

Picture : 3B Wong Jin Hin



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FILM REVIEWS : Harry Potter

1A Tsang Cho Kiu

My favourite film is Harry Potter. I like the part of the film where Harry and his friend Ron Weasley went to play wizard chess. Their friend Hermione didn't know how to play, so Harry and Ron taught her .

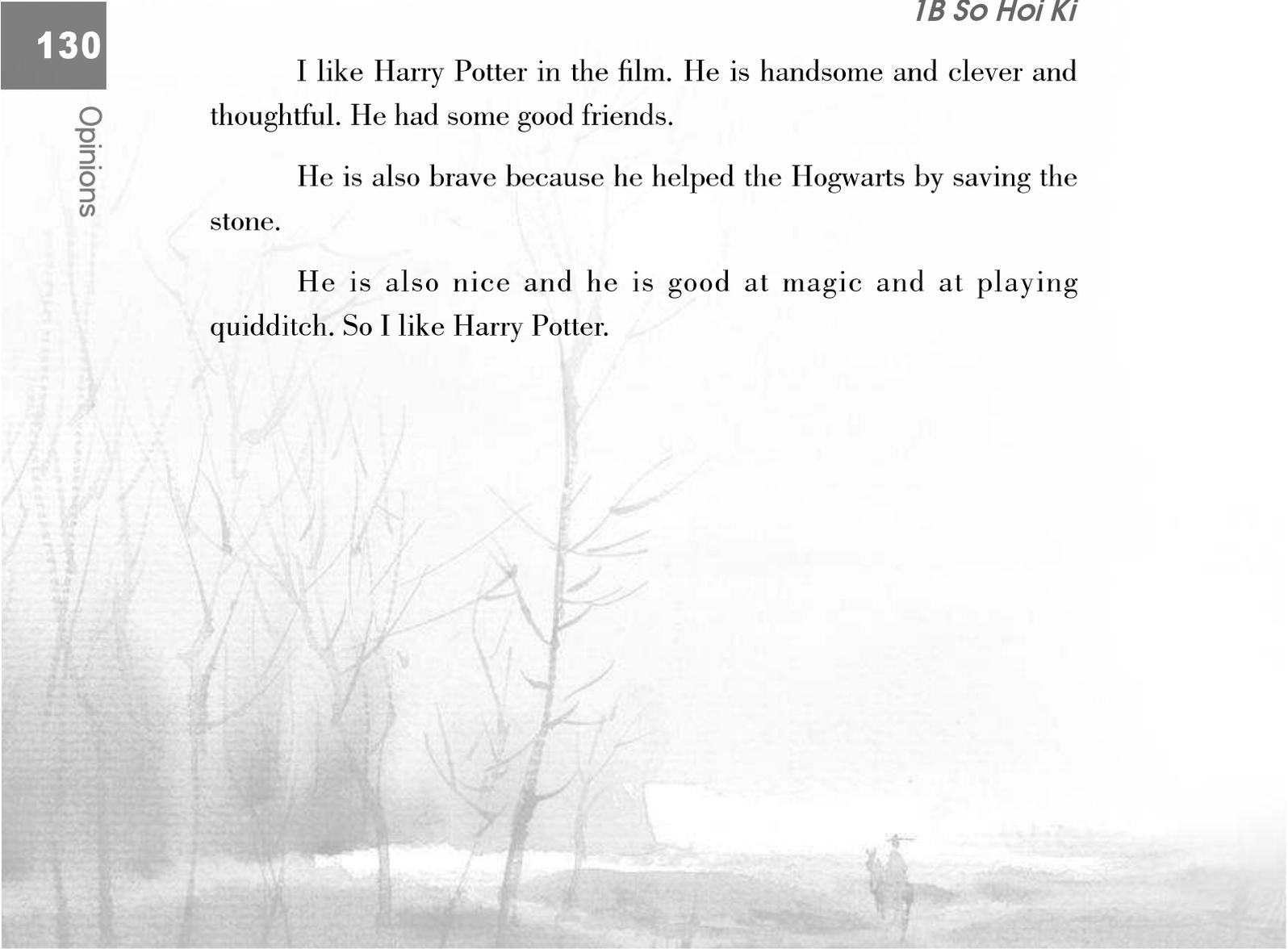
Then Ron Weasley wanted to give up so that Harry could get past the room. In this part I thought they were very brave, because at last Harry was able to almost kill Voldemort. So I thought they were both brave.

1B So Hoi Ki

I like Harry Potter in the film. He is handsome and clever and thoughtful. He had some good friends.

He is also brave because he helped the Hogwarts by saving the stone.

He is also nice and he is good at magic and at playing quidditch. So I like Harry Potter.



Letter to a Friend

1A Tse Wing Yuen

Dear Willis,

I am happy to write to you.

My name is Wayne. I am 12 years old. I study at Sun Fong Chung College in Tai Po. I go to school by school bus. My school's view is beautiful because it faces Tolo Harbour. I study thirteen subjects at school. My favourite subjects are Chinese History, Geography and Physical Education. I have a brother called Jason, who is still a Primary Four student. Do you have any brothers or sisters?

My mother is a civil servant of the government and my father is a secondary school teacher. What are your favourite hobbies? My favourite hobbies are swimming and reading books. My home is near Tai Mei Tuk, so I sometimes ride bicycles with my brother on weekends. I also like riding bicycles very much. What about you? I really want to know. Please write back soon!

Best regards,

Wayne



Picture : A Xylograph 1A Ho Wai Yiu

The Famous Person I like Most

1E So Wing Mei

I like Mother Teresa most. I think that she is a famous person. She was a beautiful woman. She was of medium height. I think she was an old woman. Mother Teresa has long hair. Her hair was grey. She wrapped a black cloth around her hair. I like her because she was generous. I think she was a good woman. She always helped people. I have learnt about her at my primary school. So I know her. I read about Mother Teresa in the book. I can learn from her because she was friendly and generous. I think she was wise, kind and generous. I will learn from her and always help people. I think she is famous because of her good character.

A Family Charter and Personal Letter

2A Nasha Ho

Dear Mum and Dad,

I would like to let you know some of my opinions. I know you love me. Even though sometimes I'm naughty, I can buy many things if I need them. But I feel sad at home all the time. And I don't talk too much with you because I know you are very strict. I can't change what you think about me.

Sometimes, you said I was very naughty because I was arguing with my family. I want you to listen to me but not another person. I repeated what I said many times but you didn't seem to understand what I said. So I am very angry.

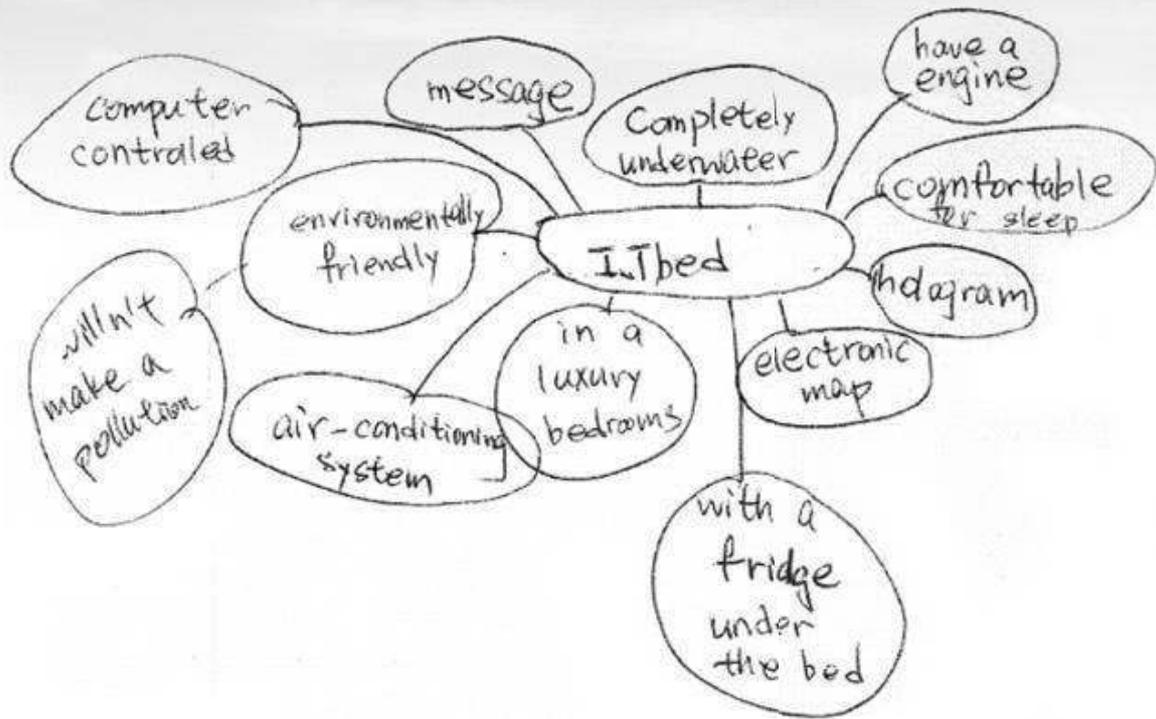
I told you I wanted to buy a new mobile phone. But you said "No!", I wanted to buy a new one because my existing one would probably break in a few months. So I told you I needed it.

I don't like you shouting all the day. And you talk too loudly. I can hear your voice, even after I've closed the door! I know you talk to my teachers sometimes when you come to my school. I don't want you to tell my teachers how I behave or act at home. And I want you to speak to me with a lower voice.

I hope we can live together happily.

Love,

Nasha



A New Invention

2A Chan Yin Fong

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Dear Smile,

Hello, how are you? I want to introduce to you a new invention made by me. It is an I.T bed. The I.T bed is in a luxurious bedroom, and the bedroom is completely underwater. So it is environmentally friendly, with a low pollution level. It also has an engine under the bed. So you can drive the bed anywhere.

The I.T bed is computer controlled, it can feel your feelings. If you feel hot, the I.T bed will turn on the air-conditioning system. If you feel tired, it will leave a message for you. So it is comfortable to sleep on. The I.T bed has a hologram of the world electronic map. So it is easy for you to drive the bed to anywhere in the world by yourself. It also has a fridge under the bed. So you can get drinks or food. It is good for travelling and for work. It is my new invention. Hope you will like it.

Best wishes,

Yvonne

A Recommended Residence

2C Yeung Pui Yu

I am an estate manger. Today, I recommend one residence to you. This newly-established residence is popular, many customers are very satisfied. There are many facilities in the residence, such as luxury bathrooms, a swimming pool, bedrooms and sitting rooms. The swimming pool is very good because you can dive into it, and have a bath. Sitting room has a three-dimensional picture, a 50” plasma television set, an exclusive sofa and so on.

Besides, if you buy what I recommend, we will give you a new completely functional car. This car’s model is ST 23. This car has so many functions, such as solar energy-driven, air pollution-free, and automated driving, then you can relax in the car. Also, you can park the car ahead of the house.

Moreover, there is a zoo near this residence. During your spare time, you can go there to see the animals. However, the animals are protected, so you can’t feed them. The ticket office is linked to your home, and you can immediately buy an admission ticket. We offer huge discounts for this residence. Act now!



Underwater Hotels

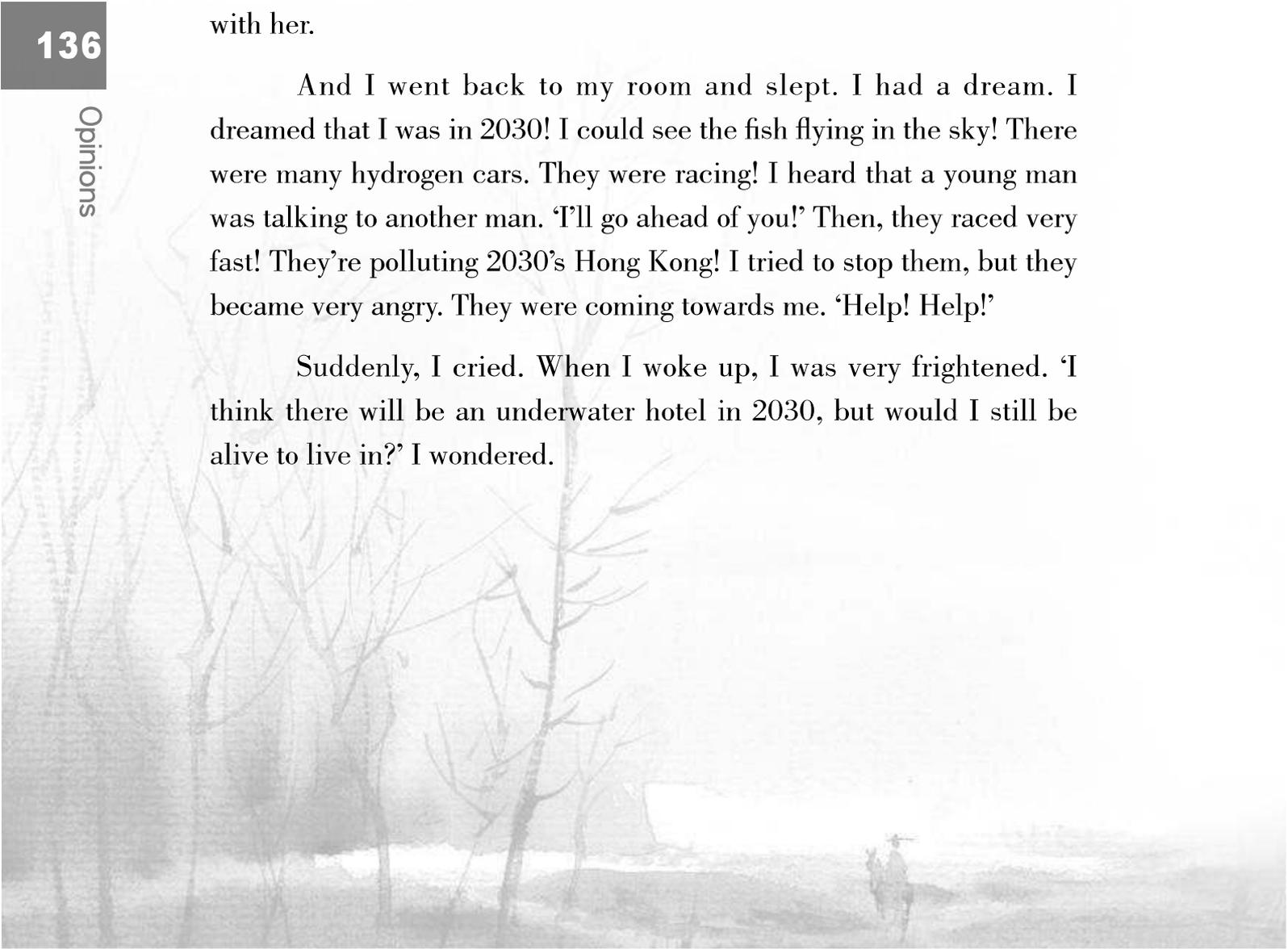
2C Tsang Wing Sum

One day, I thought about an underwater hotel. ‘Are there any underwater hotels in the world?’ I asked my mum. She laughed and said, ‘My dear, there are no underwater hotels in the world, but if you build one for me, I will be glad to live in!’ She laughed again and went back to the kitchen.

Then, I asked my sister the same question. She laughed, too. ‘There are no underwater hotels, but we will go to Hong Kong Hotel next week! There are many luxurious decorations! Let’s talk about it.’ But I just wanted to think about underwater hotels. So, I didn’t chat with her.

And I went back to my room and slept. I had a dream. I dreamed that I was in 2030! I could see the fish flying in the sky! There were many hydrogen cars. They were racing! I heard that a young man was talking to another man. ‘I’ll go ahead of you!’ Then, they raced very fast! They’re polluting 2030’s Hong Kong! I tried to stop them, but they became very angry. They were coming towards me. ‘Help! Help!’

Suddenly, I cried. When I woke up, I was very frightened. ‘I think there will be an underwater hotel in 2030, but would I still be alive to live in?’ I wondered.



Educational Exchange

2C Yeung Pui Yu

Nowadays, students have great pressure at schools in Hong Kong and they are busy with their homework. In order to reduce pressure and broaden our knowledge, we can take part in an educational exchange in Canada, America or other countries. If we go there, we can learn something, for example, English and other languages. We can also go to a zoo to see the wildlife including some rare animals. We can stay with host families a few kilometres from the city centre. There are so many skyscrapers in the U.S. If we go to the highest skyscraper, we can see a very beautiful and magnificent scenery around New York. The transport system of New York is very efficient because the pedestrian walks and roads are well-separated. The television broadcasting stations show the latest TV programmes.

Also, the students there behave very well. The schools there give awards and scholarships to outstanding students. Of course, the scholarships are not paid in Yuan, but in U.S. dollars. If you are interested in this educational exchange, you can ask your teachers now!

Healthy Life

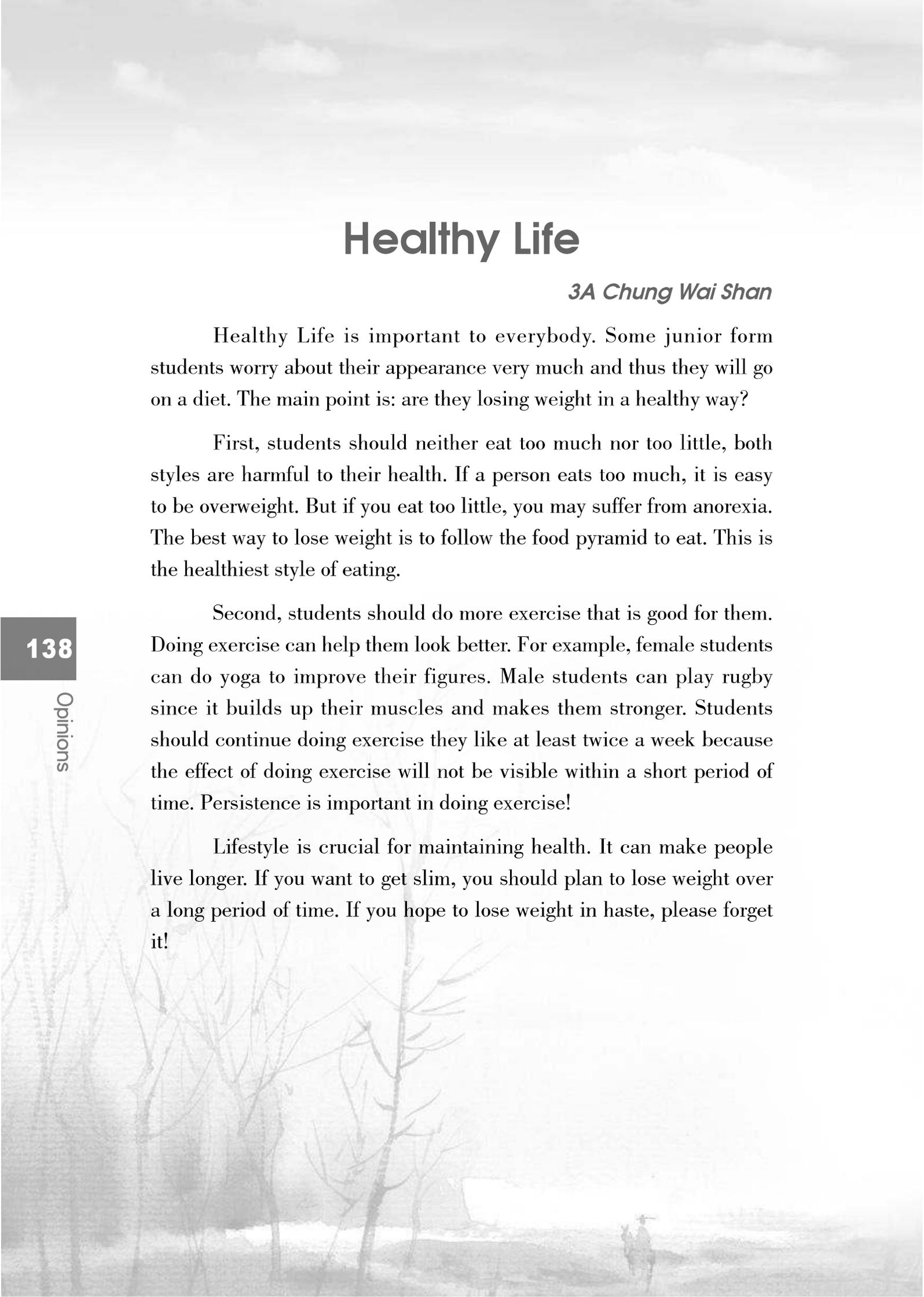
3A Chung Wai Shan

Healthy Life is important to everybody. Some junior form students worry about their appearance very much and thus they will go on a diet. The main point is: are they losing weight in a healthy way?

First, students should neither eat too much nor too little, both styles are harmful to their health. If a person eats too much, it is easy to be overweight. But if you eat too little, you may suffer from anorexia. The best way to lose weight is to follow the food pyramid to eat. This is the healthiest style of eating.

Second, students should do more exercise that is good for them. Doing exercise can help them look better. For example, female students can do yoga to improve their figures. Male students can play rugby since it builds up their muscles and makes them stronger. Students should continue doing exercise they like at least twice a week because the effect of doing exercise will not be visible within a short period of time. Persistence is important in doing exercise!

Lifestyle is crucial for maintaining health. It can make people live longer. If you want to get slim, you should plan to lose weight over a long period of time. If you hope to lose weight in haste, please forget it!



A Letter about Health and Life

3B Pat Lee

27th September, 05

Dear Chris,

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry to know that you are unhealthy. You get ill very often. You also have arguments with your parents. I am going to give you some advice on how to deal with your problems.

First, you get ill easily because of your unhealthy lifestyle. I think you can go to see the doctor and ask for his advice. You should develop a healthy lifestyle and keep to them. I think your health can get better.

Second, you seldom do any exercise. Perhaps I can give you a suggestion. You should do exercise for about 20 minutes a day. During your holidays, you can go cycling with your friends or parents. Doing more exercise can help you keep fit.

Third, your diet is bad. You should eat more healthy food, such as fruit. Do not eat too many sweets or drink too much Coke. This is important for your health. If you do not listen to me, you may have diabetes in the future. Please be careful.

Fourth, you should not stay up overnight. You should not play on-line games or chat on ICQ or MSN late at night. I know these games are exciting but you should not do these for the whole night. This is unhealthy.

Fifth, you do not do well at school. You should work harder and pay more attention in class. When you have questions with your homework, you should ask your teachers for help.

Try to follow my advice. I hope you will get better in the near future.

With Love,

Pat Lee

Disgusting experience at UA Cinema

4A Kwan Chi Hong

Imagine you went to UA Cinema last Saturday. You had a disgusting experience while you were there. Write a letter to the editor describing the events, your feeling and your expectation.)

6th January, 2006.

Dear Editors,

I am writing to tell you and your readers about the terrible experience I had recently when I went to watch movies with my friends at UA cinema in Shatin. I want to warn everyone not to go to this cinema until they improve their service. My friends and I were disappointed about the booking system, the attitude of their staff, the cleanliness, and the arrangements in the cinema.

I would like to start by saying that I was very disappointed with the booking system. The queue was very long and there was only one clerk selling tickets. She was on the phone at the same time. The other clerks nearby were not working but were chatting. Somebody jumped the queue but no staff stopped them.

Another thing that concerned me most was that people smoked in the cinema. There were people talking on the phone loudly. However, the staff didn't stop him! I felt shocked about it.

Finally, I would like to complain about the cleanliness of the toilets. When I was going to the toilet, I found there was foul smell. Not only were the toilets dirty, they also had broken mirrors. After going to the toilet, I went to wash my hands. But there wasn't any water!

I felt furious about these things. I hope the cinema can take this complaint very seriously and make improvements immediately. Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

B. Chan

Say 'No' to pollution

4A Poon Wing Sum

The pollution has become serious in Hong Kong in recent years. The environmental protection groups as well as the public are now concerned with this issue. It is time for us to look into the problem.

Air pollution, land pollution and also water pollution are the major pollution problems in Hong Kong. Prior to solving the problems, we must first understand the root causing the pollution. Most of the air pollution problems are caused by the exhaust gas emitted from vehicles, factories or even cigarettes. People are more likely to have lung disease, asthma, and allergy.

Land pollution is one of the problems that both the government and the public are concerned about. Too much rubbish is piling up in Hong Kong's three main landfills! The amount of garbage is so large that the areas will soon be filled up with rubbish. If the landfills are full, what can we do?

Water pollution cannot be neglected as water is very important for us. However, the situation is still alarming. The sewage from factories pollutes the water in Hong Kong and this affects the ecosystem in Hong Kong. The fish will be killed by these pollutants. People may also be poisoned after eating the affected fish.

As the pollution problems are getting serious nowadays, we, the Hong Kong citizens, are responsible for tackling them. We can hold activities such as speech and poster competitions, carnivals for students in order to educate them about the importance of environmental protection.

For the people who do not obey the law, the best way is to punish them through harsh penalties or imprisonment.

After all, if we want to keep Hong Kong clean, we have to do it on our own. We can travel by public transport instead of private cars, adopt waste separation, use environmentally friendly materials.

Don't you think it is essential to save our environment? If yes, don't hesitate. Let's work together and do something to save Hong Kong.

Promoting your radio station to teenagers

4A Wong Ying

6th November, 2005.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to make some suggestions for activities that would help publicise your radio station to young people in Hong Kong.

Firstly, you might make some promotional activities on TV programmes, on the Internet, and on some popular radio stations to promote the station to teenagers. Many teenagers often watch TV, play ICQ or MSN nowadays. This way, teenagers get to know the station easily. Also, you could advertise the radio station in the newspapers. People could know your station from the advertisement in the newspaper. If people think that your station would help their children, they would recommend your station to their children.

Secondly, you need to produce many interesting or eye-catching leaflets. Then you could distribute leaflets and free gifts near schools or places where many teenagers would like to go. When they get leaflets or free gifts from you, they would look at them and know that your radio station has been newly set up for them. Some teenagers may listen to the radio if they are interested in it.

Finally, you ought to organise DJ training, workshops or a competition. Some teenagers can get more experience of being a DJ. They could also understand how station works. After a DJ training workshop, you could choose several potential DJs to host some programmes. That would be fun.

These are my suggestions for your station. I hope that the advice is helpful for you.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong

A Terrible Experience in UA Cinema (Shatin)

4B Hung Lai Hung

Imagine you went to UA Cinema last Saturday. However, many bad things happened when you were there. Write a letter to the editor complaining the service. Sign your letter B. Chan.

6th January, 2006.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to draw readers' attention to the service of UA Cinema (Shatin). Last Saturday, I went to UA Cinema (Shatin) with my friend. However, I want to warn everyone not to go to this cinema until they improve their service.

Although the queue was very long, only one clerk was selling tickets. Some clerks were nearby but they were chatting. The clerk who was selling tickets was talking on the mobile phone at the same time. I felt very discontented.

Many people were smoking, though there was a sign of 'No Smoking'. It was very hot and stuffy. When the movie was shown, some audience didn't pay attention because they were talking on mobile phone. I felt very noisy and disturbed. I could not concentrate and I think I was too stupid to choose this cinema.

Another thing is when the movie finished, I went to the washrooms. The environment of the washrooms was very dirty. There were a lot of rubbish, like toilet paper, dirty water, broken doors and cockroaches. I felt very uncomfortable and upset because of the poor facilities!

Finally, I really had had enough and demanded to see the manager. Not only was he unwilling to listen to me, but he also became annoyed and rude, and he didn't believe me. I felt very disappointed about his attitude.

I hope the cinema could improve their service and the clerk could be more polite. Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

B. Chan

Regret for Hong Kong

4B Joe Kwok Ho Yin

Hong Kong develops quickly in a short time and transforms itself into an international city. It is regretful that pollution problems are getting serious day by day.

The most serious pollution in Hong Kong is air pollution. Although Hong Kong is a small city, there are many vehicles in this small area. They produce fumes and pollutants. Factories, electricity plants and power stations also produce fumes. They make the air dirty. Bad air quality makes citizens have lung diseases easily.

The origin of water pollution is dyeing factories. The sewage from the factories is toxic and will pollute the water. If water pollution is getting serious, there will be no beaches and no clean water in the future. It is a very big problem because many diseases may spread because of no clean water supply.

Noise pollution can cause hearing problem. Construction sites, traffic and planes are the causes of noise pollution. We should take care of our ears.

The government should work with the citizens. It should care more about pollution problems and educate the students. The government should also organize a talk and some competitions about pollution for the public to raise people's awareness of environmental protection.

Terrible Experience at UA Cinema (Shatin)

4B Leung ka Lai

You went to UA Cinema (Shatin) last Saturday. However, many bad things happened when you were there. Write a letter to the editor complaining the service. Sign your letter B. Chan.

6th January, 2006.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to draw readers' attention to the service of UA Cinema (Shatin). I visited the cinema last Saturday but had a terrible experience.

My first complaint was the box office clerks. When I arrived at the cinema, there was a long queue of people who were waiting to buy tickets. However, there was only one clerk selling tickets. But she was talking to her friend on her mobile phone at the same time while she was selling tickets. Although there were other clerks, they just ignored the problem. So people who were waiting needed to queue for a long time. I bought tickets after an hour. It was unpleasant.

Some people disturbed other audience in the cinema. While we were watching the movie, someone was talking on the mobile phone loudly, and some smoked in the cinema although there was a sign of 'No Smoking'. The smokers polluted the air in the cinema. The environment was very noisy and other audience could not enjoy the movie. I felt angry and upset because they made me feel uncomfortable.

Lastly, I want to complain about the environment of the washroom in the cinema. When I went to the washroom, I found the environment was very dirty. For example, the door was broken. Rubbish, toilet paper and water were on the floor. When I saw that, I didn't want to go to that washroom anymore. I wanted to vomit.

I hope the clerks and the audience could behave themselves and be more professional. Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

B. Chan

The good things about living in H.K.

4C Wong Kam Man

19th December, 2005.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opinions about the things I like most about living in Hong Kong. Recently, there have been a lot of letters to the editor complaining about Hong Kong. However, I disagree. In my opinion, Hong Kong is an international city with a lot of good things, especially excellent weather, easy transport and remarkable shopping.

The best thing about living in Hong Kong is the excellent weather. There is no snow, no tornado, no earthquake, no tsunami, and no volcano eruption. In winter, the temperature is not too low, so we can enjoy a moderate climate. In summer, the temperature is less than 40°C, one can go to the beach swimming and enjoy cold food.

Another thing I like most about living in Hong Kong is the easy transport. There are a lot of transport means, like buses, taxis, trains, minibuses and ferries. The transport network allows you to go anywhere easily.

Finally, what I like most about living in Hong Kong is shopping. There are many shopping malls and plazas, like New Town Plaza, Langham Place and Festival Walk, where a lot of brand-name products are sold and many types of clothes, shoes are available. Hong Kong is a shoppers' paradise.

I hope you will like living in Hong Kong. May I ask the public to appreciate Hong Kong more? The weather, transport and shopping are really great in Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,

B. Chan

Should the site of the Central Police Quarters be preserved?

4D Chan Ying Chi

Recently, the government discussed about the police quarters in the Central site, which contains the last remnants of Sun Yat-San's school. Some activists and the nearby residents demand the land to be preserved. The immediate question that comes to my mind is whether we should preserve the Central Police Quarters.

On the residents and activists' side, it is undoubtedly obvious that the site of the Central Police Quarters should be preserved. In fact, it is a historic site that was built in 1950, although people have stopped using the quarters since 1997. Roger Ho Yan-Sheng, a nearby resident, said that one of the photos we have of a wall inside the Quarters is from the government record office. The residents' group also has photos of the Central College in 1889 which show the wall on the site. It should be a historical wall to be preserved. The site is full of heritage and historical buildings and it is right to conserve our heritage.

Of course, if this historical building is demolished and replaced with flats, we can have modernized skyscrapers. However, we will lose an important heritage representation. Every year, Hong Kong attracts a lot of tourists and having some historical monuments will surely be good for the tourist industry. So, we must preserve the valuable Central Police Quarters.

On the government side, they may want to demolish the quarters for economic reason as the land in the Central area is so precious and selling it to developers can certainly bring significant income to the government. Moreover, the land can give another big chance of conveying benefits to giant land developers as we all know that the government is not elected by the majority and it always has a bias in favour of the rich. In fact, redevelopment is a short-sighted decision and our senior government officers are so well-off, it is absolutely not necessary for them to prepare for the future work after retirement.

In conclusion, the government should launch some public debates to settle the doubt of the community.

Saving the Environment

4D Lee Ngo Nam

Pollution is a serious problem in Hong Kong. Air pollution, environment pollution and noise pollution are the major problems in Hong Kong. To tackle them, we should raise our awareness of environmental protection for saving the environment.

Firstly, we should improve the cleanliness in Hong Kong. Environmental pollution is a serious problem in Hong Kong. A lot of people always litter and make a lot of rubbish. They don't take the responsibility to protect the environment. So we should be more environmentally-conscious. To enhance the cleanliness in Hong Kong, we can use more separated bins, recycle the materials, and use less plastic bags or some paper products.

Secondly, air pollution is also a serious problem in Hong Kong. Cars, factories, air-conditioners make a lot of pollutants like suspended particles and carbon monoxide, they make air pollution more and more serious. So we should educate people to use less air-conditioning and use some good quality fuel to reduce the amount of pollutants. We should also persuade them not to smoke, because smoking can as well affect the air quality.

So, there is no doubt that we should protect the environment. But how? To answer this question, the Environmental Protection Club will hold an Environmental Protection Week to educate students to protect the environment.

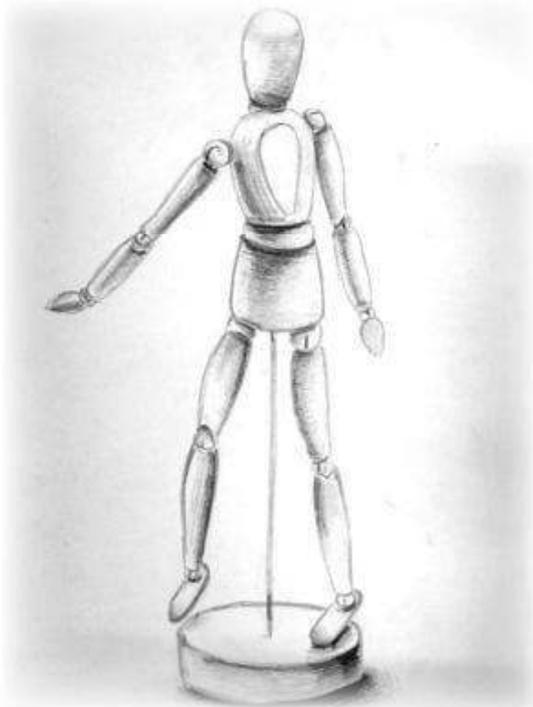
In the Environmental Protection Week, we will have a talk about how to protect the environment. We'll invite an expert to teach us. After the talk, we will have a carnival in our school. It will have a lot of games, which are about how to protect the environment. Students can use the knowledge of the talk to help them play the games and win

prizes! In this week, our school library will also show some books and VCDs which are about the environment. Students can borrow them. And we will hold a “Used good exchange” campaign. We are asking them to bring some used goods to school, and give them to people in need. It’s a charity in co-operation between our school and a charity group.

After hearing about the activities, aren’t they suitable for you? To save the Earth, let’s join the activities and learn more about the environment.

Are you ready for the Environmental Protection Week?

Chris Wong
Chairperson
Environmental Protection Club



Picture : Human Model

3C Lau Hiu Nam

Smoking should be banned in all public places

4D Pang Wai Yin

5th January, 06.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern on whether smoking should be banned in all public places. Recently, the government is considering exempting entertainment venues such as night clubs and mahjong parlours from a territory wide smoking ban that will be imposed on eateries and bars. I completely disagree with this idea.

Firstly, the government said that they have to ban smoking in all public places, so I think if some places are exempted, it will create a big problem. If we have some places letting people smoke, we still have the risks of second-hand smoke and getting sick. This is not fair to the employees who work in those exceptional areas.

Moreover, many people die due to second-hand smoke every year. About one thousand and six hundred people have died due to this problem in the past. It is a pity that the government does not do anything immediately to stop passive smoking.

Thirdly, in my opinion, smoking is not important nor necessary. Although many people smoke in Hong Kong, I think a person can quit smoking if he / she has perseverance. And the smokers can't ignore other people's feelings. It is very unbearable to have someone smoking nearby. The effect after inhaling second-hand smoke is the same as a smoker smoking; they may get lung cancer. So it is very important to ban smoking.

I hope this letter will encourage people to take a serious consideration of smoking and their personal health. It is a matter of the government to do something or not. It is not worth sacrificing the public's health. I believe smoking should be banned in all public places.

Yours faithfully,

Vivian Pang