

4. Liberal Studies

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As the saying goes, studying is one of the best times in one's life. We all enjoy the sense of accomplishment that comes from learning something new. But there is also a need to recognise how important it is to spend the time getting the right education to make our subsequent lives so much more fulfilling. Spending time doing the right things brings some wonderful outcomes, and all at DGS have some fantastic opportunities to achieve this.

Public Examinations

This was another impressive year for our students taking the HKDSE public examinations. The customary academic endeavour of the Department was further garnered by 68.7% of students achieving Level 5 or above in Liberal Studies. The encouraging results has continued to strengthen year on year and it is also a testament of our students' hard work and dedication.

Enhanced Learning

Across the curriculum, by capturing the essence of meeting the demands of twenty-first century learning and constantly exploring how to improve the provision of enriching learning opportunities for our students. For GCE "A-Levels", elements of "Global Perspectives" have been incorporated into the curriculum by offering the opportunities to acquire, develop and apply skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, research, communication and collaboration. In short, it encourages the development within young people of today, the global competency and the ability to define a global problem, reflect and make judgement.

Co-curricular activities continue to provide an added dimension and have further motivated students to engage in and enjoy the subject. To highlight just a few: The Youth Development Commission (YDC) had invited some of our girls from different forms to give their opinions on the YDC's work and matters of their concern. They had shared their aspirations in academic pursuit, life-planning, youth innovation and career support etc. which could be served to enhance policy co-ordination for youth development in Hong Kong.

Once again, we have hosted a very successful event, the Greater Bay Area (GBA) Research Project Presentation Day on 1st March. This exemplified many of the great attributes of the school. The high quality of all our students' work was apparent at the Exhibition held in School. Parents, alumni and friends enjoyed viewing S1 & S2 students' hard work in the form of posters and videos in the Assembly Hall packed with colourful booths, while S3-S5 students reported their research findings through presentations to their peers. In the evening, the GBA project presentations was well attended and we were joined by Professor Li Lu and Mr. Chen Hao from the HKSAR Liaison Office of the Central People's Government, as well as Dr. Hui Wai Tin of The Education University of Hong Kong. Students and teachers from our sister schools, Guangzhou Zhixin High School, Zhuhai Number One High School and Macau Kao Yip Middle School collaborated with our students to present on topics ranging from education and conservation of water resources to urbanization. To close the night, Professor Li addressed the community, congratulating our students on their in-depth perspectives and praising their pioneering spirit in this Greater Bay Area venture. He encouraged all to look forward to the continual development of the region.

Five groups of students participated in the "Forty Years of Reform and Opening-up Project Learning Award Scheme" to enhance their understanding of the development of our country and the Reform and Opening-up. Through project learning, students explored Hong Kong's role in the process of reform and opening up and the ways for Hong Kong to grasp the opportunities ahead covering areas, such as the economy, people's livelihood, education, cultural heritage conservation and innovation and technology.

The S4s joined a Wanchai Community Tour to appreciate how the urban renewal have influenced local community life, the living environment and local cultural heritage. Wan Chai is one of the earliest settlements in Hong Kong, and still possesses heritage and buildings of different periods. With the conservation of heritage

buildings and revitalisation of old buildings, like the former Wanchai wet market, Wanchai had transformed into a district embracing the old and new.

It goes without saying that the richness in the educational experience is only possible because every single member of our department takes a personal interest in every student. We would like to thank all members of the Liberal Studies department for their professionalism and support. 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.