4. Liberal Studies

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The Liberal Studies Department places great emphasis on enquiry-led and investigative learning. Creating the right conditions conducive to learning is a complex matter. The promotion of a positive learning environment is much more about the development of a learning culture and ethos than the physical existence of the classrooms. Our students benefitted from this ideal environment that actively promotes their growth, confidence and achievement.

Achievements in the Liberal Studies department were again pleasing, with 48.8% of students gaining Level 5 or above in the HKDSE. Yet again the encouraging results was a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Enhanced Learning

Across the curriculum, we have looked at ways to enhance our learning opportunities for our students. As a new initiative to cater for those taking GCE A-Levels, the department has produced a host of enrichment and extension tasks to compliment the A-Level curriculum. By adopting a holistic approach with specific reference to events in Great Britain, our students not only progressed academically, but also gained an in-depth understanding of topics that they can readily utilize in their studies.

Experiential Learning and Competitions

The department continues to look for opportunities to extend students’ learning experiences beyond the classroom. Our girls were given many opportunities to undergo experiential learning. The S4s visited Mei Ho House to appreciate the way of life, the living environment and local cultural heritage of those living in public housing, tracking its development over the years. This group of students were given a guided tour to go back in time to appreciate the living conditions of low-income groups and the transformation of public housing since the 1950s. In March, a group of senior students were invited to attend a seminar organised by the Women’s Commission on the topic of “HeForShe – The Roles of Males in Initiating Change”. They were impressed by how women of different age groups and all walks of life came together to participate in the event. The S5s visited The Museum of Climate Change, where they learnt the latest developments on environmental conservation and sustainability. The students were able to see a wide range of exhibits related to energy conservation and renewable energy. Students across the school had the opportunity to enter competitions. A group comprising 3 girls delivered a presentation on the subject of “My relationship with the Belt and Road Initiative”. They shared with other participants their understanding of how this initiative can open up great opportunities in the future.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the department who make themselves so readily and freely available to help the girls at any time. This dedication and generosity of spirit is truly remarkable. Above all, we wish to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Headmistress, Mrs. Stella Lau for her unfailing support and continuous guidance and encouragement. We look forward to another fruitful and rewarding year.