

G.T. Newsletter

G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College - Secondary Section

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Dr. Raymond TAM
Principal

Principal's Talk: "Let's move forward to celebrate the new normality!"

When the world is still overwhelmed with news of Covid casualty rate, vaccine-hesitancy, and Covid merciless contact tracing, what kind of attitude and living mode can we adopt? I don't intend to impose any judgment on the choices one should make. Rather than expecting the end of Covid-19, I would like to divert your attention to learning from how G.T. teachers, parents, and students had lived their solitary life during the past two months.

Flipping the pages of *Newsletter* (Issue 4), we seem to see a "back-to-school" scenario; however, we all know too well that all the happenings indeed took place in the virtual classroom. Covid has unscrupulously stopped students and teachers from leaving HK for their hearts-desired exchange destinations; but it cannot stop the international exchange programs from being held between GT and the exchange partner schools in Beijing and Korea. Covid couldn't even stop our alumni from giving their precious advice to our G12 students in the Jupas Consultation Night. Covid might have ruined a lot of our students' play days. Nevertheless, our G.T. play concept is stronger than the fear complex harbouring in every human heart nowadays. The 2020-21 Online Singing Contest and the Flea Market 2020 were tremendous successes.

Unlike some schools on the globe, GT's inside and outside classroom lessons have gone an even more diverse and nerve-racking way. From the online forum G.T. Vista to teachers' sharing of how the lessons have been conducted and how learning has happened in their virtual classroom, one can't agree more with a saying: "When someone tells you that you can't do something; perhaps you should consider that they are only telling you they can't do it." For GT, there is no "No". Our mindset is Can-do and Will-do.

Now it is you who are part of the big picture of the future education. What can and will make a difference is inside of you. Brian Herbert has it that "The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice." G.T. people are the miracle workers who have the gift, skill, and choice of *having the determination to succeed*. They are the indomitable survivors. Finally, I would borrow a wise saying to end my sharing: "Life can only be understood by looking back, but it must be lived forward."

G.T. Vista – Nurturing global vision

Vista	Date	Topic
1	30 October 2020	The Korean War 抗美援朝
2	4 December 2020	Coronavirus Pandemic 全球疫情
3	15 January 2021	Migration Trend in Hong Kong 香港移民潮



Professor Li giving his insight in the G.T. Vista

The purpose of G.T. Vista is to promote idea exchange and knowledge creation in our school. This monthly forum is targeted at G10 to G12 students and all teachers.

In G.T. Vista 2, we discussed the effect of global epidemic-policies and explore the cultural differences of different countries. The effectiveness of the measures adopted by different countries, including the importance and contribution of technology to fight against the virus.

In G.T. Vista 3, we investigated the history and reasons for migration waves in Hong Kong. Our teachers and alumni also shared their experience of coping with cultural conflicts when studying and working overseas.

We would like to thank Professor Li and Dr. Raymond Tam for providing us with such a fruitful learning opportunity.



Holding G.T. Vista via Google Meet



Vice Principal Mr. Paul Chan expressing his concern about privacy during the epidemic



Pierre Tang (11B) raising his questions

Mr. Jerwa Ip & Ms. Winnie Au
G.T. Vista Group

Jupas Consultation Night

On 15 January 2021, the Alumni Association held a Jupas consultation night for G12 students. 15 alumni had been invited to share their work experience and professional development after graduation. There were three parallel talks in different domains, which G12 students could participate in according to their favourite subjects.

Mr. Alex O, Mr. Leslie Tam, Ms. Jaclyn Fong, and Ms. Cathy Yeung
Alumni Association

A) Science & Engineering	B) Business & Law	C) Arts & Social Science
Terence Sung (2012)	Dominic Yu (2012)	Gladys Yuen (2012)
Felix Chong (2013)	Jason Leung (2012)	Leslie Tam (2013)
Jason Tsang (2013)	Justin Yip (2013)	Yan Chia (2014)
Henry Chan (2015)	Jasper Chung (2019)	Eric So (2019)
Elizabeth Lam (2020)	Skye Chor (2020)	Jason Man (2020)
Nicole Lui (2020)		



Prof. Li presenting a souvenir to Terence Sung (2012)



Principal Dr. Tam talking with Felix Chong (2013)



A special "reunion" night for G.T. graduates



Jason Tsang (2012), Elizabeth Lam (2020), and Nicole Lui (2020) sharing the strategies of enrolling in their university programmes



Jason Leung (2012), Dominic Yu (2012), and Justin Yip (2013) sharing their work experiences



Skye Chor (2020), Jason Man (2020), and Eric So (2019) providing information about their university programmes



Jasper Jung (2019), Yan Chia (2014), and Gladys Yuen (2012) telling their success stories to inspire G12 students

Online Exchange Programme with the High School Affiliated to Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT)

On 10 December, 2020, ten G7-8 students participated in the online exchange programme coorganized by BIT and our school. Students had chances to explore the local culture and experienced the teaching style of the two regions. A variety of online lessons, including discussions and video presentations, were designed to connect students with their peers in Beijing. It is appreciated that our students have shown a very high standard of presentation skills and enthusiasm in learning from Beijing teachers.

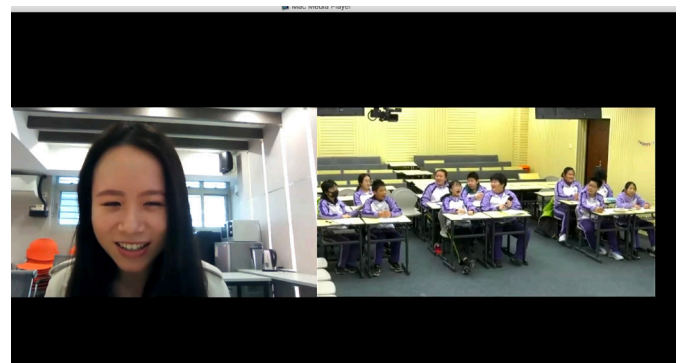
Ms. Winnie Au and Mr. T. Y. Wong
International Exchange Department



Group photo of the exchange students



G.T. students having Chinese language lessons with BIT teachers



Ms. Constance Lee playing English language games with BIT students

I have gained a lot from the exchange programme —not only from their culture, but also from their teaching style and the worksheets. Though they were quite different from those in Hong Kong, I enjoyed them very much. However, the most unforgettable part for me was making those videos. I had never done such a production before, and shooting and video editing were really exhausting. I was also excited to see how the Beijing students did them.

Theodore Leung (8C)

I learnt much about Beijing including the culture, education, local specialties, and different attractions. I also had a great time in the classes of different subjects like Maths and Chinese. The teachers were very kind and patiently explained what we didn't understand.

Jasper Chang (8E)



Po Leung Kuk “Build Your Career” Flea Market 2019-2020



Mr. Paul Chan supporting the team (懷香閣)

The “Build Your Career” flea market was held by Po Leung Kuk from 27 to 29 November 2020 in Amoy Plaza. Sixteen G11 students in three teams joined the event. They designed, produced, and sold their products in the flea market by themselves. All teams made a profit! We appreciate their conscientious efforts and commitment.

	懷香閣	Iridescence	Give me Five
Total Revenue	\$2,151	\$4,660	\$4,550
Total Cost	\$2,070	\$1,883	\$2,369
Gross Profit	\$81	\$2,813	\$2,181

Results of the flea market

Mr. Karl Yeung, Mr. Philip Kwan, and Mr. Jerwa Ip
Economics Panel

“Give Me Five”

CEO: Yip Long Hin, Ronald (11A)
Members: Lau Cheuk Hin (11B)
Fan Chun Hei (11C)
Fong Kin Man (11D)
Abdul Ahad Qazi (11D)

We became more courageous and confident while selling our products and communicating with customers. We realized that being an entrepreneur was not as easy as we had thought, with work such as designing products, manufacturing and finally the sale of products. We have learnt more about entrepreneurship and sincerely thank the teachers who helped us a lot.



“Give Me Five” exhibiting their handmade scented candles

“Iridescence”

CEO: Au Yeung Huen Yan (11A)
Members: So Yi Lam (11A)
Leung Sin Ki (11A)
Yeung Tsz Nok (11A)
Tse Hoi Laam (11C)
Chau Wan Pang (11C)

Throughout the months of preparation for the market, we have learnt numerous business concepts, such as advertising strategies and the precise calculation of costs. Besides, through interacting with customers and presenting our products, we have gained valuable communication skills and also made some friends in the market.



Iridescence selling customized notebooks

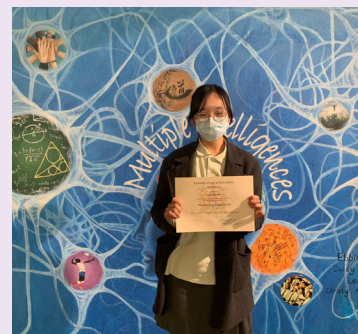


Iridescence showing their team spirit

Essay Writing-HKU Law School

I have gained a lot of precious and valuable experiences in researching the topic of equality and related cases in Hong Kong. Investigating the law of equality in different aspects is inspirational and I have also improved my research skills and critical thinking.

Lau Yeuk Chin 11D



The essay written by Lau Yeuk Chin (11D)

During my research, I was amazed to see found out that the law and race equality play an important role in the justice system. This competition encouraged me to read more on the internet, especially during the pandemic while we were staying at home. I am looking forward to participating in other competitions in the future.

Yeung Sin Yu 10A



The essay written by Yeung Sin Yu (10A)

2020-2021 Online Singing Contest



Sian mesmerising the audience with her song "At last"

Thanks to our talented schoolmates and the support from teachers, the first online singing contest in the history of G.T. College was successfully held on 21 December. The participants astounded the live audience with their impressive vocal skills and music videos. Live performances were given by 5 groups of teachers, who sang to cheer up the audience during the Covid-19 pandemic. G12 students carried on the tradition of G. T. College to give their graduation performances and expressed

their heartfelt gratitude to their teachers. Being the chairperson of the Student Union, I am beyond grateful to have the opportunity to organize the online singing contest.

Truman Yeung (11A)
Chairperson of the Student Union



12A students expressing their gratitude to their class teacher Ms. Jaclyn Fong

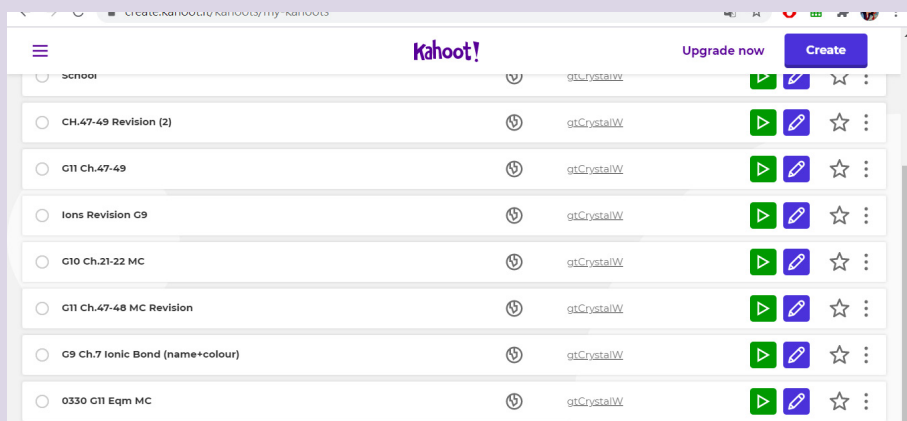


Live performances of G12 students



Teachers showcasing their talents on the stage

Online Teaching Strategies



Using Kahoot during the online lessons

I think raising students' interests online is challenging since there is limited interaction. Sometimes, it is much harder to know if they can follow the content. In order to deal with this problem, I have tried using Kahoot! in the lesson. Surprisingly, students gave quite good responses. I still remember my senior form students asking for Kahoot! quizzes every lesson as they enjoyed it a lot!

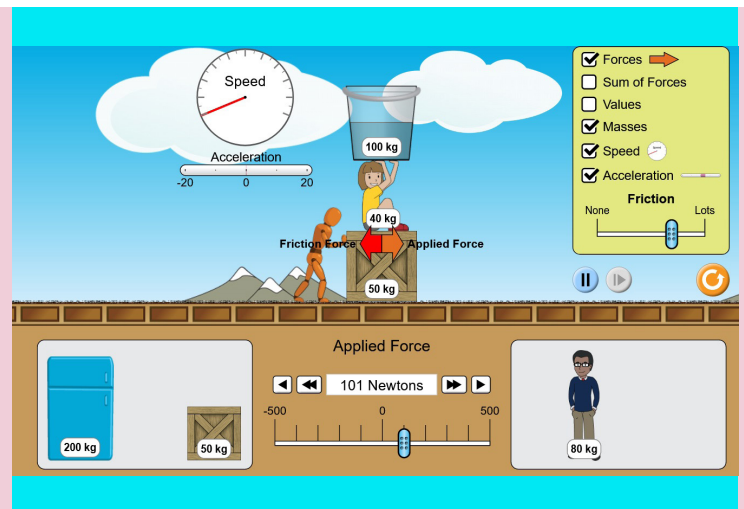


Ms. Crystal Wong
Chemistry Teacher

G.T. students have the opportunities to participate in various international online exchange programs, such as Japan Super Science Fair, Rits Super Global Forum, and Kamnoetvidya Science Academy Invitational Science Fair in Thailand. In terms of scientific investigations, G.T. students have been advancing their skills while exploiting interactive simulations and mobile phone applications. For example, some G8 students formulated an investigation using two mobile phones to find out good soundproofing materials while a few groups of G9 students learned to create various applications with the integration of artificial intelligence features.



Dr. Molly Chan
Head of STEM



PhET Interactive Simulations by the University of Colorado Boulder, 2021

During the COVID-19 period, PE lessons were conducted by three PE teachers together. The lessons were carried out like the TV program "Sports World (體育世界)" hosted by us. The topics of the lessons included Olympic Games History, 110-Meter Hurdles, 100-Meter Race, Long Jump, etc. By applying the slow-motion analysis, students learnt the skills of various sports. The attitude of athletes was also highlighted and students needed to search online for answers. This can help enhance the learning efficiency of students.



Mr. Johnnie Wong
Head of Club and Interest Group

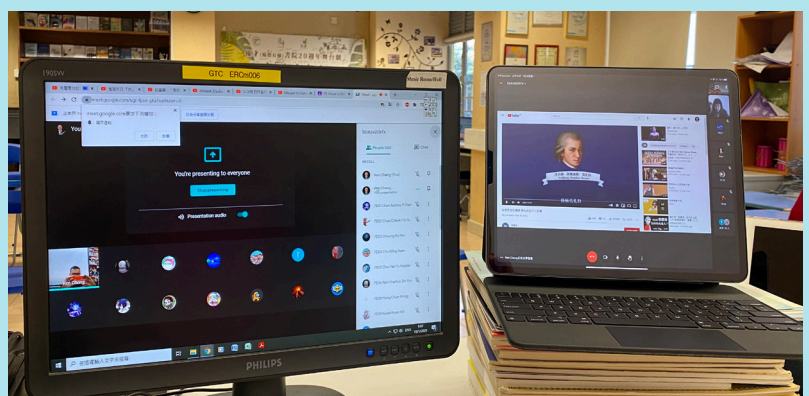


Dr. Salson To, Mr. Richard Yiu, and Mr. Johnnie Wong hosting 'Sports World'

My online teaching has gone through several stages under the pandemic. In order to teach music lessons through the Internet, I had to learn how to use communication software and an effective sound system. In addition, I needed to show videos as well. In the beginning I had to use shadowing from another computer, and the sound was being played from an external amplifier. Now it can be played more clearly with my computer and iPad.



Dr. Ken Cheng
Music Performance Coordinator



Ensuring the sound system is functioning in music lessons

In the physical classroom, conducting group discussions in lessons can be a challenge. On the contrary, it is straight-forward to implement speaking practice in online lessons. The students are simply given a code to join their allocated Google Meet groups. No password is required. They are then able to work in small groups to discuss the topic being covered in class. One of the discussion topics is “What are some of the interesting scientific discoveries from your life?” As the teacher, I can visit each of the groups and give advice, helping them with their discussion when necessary so that they are ready to share with the whole class later in the lesson.

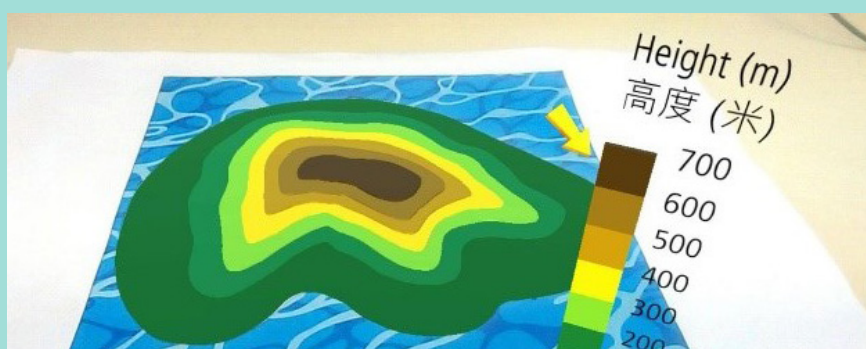
Mr. Mark Sullivan
English Language Teacher



More effective online discussion without noise and distractions

In Geography lessons, it could be difficult for the junior students to imagine 3D relief from 2D contours map. To enhance students' interest and motivation, I use '3D Relief AR' apps to help students visualize various 3D relief features represented by contour lines. Also, students can use it for their self-study.

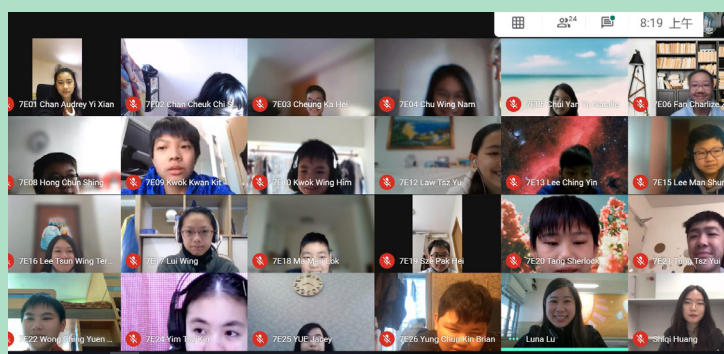
Ms. Elsa Yim
Geography and Liberal Studies Teacher



Using the camera to scan the 2D relief map

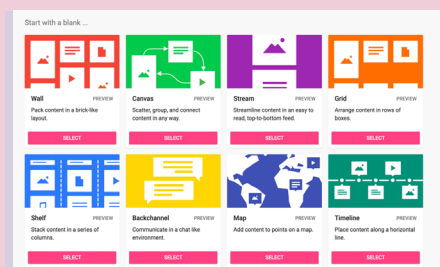
疫情期間，為了配合教學任務順利展開，中文老師們各抒己見，在討論之下採用了耳目一新的在線默書、閉眼默書之新形式，同學們都倍感新奇。同時，為了避免在線教學枯燥乏味、提高學生學習中文課程的動機，中文老師在教學設計上均增添了與課文背景有關的文學文化知識介紹、注重列舉現代漢語和古代漢語的語料來幫助豐富課程，讓學生享受優質的中文課堂。此外，我們也不遺餘力地鼓勵學生在課堂積極發言，注重師生間的友愛互動並確保每位同學都能全神貫注地參與課程，從而提高中文課堂的凝聚力。

陸靜老師
中文科老師



在線教學其實也可以充滿趣味

Padlet是一個雲端分享工具網站，學生不用下載軟件及開啟帳號便可以分享意見。它的概念是提供「壁佈板」的形式，讓學生可以寫文字、貼上圖片、網站、文件、錄音等，向其他人分享個人的看法。每一個「壁佈板」會有單獨的網址，只要開啟這個網址，學生的意見會在同一個畫面上呈現，讓學生可看見別人的意見，再補充個人的論點，令看法更加全面。



周文琳老師
中史科老師

Padlet各式各樣的背景

教師在網課時最怕學生不主動。為了避免這情況發生，我曾經在網課前要學生分組做簡報：在九年級一個說明文單元，我將全班分成幾組，要求每組運用說明手法，在網課中以簡報介紹一條街道，他們先以電郵發送簡報給我，我在堂上展示他們的成果，他們則負責即時講解，結果學生交的簡報內容都很豐富。



陳文俊老師
中文科老師

九年級生的中文簡報

Pre-G7 Admission Interview

Different from previous years, the Pre-G7 Admission Interview Day was held online on 16 January 2021. Google Meet was used to conduct the interviews and there were two parts: parent interview and student interview.

During the interviews, parents and students could understand more about our school such as our mission and vision. We were delighted to hear positive feedback from parents and students.

Mr. Ryan Cheng
Head of Admission Group



Mr. T. Y. Wong, Mr. Karl Yeung, and Ms. Jaclyn Fong having online interviews with students



Assistant Principal Mr. Albert Hong interviewing parents

Online Parents' Day

In response to the rising number of Covid-19 cases and EDB announcement, our Term One Parents' Day was held online on 12 December 2020. A soft copy of report card was sent to each student before the Parents' Day. During the scheduled timeslot, class teachers met parents via Google Meet or Whatsapp video call. Parents filled in survey forms on eClass as usual. Months of online learning and teaching has trained parents, teachers, and students alike to embrace the advent of the digital age.

Mr. Ryan Cheng
Head of Admission Group



Ms. Winnie Au and Dr. Daniel Wong gearing up for Parents' Day



Dr. Ken Cheng and Ms. Constance Lee meeting 7E parents online

Care & Warmth at GT



Our social workers calling students to show care and support



Janitors preparing hot drinks for students

Care is one of the major successful pillars of G.T. College. During the COVID-19 school suspension, our social workers, Ms. Nestle Hui and Ms. Yan Mok, called our students to show their care, trying to understand more about the daily life of our students.

Besides, thanks to our kind-hearted janitors, our students could enjoy warm drinks during the cold days while they were having face-to-face lessons at school.

Mr. David Chan
Head of Moral Education Group

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