

Dear Teachers and Students,

Good morning! Welcome back to school! I hope you have enjoyed yourselves well in the summer holiday, and prepared yourselves well for the study of the new academic year.

Today is the first time for me to address you in a formal school ceremony and I would like to begin with a brief self-introduction. My name is Wan Ho Yin and My English name is Hairo. To me, being able to make contribution to life education is a very noble mission. I had started dreaming to be a teacher as early as when I was just a Primary One student. Undoubtedly I was deeply influenced by my school teachers and they acted as very amazing role models for me. I started my teaching career shortly after graduating from the University of Hong Kong. Despite teaching for over twenty years, my passion for education is still very strong. I believe that our children are our future and our future must be bright because of the quality education that we can provide. Indeed it is my honor to be a principal in Yuen Long Lutheran Secondary School as it is truly a school glorifying our god and beneficial to the mankind. Thanks God!

*I would like to share with you great news in the academic performance of our school: our graduates got very remarkable results in the HKDSE and they performed much better than that of the previous year. The overall percentage of getting Level 2 or above in all subjects is **97%**. And the overall percentage of getting Level 4 or above and Level 5 or above in all subjects are **57%** and **19%** respectively. The credit rate of 94.4% subjects (18 subjects) are much higher than that of all schools in HK. The rate of L5 or above of 74% (14 subjects) subjects is much higher than that of all schools in HK.*

Over 73% of our graduates meet the entrance requirements of degree programs. In the clearing round of the JUPAS, 53% of our graduates have entered local universities for degree and sub-degree programs.

*What is more, it is amazing that 31 students got credits in all subjects they studied. Five students got Level 5** in at least two subjects, they are:*

*Liu Man Tim of 6D (2 L5**, 3 L5* and 3 L5), Chong Hon Chun of 6D (2 L5** and 5 L5*), Mak Tsz Kin of 6A (2 L5** and 2 L5*), Tang Tsz Ching of 6A (2 L5**, 1 L5* and 3 L5) The best individual result this year goes to Yau Wai Leung of 6D. He got 5 level 5**s, 2 level 5*s and 1 level 5, which is a new record of our school.*

The results are amazing, right? I must first take this opportunity to give big thanks to our teachers for their devotion and contribution. I also highly appreciate our graduates who had paid huge efforts and acted as role models for you. What are the implications behind their success? What can you do for your future?

Dear Lutherans, the Future is Now. It means that your future depends on what you attempt today. You are all Band one students and you all have great God-given potential. So trust yourselves, dare to dream and fly towards your dreams!

Besides, we all know that empty slogans resulted only in empty life. So you should have good planning. Please set clear, concrete and achievable goals for yourselves. For example, if you want to be admitted to the degree program of local universities, you must first understand that you should get at least 21 marks in the HKDSE. Bearing this in mind you can then set the target marks of different subjects in the HKDSE, followed by concrete strategies such as setting up target marks of subjects in test or examination, seeking help from your teachers, forming study circle with your

classmates and drafting your own study timetable to achieve your dream. If you have good planning, you are already on the road to success.

A healthy mindset is also essential. No matter how well you have planned, you should have the courage to accept failure. Maybe one day you fail in a test and therefore are frustrated, but never give up. Do not forget your dream and the fact that you still can have a smart choice-that is to learn from failure, to find out the key problem and then to overcome it when it occurs again.

Dear students, we understood how great pressure you are facing but we always stand by you. “To well equip students for the HKDSE” is still regarded as our area of concern this year. We will analyze students’ performance data in internal and external examination so as to formulate more effective strategies in equipping you for the HKDSE; we will provide extra lessons and drilling tasks, and also the University-dream Factory will help Form 6 students make a better preparation work and smarter choices in entering the next studying stage. Moreover, our English learning environment will be further strengthened and some of our teachers will approach you and talk with you in English in campus so as to help you get used to speaking English outside classroom. We will devote ourselves; How about you? I hope that we Lutheranians will treasure the efforts the teachers paid and make good use of these school supporting measures to explore your talents in studying, to get remarkable result in the HKDSE and to utilize your dreams. Let us work hand in hand in this big family!

Academic development is very important but it is by no means the only field you are going to experience. Dear Lutheranians, please bear in your mind that our School Mission is to provide holistic education so you can explore your talents in different aspects and develop your multi-intelligence. I am glad to share with you that in this summer, the service plan proposed by our Volunteer Team has been well received by the Yuen Long District Secondary School Heads Association and they got Merit Award; among our team members, Wong Wai Ki of 5B and Li Yat Yi of 5C got the Best Performance Award. Moreover, our Handbell Team was invited to perform at the closing ceremony of a Musical organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Education. I appreciate their active participation in the extra-curricular activities and contribution to the community. You should also take them as your role models.

Meanwhile, please also remember our School Motto “Rectify Mind Cultivate Person”, as stated in the Great Learning, with rectified mind and becoming cultivated, people could then harmonize their families, govern a state in the right way and even bring peace throughout the earth. In other words, we cannot be regarded as truly successful and could not truly benefit the mankind if we only excel in material world without love and respect. I advocate “Excellence with Love, Justice with Care”. Dear Lutheranians, be self-disciplined and polite to the staff, your classmates and also your schoolmates, be empathetic to the weak, say hello to people you meet everyday, show your smiles and concern to the others. We can strive for excellence, and at the same time, we can live with love and concern. Dear students, I believe we can do it!

Thanks for all my colleagues and I think with their devotion and support, you will have a very enjoyable and fruitful school life. Today is the first day we meet and it is my pleasure to share with you my experience and thought. Once again, be excellent Lutheranians with love! May God bless you all. Thank you!

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