

Budding Writers Vol.1



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Introducing myself

My name is Leung Hiu Tung. My other name is Nicole. I am twelve years old. My birthday is on 2nd January, 2002. I study in HHCKLA Buddhist Leung Chik Wai College. I am in Class 1D. I live in Tuen Mun. My father is a driver and my mother is a housewife. We usually play football at weekend.

I love my family very much. I am tall and fat. I am 158 cm tall and weigh 78 kg. I have short and black hair.

I like to share my snacks with my friends, and my friends said that I am generous. I am always cheerful, and my classmates think I am nice. I sometimes help my parents to do housework. My interests are singing, listening to music and playing computer games because those can make me feel relaxed. I usually do them in my free time.

In my school, I have met some new friends. I am a student of Class 1D. There are thirty students in my class. My friend, Gloria Yeung, is tall. She has shoulder-length hair so she ties it in a ponytail. She wears a pair of glasses. She is slim. Everyone thinks she is healthy.

I have a dream. I hope I can be a singer in the future.



[2]Tsang Tsz Kit (1B)

My sharing of joining the study tour

I enjoyed this trip very much. I made a lot of new friends. Everyone around me treated me well. Although sometimes the lessons were boring, I enjoyed them. The activities were interesting and I like going to the Brighton Marina most because we played bowling there. The activities were fun. Some activities such as going to the Devils Dyke and the Seven Sisters were similar to P.E. lessons. The Brighton quiz enabled me to practice my English and trained me to be confident enough to talk to strangers. I enjoyed this trip very much because of one person, Joel, the activity leader. He talked to us and told jokes all the time. He brought fun to us and improved our English.



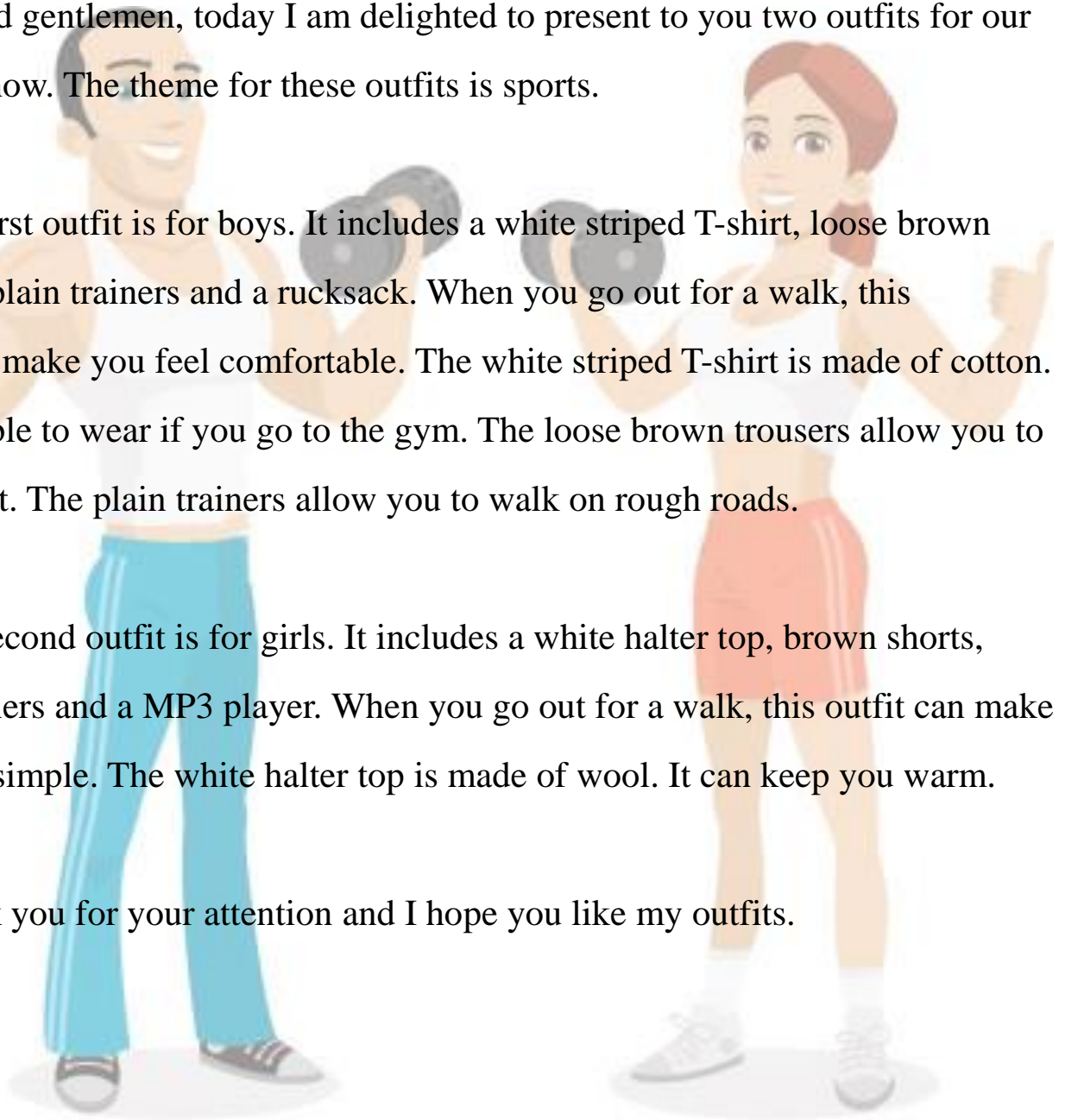
Outfits for sports

Ladies and gentlemen, today I am delighted to present to you two outfits for our fashion show. The theme for these outfits is sports.

The first outfit is for boys. It includes a white striped T-shirt, loose brown trousers, plain trainers and a rucksack. When you go out for a walk, this outfit can make you feel comfortable. The white striped T-shirt is made of cotton. It is suitable to wear if you go to the gym. The loose brown trousers allow you to look smart. The plain trainers allow you to walk on rough roads.

The second outfit is for girls. It includes a white halter top, brown shorts, plain trainers and a MP3 player. When you go out for a walk, this outfit can make you look simple. The white halter top is made of wool. It can keep you warm.

Thank you for your attention and I hope you like my outfits.



[4]Lee Tat San (3C)

Should wild animals be kept in zoo?

To a large extent, I support keeping wild animals in zoo. There are two reasons.

First, it is educational. Most of the students pretty much don't know about pandas or some rare animals. If we keep them in zoo, more people will know about them.

Second, the zoo will protect them from danger, like getting killed by other animals or starving to death. They will get unlimited source of food. It is better for the animals.

Yet, the wild animals have to leave their family in order to live in zoo and can no longer live in the wild suddenly. Not only will they feel lonely, but also strange. In view of this, we should think twice before keeping them in zoo.

In conclusion, it is vital for us to protect and love all the wild animals. We shouldn't hurt them or destroy their habitats.



The thirty-hour fast



In my last summer holiday, I participated in a meaningful fund-raising event. It was a thirty-hour fast. The main theme of this event was to raise money for World Vision to help those hungry children in developing countries and raise our awareness of famine.

I saw the poster in the community center which said “No more hunger, join us and fast for the hungry children in your summer holiday...” I jotted down the venue and date of the fasting to help children. I eventually decided to join the event.

The event was held at the park near the community center. There were more than sixty students. Before the fasting began, there was a short introduction. The social workers told us about the hunger in those developing countries and showed us some photos of the children in Africa. Many of us cried, including myself because the children in the photos were really skinny. My heart was broken when I saw them. I hope I can do something for them.

After that, we started the fasting. The photos of the African children were still in my mind. Besides, I did not think fasting for thirty hours was difficult. The thirty hours were not long at all.

After this charity event, I learn not to waste any food. I am planning to donate some of my pocket money to World Vision every month. I really hope to help those children. I will also encourage more friends and family members to take part in this kind of charity events in future.

The three little pigs

There were three little pigs who lived with their mother.

One Sunday, they wanted to build houses. Mother Pig warned the little pigs that Big Bad Wolf might come and eat them, so they should build good houses. Then the three little pigs went to the forest to collect wood, straws and bricks for their houses.

The first little pig built a house with straws. Suddenly, Big Bad Wolf came. He said, 'Oh, little pig. I'll huff and I'll puff until I blow your house down.' The first little pig's house collapsed.

Then, the wolf went to the second little pig's house. The second little pig built a house with sticks. The wolf said, 'Oh, little pig. I'll get you like I got to your brother.' The second pig's house was down too.

Finally, the two pigs went to the last pig's house. The third little pig built a house with bricks. The wolf said, 'I'm huffing and puffing, but I can't blow it down.' Big Bad Wolf could not blow down the house. The third pig said, 'No worries, guys. My house is so sturdy that he'll never get in!'

The three little pigs were safe and lived happily ever forever.

[7]Lee Cheuk Yin (3B)

A visit to Ocean Park

Dear Jane,

How are you? Today all the Form 2 students went to Ocean Park. We went to four places. It was very exciting.

First, we went to the Panda Village. We saw the pandas and red pandas. The red pandas were very cute. One of them had whiskers, small eyes, a small mouth and brown skin. He was like a fox but he was brown.



Second, we went to the North Pole Encounter. We saw the polar bears. They had small eyes, a big body and sharp teeth. It was very cold there. When you go there, make sure you have enough clothes.

Then, we went to Jellyfish Spectacular. The jellyfish were wonderful. They had a lot of tentacles and were very special.

In the end, we took the cable car and left Ocean Park. It was an unforgettable trip.

Chris

A poor man

Yesterday, Sarah went to a supermarket near her house. She needed to buy some snacks for the party.

When Sarah was walking around the supermarket and tried to find the snacks aisle, she saw a man looking around suspiciously and put some tins of food into his bag. She knew that the man was shoplifting.

“Hey, there is a camera here. What you have done has already been videotaped by the CCTV.” Sarah walked towards the man and told him.

“Oh, please don’t tell the staff here. I have reasons to do this.” The man cried. “Okay, please tell me why you need to do this?” Sarah answered.

The man then introduced himself to Sarah. His name is Tommy. Tommy said that he has two daughters and his wife doesn’t have any job. All his salary has used to pay for the food, his house and the school fees.

Unfortunately, Tommy was fired by his boss last week. He didn’t have any money to buy food for the girls so he planned to steal some food and feed his daughter.

Sarah felt sorry for Tommy after listening to his story. Sarah decided to pay for the food and gave it to Tommy. Tommy felt grateful that Sarah could help him.

Also, Sarah recommended Tommy to her Dad's company, and Tommy finally got a job.

Tommy promised Sarah that he would never steal anything again and he will work hard so that his boss will not fire him easily.

[9]Ip Lai Lin (6A)

Gym—A must at school



Nowadays, obesity has become a common phenomenon in our community with rising temptation from fast food, junk food and snacks. This phenomenon is especially serious at school since the obesity rate has risen from 5% in 2000 to 12% in our school. Isn't it high time we build a new gym in school during the summer renovation to stop the problem from deteriorating for the sake of our students' health?

The justification to support the principal's proposal is manifold. The first springing to mind is that the new gym can provide much convenience for students to do sports. Most of our students concern about their results in the public examinations so they would rather spend all their time in books than squeeze a moment on leisure exercises. Alongside, another excuse for not exercising is that they find it inconvenient to go to sports centers to play badminton or basketball. With the establishment of the gym, students can spend their time to do sports for around an hour each day after school without any disturbance to their studies. In the long run, students can lose weight in a safer way with their fat and calories burnt daily rather than take in drugs to build a better body shape.

Another factor we often overlook is that a gym can encourage students to do sports on their own. If a student goes to government-based centers, it will cost him or her \$20 each time to use the cycling machine, let alone other private gym centers which may add the cost up to \$100. The high exercise fee is a barrier obstructing students to do exercise in their free time. If our school's new gym room is totally free for students, they will no longer worry about the costs but do sports voluntarily in our well-equipped gym. After renovation, with our school becoming more accessible to sports, our students will not only exercise during PE lessons, but also have great initiative to keep fit through treadmill anytime after school.

Undoubtedly, the library is part and parcel for students, especially for those highflyers to get enough past paper resources to equip themselves well for the upcoming public examinations. With a new library, the reading and studying environment will be improved and more books can be stored for students to widen their horizons to a greater extent. Accordingly, some students and parents hope to build a new library during the summer renovation to strengthen the studying atmosphere at school.

Nevertheless, students may raise a question: Is school life all about study?

We can firmly say “No” since putting over-emphasis on study can add mental burden to students. There was a school suicide case in China last year. A boy suddenly jumped out the window during lesson and was eventually found dead because he could no longer endure the pressure of schoolwork. The sad news tells us how serious the consequence can be if we have no measures to balance the study pressure.

With this in mind, it is a must for our school to build a new gym since exercise is the most efficient and tenable way to relieve students’ pressure. Exercising in the gym is a way for students to relax themselves. Through sweating, the stress and unhappiness from studies can be released and they will feel like a new person in the end. There is scientific evidence that during exercise, a happy hormone will release so students will feel much more pleasant eventually. According to the definition of health from WHO, mental well-being is a key element as well. If we want our students to study effectively, a new gym room should be built to give them a healthier school life.

New gym is the essential part to improve students’ health since it brings students convenience to exercise. It encourages students to do sports voluntarily and it balances their lives in studies and exercise. A new library can only be the second choice.

A letter to the Student Union

Dear members of the Student Union,

Something comes to my notice is that student union is collecting green ideas.

First of all, recycling is one of the critical elements of protecting the environment. As long as we put the waste, such as cans and glasses to recycling bins, we can reduce the amount of rubbish that goes to the landfill. Also, if the companies do not need to use a lot of new materials, it can prevent the environment from being polluted.

Secondly, we should switch off the electronic devices if not needed. When we leave the room, it helps reduce the consumption of electricity and the power station and decrease the amount of pollution released. By doing so, we can protect the Earth from further damaging because of global warming.

Finally, water is another important resource for all of us. We should prevent water dripping. As long as everyone plays a part in protecting the environment, the ecology and the environment will be better than ever. Also, we should not waste water in playing games. The cost of wasting water is high and the water resources may use up faster.

In order to create a more environmentally friendly school, the above three measures should be practiced. Yet, the most important thing we should do is education. By so doing, we can remind schoolmates the importance of maintaining an eco-friendly environment. If they recognize the advantages of being environmentally-friendly, schools may carry out the measures more easily. Everyone may take a lead to save the energy.

I hope my advice is feasible and will be accepted. Should you have any queries about the above matters, don't hesitate to write a reply to my email.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Wong

Picture Story



“Where should we go?” said, David.

“Let’s go to the garden planet,” Joey said.

“Yes, good idea. I want to go to get some fire flowers. Those can cook with the meat of the space!” David said.

“Oh, meat of the space. I don’t know why you love to eat it. It is sticky,” Joey looked very scared.

“But it is yummy!” David said happily.

They looked outside of the window.

“Wow, it is the green planet! It is my favorite planet!” said Joey.

“Hey look at the planet under the green planet!” David said.

“Oh, my god! It is the ‘end planet’! My mum said that if you stayed at the planet for more than one minute, you will die!” Joey said scarily.

“It is a horrible planet” David said.

They drove out of space A

“We are in space B now,” said David.

“We should be careful now. Other spaceship will attack us!” Joey was scared.

“Just calm down. I will run away.”

“Umm, David, don’t’ you see some black smoke coming out from the control panel?”

They went silent.

“Hey, wait! What are you saying?” David said.

Joey pointed at the control panel where the smoke came out.

“It looked like we have a bad problem,” said David sadly.

“I have checked the main control. It is fine, no problem.” Joey said loudly.

“Wow, it is very strange. The maps show that a spaceship is on top of us, but I see nothing.” David looked scared.

“A ghost ship?” Joey looked very excited.

“I don’t think it is a ghost ship. Maybe the ship has switched on the invisible mode.” David said.

“But downloading the invisible mode costs a lot of time and money. They are rich!” said Joey.

They laughed loudly, but they didn’t know they were marked by an alien ship.

“What stupid humans! They don’t seem to know what we are, right, eaitealta?” said the the captain elaleatevit.

“What do you want to do with the human? They look useless, elaleatevit.” said the general eaitealta.

“Oh, do you think they are useless? I don’t think so. Maybe we can control them and take them back to space, so that we can know if the Earth is a planet good for us.” Elaleatevit laughed loudly.

“Okay, captain, should we go now?” said eaitealta.

“You go. I stay here,” said elaleatevit.

A green light lit the spaceship. David and Joey looked frightened.

“What, what, what is that light?” said David.

“Wow, it is strange! I had a bad feeling about this,” said Joey.

Eaitealta is coming into the spaceship in the green light.

“Hello, human, my name is eaitealta! Nice to meet you two!” eaitealta smiled happily.

“My boss, elaleatevit wants to invite you two to our spaceship. Look like you two have a big problem!” eaitealta asked them.

“Okay! Let’s go!” David said happily.

“How about you, Girl?” asked eaitealta.

“Okay, let’s go” Joey said.

“Hey, David.” Joey whispered.

“What?” David whispered.

“It’s strange!” Joey whispered.

“I think it is a trap!” Joey said.

“Maybe they are good!” David whispered.

“I don’t think so, look at eaitealta. Green body. Small feet. Scissor hands. Pointy head. It is bad-looking,” said Joey.

“So, should we run away?” said David.

“I don’t think we can run away from them now. Just hope they are good people,” Joey said.

“Welcome, human. I am the captain of this ship. My name is elaleatevit,” said the captain.

Suddenly, two aliens came into the room. They used some weapons to make Joey and David fell asleep.

In the end, David and Joey became slaves for the aliens. They found that the Earth is a good place. The aliens killed all the human and lived in the Earth. David and Joey became aliens too.



Donations

Suggestions of spending donations

I believe that the donation can help us to improve the school's technological equipment. Our equipment such as computers, screen and projectors has been used for a long time so this is a great moment for us to improve and update our technological equipment. Technological product is very expensive and the donation can cover the cost of buying the equipment. We can buy different types of technological equipment which is more effective, useful and convenient.

How students can benefit from the improvement

Nowadays, technology is indispensable in our life. Therefore, if we buy more equipment, the students will enhance their IT skills. Since IT skills are very important nowadays, it will be good for them in the future. Also, students can do their homework more effectively. If there is something they want to find out, they can look up answers on the Internet.

How school should thank the donor

It is believed that not all people will share what they have with others. Therefore, in order to express our gratitude to the donor, we can set up a room and use his name so every student can remember the person who is very important for our school.

My school hero

My school hero is the president of the School Union. She is really kind and helpful. She is short, with about 155 cm in height. She has big eyes and a small mouth. She is a beautiful girl. All students in our school like her.



When I was a F.3 student, I always thought I has already grown up so I always did not listen to the teachers. Also, I am always late for school or sometimes, I did not go to school. My parents talked to me many times but I just did not listen to them. Day by day, my parents gave me up. They did not talk to me anymore. One day, my hero came to my classroom to find me. I was very surprised that she knew me. After she found me, my life changed. At first, I was a naughty girl and did not like study. But now I am a gentle girl and I am in the elite class. I am very thankful to her.

She is special. I have never seen anyone more helpful than her. She will use all the ways to help me when I am in trouble. Also, she always does charity work and she works really hard for our school. She fights for the interests of the school

mates. She is my school hero. She is the best president of the School Union. She is a kind and helpful person. Also, she works really hard for the school. I hope you will agree with me.

School heroes

My school heroes are the janitors. I like them very much. They are just like my family!

The janitors of my school are very nice, kind and generous. I remember once I forgot to take tissue to the toilet, one janitor gave me the tissue and told me to remember to take it next time. They have a beautiful smile and a generous face. Some are thin and some are fat. But there is one thing in common. They all have a kind heart.

Why do I choose janitors as my school heroes? You must think that I am just kidding. Although teachers and friends are important to me, will they clean our school every day? Will they help us take all the rubbish to the rubbish bins? Just janitors will do. They are the best! They help us to clean the school every day and they will not say anything!

Lastly, I want to thank all the janitors. Because of them, our school is clean every day. If we have not been with them, our school would have been dirty and bad. Then no one would want to study in this study and the environment would be very bad too! They are so important! Thank you janitors, my school heroes.



My school heroes



Since the school year began, I have met a senior form student whose name is Isaac. He is the nicest guy I have ever met.

Isaac looks ordinary. He has big eyes and dimples, which make him look adorable but sometimes he looks serious and stern. He dresses smartly in the uniform especially with the glasses.

Although Isaac looks ordinary, he is a special person for me. He is as shiny as a star in my eyes. On the second day of September, I brought about three thousand dollars for the school fee. However, I left my wallet in the canteen after having breakfast. When I was about to be punished by my class teacher since I did not have any money to pay for the school fee, a tall boy came into our classroom with a student card inside my wallet. He gave me back my wallet with three thousand dollars. As a result, I had not lost any money and had paid for the school fee in time. I was really grateful for his help.

Honesty is one of his virtues. Although he comes from an underprivileged family and he did not have enough money to pay for his school fees, he had not taken my money.

Isaac is a person of great virtue. He is my hero at school because of his great virtue. I respect him as much as my teachers. I hope that everyone in the world can be a great person like him and help other people when they are in need.

A trip to Hong Kong

Hi, Celeste Lily,

Hong Kong is one of the world's most densely populated city. There are many visitors to Hong Kong every year. When I told visitors my hometown is Hong Kong, they always think about the food in Hong Kong.



I agree with them. In Hong Kong, all food is delicious. In Hong Kong, there is special local food. You can find curry fish balls and egg tarts everywhere. Most Americans love the food very much because the curry fish balls are a bit spicy and the egg tarts are crispy.

Next, let us go to the New Territories. In the New Territories, you can buy spring field pizza and dragon bread candy if you are lucky. The food is sweet and sticky. If you love sweet food, you need to go there. The last one is pineapple bun. You can buy it in Hong Kong.

There is a lot of local food in Hong Kong so I think visitors need to try them.

Bonnie

Travelling on the MTR

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about many people do not follow the signs or rules properly when travelling on the MTR.



The first problem is about courtesy. Some people see old people, pregnant women and disabled people, then they turn a blind eye. It is important that we give seat because the expected mothers standing too long will feel tired. The MTR is crowded and shaking, the old people may fall down. It will make them hurt. Also, some people take the priority seat. When they see the needy, they do not give seat. I suggest that people please offer their seat to anyone in need because it will be dangerous for these weak people.

The second problem is hygiene. Some people spit and spread germs. Spitting makes the area unhygienic. People also eat or drink in the MTR. I suggest that people eat before arriving the MTR station. In this way, every passenger can enjoy a clean environment and have a cozy trip.

People should be more careful about these two problems and join hands to make the situation better.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

[18] Leung Cheuk Ki (2B)

Drug test

Dear editor,

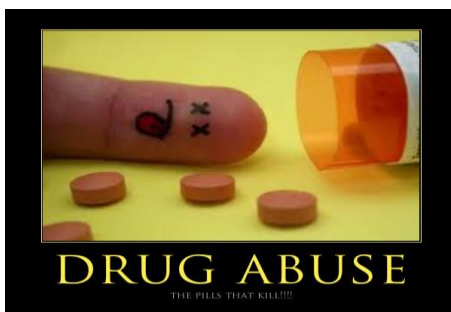
I am writing about drug tests among secondary students. I believe it is good.

First, doing drugs is bad. Drug tests can make students stay away from drugs and give them the message that drugs are hazardous. It is important for students to know the harms of taking drugs. Now, many drug dealers sell drugs to students and they may be curious and try it. We need to tackle the problem. If I were the student, I would join the drug test and remind myself not to take drugs.

Second, the drug test helps the students who have taken drugs and the teachers will not call the police. They will talk to the students about drugs and how to resist temptation. If students join the drug test, social workers will also talk to them and it is good to offer help to drug addicts. In case they have big problems, they may be sent to the rehabilitation center.

Finally, I think schools should arrange various programmes to educate the students. Teachers and parents should care about them and communicate with them.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong



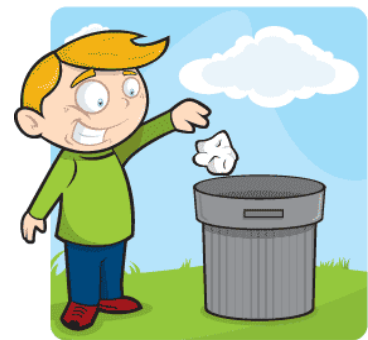
[19] Cheung Ka Wing (2D)

Imposing a fixed littering penalty of \$1500

I support imposing a fixed littering penalty of \$1500. There are two reasons.

First, the penalty deters people from littering. Nowadays, people often throw rubbish. They simply do not care about the environment. When imposing a penalty of \$1500, they will be afraid of paying the fine. Therefore, they do not litter and spit. To sum up, the penalty is effective to remind people not to make the streets dirty.

Even though some people think that \$1500 is not much and citizens still litter, in fact, this helps people care more about the environment. I believe that we have turned a blind eye for too long. When the environment is filthy, there will be germs and people will get sick easily. This is not desirable. In my opinion, the penalty can raise the public awareness about protecting the environment. That's why I support the measure.



Clean Environment – Starts at home



We all love living in a clean environment. A clean environment means clean air, good land management, recycling rubbish whenever possible and having more green spaces. A clean environment is important for both physical and mental health. People can live longer in a healthy and clean environment. Moreover, people are more relaxed and happier. Here are some simple things to do to keep our environment clean.

Reducing air pollution

Firstly, use less electricity and gas. Secondly, we should support planting more trees in the area we live and in local parks and gardens.

Minimising water pollution

We should not pour pollutants down the drain. Also, use a biodegradable product.

Reducing land pollution

We should separate our domestic rubbish. Also, we should only shop for what we need but not what we want.



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