

Dear Ida,

How are you doing these days?

I am sorry to hear that you are upset about some school and pet problems. Every day you are so busy. It is cruel for you to have tests on Chinese language, English language and Maths at lunch every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Moreover, you are afraid that you do not have enough money to feed your pets.

About your school problems, my suggestion is that you can revise everything every day. You will then do better at the tests. Always study at home and you can do the homework earlier. Finish your homework before you go to school.

And about your pet problem, my suggestion is that you can send the pets to your friends or you can ask your sister to share with you some money to feed your pets. Both of you are the pet owners.

These are my suggestions for you; I hope I can help you.

Best Wishes,

Yo Yo



A letter of complaint

4A Shiu Chung Yan

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Complaint about Tokyo Hotel

I am writing to complain about the Tokyo Hotel because of my unpleasant experience during my stay at Tokyo hotel for three nights. I was very disappointed with the visit.

I would like to start by saying about the bed sheet. When I went to bed, I found that there were stains on the bed sheet. That was really dirty. I could not accept it, so I did not use it. I think the hotel should wash the bed sheet every day. When I requested the housekeeping department to replace the bed sheet for me, no one replied my call.

My next complaint concerns the room service. When I wanted to order dinner, the staff replied me that no room service was provided. So I needed to go out for dinner. I think a good hotel should provide room service to satisfy customers' needs.

Another problem concerns the bed. When I slept in the bed in my room, I found that the bed was broken, and I rolled down onto the floor from the bed. As a result, my arm was hurt. Calling your staff for help, I was told to sleep on the floor for a night. I was really angry about that.



The last problem was the noisy corridor. At midnight, I heard some noises outside my room. At first, I thought that was only the visitors who talked and played noisily and they would stop it very soon. However, after one hour, the noises still did not stop. When I went out, I saw it was your staff who talked very loudly in the corridor. I felt annoyed about that. When I told them to stop making the noise, they just ignored me. I thought you should train your staff and tell them to be polite to the guests of the hotel.

I hope that you will take my advice seriously. I demand a written apology and full refund. If I do not receive a satisfactory refund, I will take further action on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong



Dangers of online Dating

4B Mok Lai Yan

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the dangers of online dating. Nowadays, most families have computers. Recently, there has been news about the dangers of online dating. For instance, a girl who was cheated money by her online boyfriend, so we should be aware of online dating.

The basic rule is: Protect yourself. First, I don't meet any Net friends, because you don't know his/ her character and background. For example, you don't know his or her personalities and intention and he/ she may want to cheat your money. Second, don't tell your Net friends your personal information, e.g. your I.D. card number, home address and mobile phone number. Maybe your Net friends will call someone to go to your home and steal your money if you have given out your personal information.

Moreover, don't lend money to your Net friends because you do not know whether they are reliable or not. They may not return money to you, it is a great loss.

So what other precautions should be taken with online dating. You should not talk with him/ her and you need to refuse to play MSN, ICQ or Face book. Don't put too much time on MSN, ICQ & Face book, because it is a waste of time. Instead of playing MSN, ICQ, do more exercise like jogging or swimming. It is good for your health. Besides, you can take up reading which can increase your knowledge.

I hope this letter can help teenagers be vigilant and careful about making Net friends, because online dating is very dangerous.

Yours faithfully,

Meko Mok





Write a letter to the Editor about the dangers of online dating

4C Ku Tsa Ha Gia

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about the dangers of online dating. Online dating is becoming more popular in Hong Kong. Many teenagers want to make friends on the Internet. It is dangerous for them. They need to beware of the online dating. I hope teenagers would be more careful and their parents would be more concerned about their children.

The basic rule is to protect yourself. If you chat with strangers, do not give your personal information to them. Do not believe everything that other people say.

So what other precautions should be taken with online dating? Teachers and parents can do something to help teenagers. They can go dating with teenagers. Parents can tell them to be more careful and educate teenagers how to protect themselves. They should not go out with people they know on the Internet. Parents can also meet their friends.

I hope this letter has given some more suggestions to teenagers about online dating and they will think twice before they go online dating.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong



The strengths of Hong Kong

4D Hung Tsz Cheuk

Dear Editor,

Recently, there have been a lot of letters to the editor complaining about Hong Kong. I would like to respond to the letters from the readers about the pros of Hong Kong.

I completely agree that the public transport system in Hong Kong is so efficient that we can go everywhere easily. Hong Kong International Airport is the biggest airport in Asia. We can visit other countries conveniently as we do not need to apply for a VISA to those places like, Japan, Thailand, Singapore and France. Moreover, since everywhere is connected with bus, taxis and MTR, we can go to our destinations comfortably and efficiently.

I totally agree that Hong Kong is a shoppers' paradise. While we are walking along streets in Hong Kong, we can see that there are many shopping malls and we can easily find brand-named stores, like Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Anna Sui and Christian Dior.



Besides this, there are also a lot of spacious shopping centres in Causeway Bay, Tsim Sha Tsui and Central, like Times Square, Landmark, Harbour City and the Elements.

I agree that Hong Kong is also an eaters' paradise. We can see that in Hong Kong, there are different kinds of mouthwatering local traditional food which attract many foreigners. We can find dim-sum in teahouse and pineapple bun and milk tea in Chinese restaurants. Furthermore, we can find fusion dishes in Soho which are becoming popular now. In addition, Mexican, Italian and Spanish food can also be found in Soho.

I hope this letter will remind the public that Hong Kong still has something good. Hong Kong has a highly efficient transport system and is still regarded as shoppers' and gourmet paradise.

Yours faithfully,

B. Chan



Summer Work Experience

4D Leung Virginia

Dear Pat,

Hi Pat! How are you? I worked at Teen Times magazine during the summer holiday. Let me tell you more about my experience.

At Teen Time magazine, I was an intern journalist. I was responsible for collecting information, interviewing someone and doing some researches. My boss asked me to do a project about fashion so I planned to interview a top model, collect the information and do a research about fashion.

It was hard for me to go around many clothes shops and collect the information about fashion this year. Since the weather was not good, I needed to walk around with a heavy bag. After having collected the information, I set a few questions about fashion. Then, I uploaded these questions on our company website. It was relatively an easier job.

I think the difficult job is interviewing the top model – Lisa. S. I prepared the questions in a short time so I was afraid that I could not do well. Luckily, Lisa. S. was kind. After that, I finished asking all the questions. I gave it to my team leader. And my boss helped me release the report. I was happy about this successful interview and experience.

This work experience is unforgettable. I feel successful and I must go now because it is time for dinner. Write back soon.

Best wishes,

Chris



Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to an article about the unhealthy lifestyle of Hong Kong students. According to the article, some problems about teenagers in Hong Kong are alarming. For example, overweight and ignorance of their health. I totally agree with the article and I would give some advice to teenagers to live healthily .

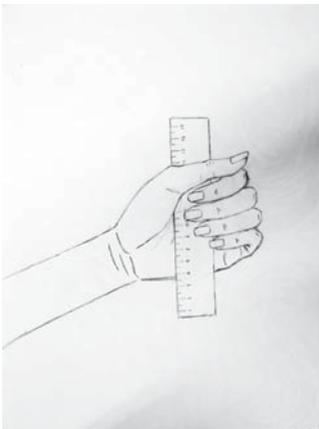
Let me talk about overweight problem first. In my opinion, teenage overweight is very common and unhealthy. Also, teenagers who eat too much or too little are not healthy either. According to a research conducted in the United States, most teenagers are overweight, and they have greater chances to have heart disease or other deadly diseases.

Next, let me share about the ignorance of teenagers. Most teenagers care about their appearance. They want to make themselves more beautiful and attractive. Some teenagers like putting on heavy make-up, but I think it is unnecessary to put on too much. In addition, it may also cost too much money.

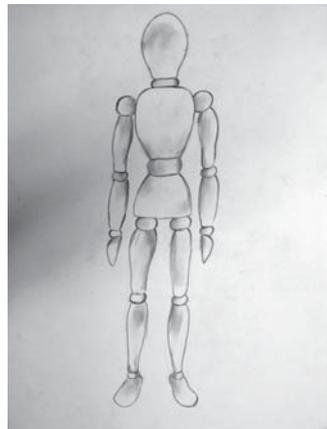
Concerning the problems of being overweight and ignorance, some teenagers may go on a diet and make themselves slimmer and eat little. Also, they may care too much about how others look at them. I think teenagers should not just sit on a chair playing the computer and watching TV. They should do more exercise and have a balanced diet so that they will not be overweight easily. From my point of view, teenagers must think more positively and be confident about themselves.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Smith



Picture: 2A Chung Chui Ying



Picture: 2A Pong Chee Tone

5A Lau Hiu Nam

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to complain about a staff member of the Ngong Ping 360 and the unfair practices there.

First, I purchased a pass for the Ngong Ping Cable Car that allows guests to visit on any day within a six-month period. I went to the Ngong Ping 360 last Friday which was the date of expiry for my entry pass. Your staff rejected me since it was the last date of the pass and the weather was bad. I asked a staff member to extend the period of the entry pass. It is the responsibility of Ngong Ping 360 management company to ensure places for visitors to use the pass given the time period. However, your staff did not let me visit the place again because of the windy day.

What's more is the attitude of the staff. He was arrogant and unhelpful. He should be ashamed because of his attitude. I recommend that you should organize further training for your staff.

I hope you will take necessary action. If not, you will have no more visitors.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong



Should people be allowed to keep dogs in public housing estates?

5C Leung Chi Ho

Dear Editor,

Nowadays, more and more people keep a pet. But some people keep a dog illegally because they live in public housing estates. They do not obey that law. In my opinion, residents should not be allowed to keep dogs in public housing estates.

The most serious point about keeping a dog is that it will affect other residents. It is because the dog may attack them. Also, if people are allowed to keep dogs in public housing estates, there will be dogs in the estate. When people walk their dogs, the dogs may fight against each other.

Then, there is the hygiene problem. This is because some dog owners will let their dogs foul public areas. Therefore, it is easy for diseases to spread. Also, it is smelly in the surrounding area. It is very disgusting when a neighbour sees or smells the urine. Dog owners should not be that selfish. They also need to think about other people.

If people can keep a dog in public housing estates, it will cause a hygiene problem and disturb their neighbors. A lot of people live in public housing estates, so we should keep public places clean. Therefore, dog ownership should be banned in public housing estates.

Yours faithfully,

Hugo Leung



Should people be allowed to keep dogs in public housing estates?

5C Lam Tsui Yi

Dear Editor,

I am writing about whether people should be allowed to keep dogs in public housing flats. According to the law, people are not allowed to keep a dog in their flat of public housing estates. There are some people who do not like dogs very much. They are afraid that the dog will make much noise. In my opinion, people should be allowed to keep dogs in public housing estates.

Dogs are humans' friends. Some people may live alone. Sometimes, they may feel very lonely. Dogs can accompany them and make them happier. People will not feel lonely if they keep a dog. Some dogs can be a doorkeeper to protect the house from burglars. It stops them from entering the house. Blind people also need a dog. They need the dog to help them cross the road. Dogs are very important for blind people. Some old people may live alone. They may not be able to do different things. Dogs can help the elderly to do different things and they can play with old people and make them happy.

Some people do not like dogs because they bark. However, if dogs are trained, they will not bark and they will not make any noise. Some people are afraid of dogs. But humans can put a leash on dogs. These dogs cannot hurt people.

In conclusion, people should be allowed to keep dogs in the public housing estates considering the practical help that a dog can offer to us.

Yours faithfully,

Lam Tsui Yi



Save Our Earth

6B Chan Lai Lok

Dear Editor,

Have you ever imagined that you cannot see the sunshine anymore, and the air pollution is so serious that you cannot see anything? How would you feel? Although some may think that is just a nightmare, if we do not take any action to protect the environment, the nightmare will come true one day. Therefore, starting from now, we must persuade students to raise their awareness of this issue and begin to save energy and recycle material at schools.

Firstly, schools should persuade students to learn more about saving energy by holding an Environmental Friendly Day. We may advise students not to turn on the air



conditioners and lights that day and use the fans and sunlight instead. To arouse students' interest in saving energy, we can also organise a competition to find out which class consumes the least energy. Before that day, we may ask students to bring their unwanted materials that can be recycled, such as bottles and newspapers and recycle them at school. During that day, each student can be motivated to protect the environment.

Secondly, it is quite important to remind students not to waste energy by posting some posters and holding a talk about this environmental issue. Nowadays, global warming is one of the most serious problems in the world. However, it is quite disappointing that just very few students are concerned about the consequences of global warming such as rising sea level. Therefore we can invite a speaker from Environmental Protection Department to give some data about pollution. The purpose is to give students some general ideas about the consequences of the pollution. Furthermore, we can search for some posters or articles on the Internet and in newspapers and post them at our school. After reading the messages, students can always refresh their memory and one day they will have a sense of saving energy and recycling materials at home, in schools and in public.

Lastly, teachers should monitor students' behaviour in protecting the environment. Although students' awareness of saving energy will be raised after the Environmental Friendly Day, some of them may still forget to do their work. For example, many students often forget to turn off the light. Therefore teachers should remind them. If teachers find any students who waste energy, they can advise these students. The teachers should try their best to monitor their students though they are busy. Therefore it is undoubtedly true that students need to co-operate with each other to save energy.

To conclude, the best solution to do more to protect the environment is to monitor students' behaviour. When students find that their peers are not doing well, they should advise or even punish them. Environmental protection benefits not only individuals, but also the whole society and the next generations. Better late than never, students should pay more attention to environmental issues from now on.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong



The environment in Hong Kong is getting more and more polluted. Business section is warning that they will not invest any more money in Hong Kong if the government does not put more effort into protecting the environment.

As the chairperson of the Environmental Protection Club at school, write a letter to the Editor of the *Young Post* to persuade students to do more to protect the environment. Suggest ways in which they can help save energy and recycle at school. Sign your letter 'Chris'.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my opinion about environmental protection. It is generally known that the environment has a profound influence on our lives and we always look forward to a day when we can enjoy a clean and quiet environment. Yet, the reality is that there is pollution around us. For instance, gas pollutants are emitted by vehicles or factories, and millions of plastic bags have been wasted. Every student needs put an end to these worsening pollution problems in our environment, it is high time for us to start saving energy and recycling at a nearby place – school.

For the past decade, air and land pollution have become serious in Hong Kong. It can be easily observed that visibility is getting worse than before. Despite the government's effort to improve the air quality, smoggy and stuffy air is still ubiquitous. The problem is that it is inevitable for us to breathe the particulate-laden air which continuously damages our respiratory system. Besides, the landfill areas in Hong Kong are going to be fully occupied. The fact is that landfills in Hong Kong are almost full and the problem is even worse after festivals. It is clear that there are not sufficient places for us to dump unnecessary rubbish anymore.

In view of the pathetic condition of the environment in Hong Kong, the major solution is the education of our offspring. The realization of protecting the environment is not something inborn, it has to be acquired. A clear understanding of our situation and being environmentally friendly are fundamental messages that the students need to be taught in order to raise their awareness of protecting the environment.

Firstly, saving energy at school can be an effective action to teach students. Generally, schools can set up a rule that everyone should kill the lights in order to train them to switch off the lights automatically when they are not in use. Apart from this, teachers can hold inter-class competitions about the frequency of not turning off any devices when leaving so as to encourage them to save energy by praising them. As students, we should prefer opening windows rather than using air-conditioners.

Besides, recycling is also a crucial solution to pollution. As there are tremendous amounts of documents that need to be printed every day, schools should encourage



double-sided printing. Moreover, teachers should take the lead regarding the packing. For example using fewer plastic bags and returning extra napkins when dining out. It might also be a good idea for students to classify the rubbish and throw it into the correct recycle bins so it can be treated in a proper way.

It is never too late to keep alert as the pollution in our environment is worsening. As students, we should do our part to save the environment before it is too late and let us take the initiative in being environmentally friendly at school in order to slow down the deteriorating trend of pollution.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong



6B Mak Tsz Man

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my points of view on how to persuade students to do more on environmental protection.

Can you tolerate the bad and nasty smell? The air pollution problem, in particular, has already drawn international attention. The toxic fumes are seemingly inescapable in Hong Kong.

Recently, the head of The Hong Kong Observatory Mr. Lam Chiu Ying said that, Hong Kong will not have winter in a few decades. Therefore, the problem about global warming is alarming. We cannot overlook this problem and do nothing to stop the negative consequences. We must take action to help save energy and recycle at school in order to raise students' awareness to this issue.

Although society is concerned about sustainable development, the awareness of environmental protection is still weak and inadequate. Hong Kong is still heavily polluted, the degree of land, water and air pollution is shocking.

Do you feel disgusted when you see the dumping site, which can easily be found in the New Territories? Why does the Air Pollution Index in Causeway Bay always break the record? Foreign investors said they were not willing to invest in Hong Kong. One of the reasons is that they can't breathe fresh air in Hong Kong. We need to improve the air quality.

Saving energy is one of the ways to reduce global warming and air pollution. Power stations in Hong Kong are the major sources of air pollution. The emanated gases include sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide. Also, vehicles, especially private cars are the main causes of the high roadside Air Pollution Index. We





can educate adolescents by adapting measures at school, so students and teachers can co-operate together to obtain the best effect. Schools should set up rules on turning on air-conditioners according to the temperature (i.e. 26°C or above) and the room temperature should be kept not lower than 25°C. Also, schools can set the sleep mode of the computers when they are idle for 5 minutes. After 10 minutes, the computers will be automatically shut down. Teachers can organise energy-saving competitions, as they act as role models in protecting the environment. Students will then follow them and this will become their habit. Thus, saving energy, starting from school, is the best way to educate students. Using compact fluorescent lightbulbs and energy-efficient electrical appliances can reduce the electricity consumption, too.

Recycling helps us utilize the valuable resources on the Earth. Nowadays, we always waste resources. Has your mobile phone been wasted? What about your music player? School policies can help save and recycle resources in school. For example, adopt double-sided printing, reuse the clean side of the paper, set up recycling bins or use recyclable lunch box. Teachers should also encourage students to recycle paper or plastic bottles. School can also organise recycling competitions to encourage to students to recycle materials. Recycling plays an important role in environmental protection, so setting up correct values and reducing consumption of products and recycling materials is very important.

Teachers can appoint some environmental protection ambassadors to remind students about the idea of saving energy and recycling. The ambassadors can organise some extra-curricular activities such as working with the Environmental Protection Department to arouse their awareness in protecting the environment. Recycling can be done in our everyday lives, students who have read this message can use it in the society

In conclusion, these measures and promotional campaigns can raise people's awareness on environmental protection. Also, students can learn from their teachers and pass the message to their family and even the whole community. Remember the 4R "reuse, recycle, reduce, replace" and energy saving. Our community will then benefit. The impact of environmental pollution and global warming will be lessened.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

Writing a letter

Your friend has emigrated to Canada with her parents, leaving her grandmother alone in Hong Kong. The old lady is often complaining to her grandchild that she is lonely, has nothing to do, is abandoned by her children and finds life empty. Write a letter to your friend's Grandma to console her on her situation.

Dear Grandmother,

How are you? I hope you are in good health. I am Checkie, your grandchild's friend. Recently, I heard from Lisa that you felt lonely and unhappy after her family has emigrated to Canada and you think that they abandoned you. However, they haven't forgotten you. They are worried about you so much, especially your son. Your son is concerned about your problem and thinks about what to do all the time. Now I have some ideas for you.

Actually, I really understand that after Lisa and your son left, no one will visit you regularly and celebrate special festivals with you any more, so you may think that your life has lost many interesting things. However, complaining all the time is not a good way to solve this problem because it may damage the relationship between your grandchild's family and you. You could handle the problem in a positive way and start a new life again.

I suggest that you could start to have a religious belief by joining some religious activities organized by the church. Some of my friends told me that if you have a religious belief, you will never feel lonely because of religious support. Besides, you can also make many new friends to build up your new social life. Therefore, joining activities organized by the church brings you lots of advantages.

Furthermore, you could develop your hobbies by attending different courses. For instance, computer learning is very popular for the elderly. You could use your computer knowledge learned from the course to communicate with your grandchild's family through the Internet. This method is more economical when compared with making phone calls because the latter one is really expensive.

Another suggestion is to do some charity work. Some victims of accidents will think about suicide when they know that they will be disabled for the rest of their lives. By sharing your life experiences, you can tell them not to give up theirs. What a meaningful work you will have when you can save their lives!

You could also visit some elderly centres. You would make many friends there and play some group games, such as mahjong, with them. Mahjong is healthy to activate one's brain, and prevent him/ her from degeneration. As a result, you will not be forgetful.



See how wonderful your life can be, so don't become too pessimistic. In fact, no matter where your grandchild's family lives, they care about you so much. Don't be unhappy any more. It would be lovely if you could try to follow my advice and maybe it can help you improve your life. Would it be possible if I visit you this Sunday? Take care and see you soon.

Yours,
Checkei



6B Kong Man Ho

Dear Grandmother,

I'm Anux, your grandson's friend. I was told by your grandson that his family was very worried and concerned about you. Being a friend of your grandson, I am eager to offer you some help.

First of all, you should try to be positive and make more new friends. As I know, there are many group activities or religious activities held by social community centres and churches. There you may make numerous friends who will support and care about you. Moreover, days will not be boring any more as you will be busy meeting people and participating in these activities until you feel exhausted.

Besides, I also suggest that you can be a volunteer. You can share your experience when you do charity work. It is important for you to know that everyone including you can contribute to our society. You are still invaluable.

Another route to a fruitful life is to take up hobbies. If you have none, why don't you take a course and learn something new? There are courses about singing, drawing, sport, and so on. Or you may simply enjoy watching movies and reading books. It is an adventure to discover such a new world.

Finally, family relations are essential for a happy life. Try to discuss everything peacefully. Having communication is a good start and your family members do care about you. Just phone them and have a little talk with them every day. That's a perfect way to ensure a harmonious relationship with your family.

As I know, your family also want to take you to Canada but you rejected this idea since you found difficulties in learning English. I understand you are extremely worried about the language barrier. I will recommend that you join a simple English course in a local social community centre. It provides lessons with simple daily English which can surely help you tackle the problem. Never say never! We should all learn now. So here is a great opportunity for you!

Yours,
Anux