Hong Kong WIDPSC 2021 Team.

Our Chinese debaters also represented the school proudly this year. In the 52nd Joint School Chinese Debating Competition (第五十二屆聯校中文辯論比賽) held in February, our team was second runner-up after six rounds of intense competitions. Altogether, Chinese debaters won six Best Speaker awards. We would like to thank the school for supporting and giving us such opportunities to do what we enjoy.

