

NING PO COLLEGE
45th Annual Speech Day, 13 January 2017 (Friday)
Annual Report (2015/16)

Introduction

Ning Po College is in its 45th year of operation. The School continues to function smoothly under the direction of the Incorporated Management Committee. All programmes planned for the year 2015-16 have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Incorporated Management Committee, teachers and parents.

The success of an organization depends very much on its tradition and culture. It is our strong traditional belief in bringing up children with high standard of discipline and care. With the concerted efforts of our staff and the good communication between the School and parents, the School has successfully built up a high reputation. Ning Po College has become one of the most popular secondary schools in Kwun Tong. Last year, more than 230 application forms were received to compete for the Secondary One discretionary places.

The School has strived for all-round education. Having a well-defined mission, our School has established a harmonious working relationship and a good team spirit. Our curriculum places equal emphasis on the five Chinese virtues, namely, morals, intelligence, physical development, sociability and aesthetics, and helps develop students' potential to the fullest. Activities are arranged within the School to promote the students' sense of belonging to the School and to upgrade their moral values and physique. Students are also encouraged to participate in activities outside of the School in order to obtain other learning experiences.

In the years to come, by the continual provision of a high-quality education and a caring, dynamic and stimulating school life, we aim to have our graduates entering the University and study in the faculty of their choice, thus, enabling them to better equip themselves and make contribution to the prosperity of the society.

Class Structure

Secondary 1	:	4 classes
Secondary 2	:	4 classes
Secondary 3	:	4 classes
Secondary 4	:	5 classes
Secondary 5	:	5 classes
Secondary 6	:	5 classes
		27 classes

Enrolment

The school year started with an enrolment of 734 students. There were 398 boys and 336 girls. In the course of the year, no students left and 3 new students enrolled so that in July 2016, the enrolment stood at 737.

Staff

The total number of staff was 81, namely:

- 1 Principal
- 52 Teachers
- 2 Laboratory Technicians
- 7 Clerical Staff
- 2 Computer Technicians
- 2 Information Technology Technicians
- 4 Teaching Assistants
- 11 Menial Staff

Miss Cheng Ling-tai has been appointed by the Christian Family Service Centre as the School Social Worker. We are grateful to her professional service and unflinching support to the School throughout the year.

Scholarships and Aid Fund (2015 –16)

Ning Po Residents Association (Hong Kong) Limited	
Education Foundation Scholarships	HK\$ 86,600
Li Yen Tseu Scholarship, Mrs. Li Memorial Scholarship	1,000
Sally Leung Scholarship	10,000
Dr. Eleanor Wong Scholarship	10,000
S. C. Chiu Memorial Scholarship	20,000
S. S. Wong Memorial Scholarship	10,000
Li Shi Yi Memorial Prizes	1,000
Extensive Reading Award	13,200
	<u>HK\$ 151,800</u>

Effectiveness Enhancement of Learning and Teaching

To enhance the professional competence and to sustain their continuous and effective learning and teaching, teachers are advised to have their own plan of professional development. As the New Secondary School (NSS) curriculum was implemented in September 2009, teachers were encouraged to attend relevant seminars and workshops to keep abreast of the latest syllabus and assessment methods. Teacher development activities including school visits, sharing sessions, collaborative lesson planning, lesson observations and staff development days were held throughout the year. Teachers were encouraged to open their classes for visitors as well as parents of our students for observation. All these led to improvements in teaching methodology, resulting in greater effectiveness of students' learning.

Assessment for learning was much emphasized, especially in face of the full implementation of the New Senior Secondary Curriculum. Continuous assessment was employed in all subjects to monitor the formative development of students. Teachers were well aware of the importance of formative assessment and put assessment for learning in the classroom setting to closely monitor students' learning progress. Follow up measures were taken up by individual subject panels to see into real implementation of these assessment strategies in lessons and assignments. Based on the strengths of our students, we always sharpened our focus on enhancing the effectiveness of teaching and learning by arousing students' learning motivation. In view of this, students were provided with interactive and constructive learning experiences. The lively classroom atmosphere helped engage students in active participation in the lessons and they were much more ready and willing to contribute in learning in classroom. In addition, in their efforts to become life-long learners, students at all times tried their best to upgrade their outlook with their all-embracing approach to learning.

The overall passing percentage for the Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2016 was 98.3%. Passing percentage of all subjects was higher than the local passing rate of all candidates.

29.1% of the graduates were granted a local bachelor degree offer this year and the other 54.7% of them continued their studies in local tertiary education institutions. Some students continued their studies at universities outside Hong Kong.

Career Guidance and Life Planning Education

In face of the unprecedented pace of changes worldwide with the advent of information technology and explosive growth of knowledge, the Department of Careers has been making an effort in helping students to develop the knowledge and skills needed for making wise choice, managing transition in learning and moving into the workplace.

Career and Life Planning lessons have first been introduced at form one and form two levels to develop students' understanding of their interests, potential, abilities, personalities, values, needs and priorities in relation to further study, vocational training and job opportunities so that they can be better prepared to make informed and responsible choices and thus be able to make the best of the opportunities ahead. Students are required to identify interest and inherent talent in fostering students' personal planning, goal setting, reflective habits of mind and articulation to progression pathways.

Our Career and Life Planning curriculum, apart from formal lessons, embeds a portfolio for each student. It carries an organized record of academic history and performances in extra-curricular activities exemplifying the quality of work and achievement to nurture whole-person development for every student, fostering their self-understanding and offering other learning experiences to support students' progression for further studies and career development when they select elective subjects at senior form levels, as well as actualisation of personal goals in pursuing their studies and future careers.

Various career talks including Subject Selection Workshop for students and Evening Talk for form three students' parents are organized every year, disseminating relevant information on selection of programme choices under Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) as well as further studies to parents on a regular basis.

Visits to various universities and tertiary institutes are also arranged to meet both educational and vocational needs of our students. Work placement, internship and job shadowing programmes in various work fields have also been running to help students get a thorough understanding of different occupations and explore a variety of work experience. Alumni have also been invited to share with fellow schoolmates their journeys in pursuing academic excellence as well as career development.

Orientation for New Students

New students, together with their parents, actively participated in a one-week Induction Programme in mid-August to familiarize them with the common procedures of the School.

Within the Induction Week, 16 of our alumni and Secondary 6 students, with the assistance of 44 trained Secondary 1 - 4 'Big Brothers and Big Sisters', played the role of mentors. They conducted the whole series of class-based activities, with much emphasis being put on team-building and discipline-training. A Closing Ceremony was held on the last day of the Induction Week. All parents of Secondary 1 students were invited to attend the ceremony. They enjoyed their wards' performance on the stage. Many of the S.1 students were awarded for their outstanding performance throughout the week. The S.6 students, alumni and the 'Big Brothers and Big Sisters' were highly praised for their leadership and their effort and dedication to the Induction Week. According to the participants' and the parents' feedback, the programme was a great success.

The Induction Week provided a valuable opportunity for students to get to know their classmates before they began their new school life in this caring school. It also helped them develop team spirit and a sense of belonging to their classes and School at an initial stage of secondary education.

In the first term of the school year, 'Big Brothers and Big Sisters' continued to play the role of mentors and helped their Secondary 1 kids adapt to the school life in Ning Po College.

Home-School Cooperation

The School has committed itself to promoting home-school cooperation. It is believed that a harmonious relationship between parents and teachers greatly helps to create a better environment to nurture students' lifelong learning.

Throughout the school year, the Principal and teachers made good use of frequent occasions to communicate with as many parents as possible. In early September, class teachers initiated "sunshine calls" to parents after the commencement of the new school term and enhanced the proper home-school communication, which would facilitate the parent-teacher partnership. On one hand, it would undoubtedly lead to more thorough understanding of the students. On the other hand, it was firmly believed that this valuable home-school collaboration was highly essential for providing the students with appropriate guidance and support.

In order to further build up mutual trust between home and the School, parents were invited to visit and attend classes with their wards and teachers as the School opened its campus.

Through their personal in-class observation and participation, parents could understand and experience more about the daily learning of their wards. All of them gave very positive response towards such invitation and highly appreciated the efforts of our teachers who have kept enhancing the interaction and quality of students' learning.

Moreover, three meetings between parents and teachers were held in the previous school year as they served as an important channel to facilitate better communication between School and home.

The first meeting in October was mainly for the parents of Secondary 1 and 2 pupils. Parents of other forms who would also like to meet their wards' teachers were also welcome. Through mutual communication and collaboration, students' problems, if any, could be identified at an early stage.

The second meeting was held in January for all parents of the school. After the students' Exam Reports were distributed to parents, students' performance was then revealed thoroughly and constructively with individual parents.

The third meeting was held in early May for the parents of Secondary 1 – 5. Parents met the class-teachers and the Uniform Test Reports were distributed. Parental involvement was encouraged to better prepare their wards for the final examination.

Ning Po College Parent-Teacher Association

Ning Po College Parent-Teacher Association was established in 2004. It values a close liaison between School and home as well as friendly relations between parents and teachers.

Many parents also devoted their time to volunteering various events inside and outside the school. Their volunteer efforts have demonstrated a good example to their wards and increased their sense of belonging to the school.

A healthy and harmonious family relationship is a cornerstone of our society. With an aim to foster a closer communication and bonding between parents and students of our School, the association organized a day trip in Lantau Island. The activity was well received as the parents and their children enjoyed a fun day.

Ning Po College Alumni Association

Aiming to maintain close connections between the School and the graduates, the alumni association continued to organize various types of activities for its members like hot pot dinner and sharing.

With a strong sense of belonging to the School, the association has also given staunch support to different School functions and activities, like Speech Day, Form One Induction Programme, and several working experience and career sharing for senior form students. In addition, the school alumni supported a variety of regular academic programmes including Principal Chan Fund Tutorial Class and New Immigrant Children English Class.

Extra-curricular Activities

Providing students with a balanced and whole-person development to meet the learning goals of the New Senior Secondary (NSS) curriculum has been the mission of the School.

On one hand, our junior form students joined 'One Student One Art' scheme. On the other hand, senior form students are encouraged to gain 'Other Learning Experiences (OLE)', one of the key features of the NSS. Through a diverse range of extra-curricular exposures in sports, arts, moral and civic education and social services organized in our School, students can build up their positive attitudes and team spirits and learn to commit to our society.

It is worth noting that 'Student Learning Profile' (SLP) is an important record of what students achieve and participate during the Senior Secondary years. Therefore, the School has made an effort to help our students build up their personal profiles. With the individual portfolios systemically and properly compiled, students' pictures in terms of their whole person development can thus be fully reflected.

In the previous school year, hundreds of inter-school, inter-house or inter-class competitions and activities together with various other competitions were held with the collaboration of 4 houses and 41 clubs and groups.

The highlights of these extra-curricular activities included five cross-border cultural tours in Nansha, Ningbo, Nanjing, Malaysia and Korea. Through joining a range of visits, students had gained valuable life and cultural experience.

Implementation of English Life-wide Learning

To help enrich our English learning environment, English teachers interacted with students both in and outside of the classrooms. Our dedicated and dynamic teaching team provided numerous chances for students to interact with one another in English.

Throughout the academic year, various festive activities have helped students to polish their English. They were easily immersed into the festivity, and relevant classroom activities were conducted to help students extend their learning. School functions like Halloween Party (October) and English Week on the theme of 'Games' (February) as well as Easter Day Camp (March) were the highlights of the English Department and the English Club. All of them were well-received and proved to be effective tools to foster students' interest in English and boost their confidence in using English. Student leaders and organizers also gained valuable leadership experiences through planning the activities.

To maximize students' exposure to authentic use of English and to broaden their horizons, students were encouraged to participate in a variety of English activities and public contests, especially debating competitions. They gained enjoyable and authentic English learning experience when they were provided with opportunities to appreciate drama and poems via the Solo Verse and Dramatic Duologue competitions in Speech Festival.

During the year, our students also achieved outstanding results in an array of diversified competitions. Both our Junior and Senior Debating Teams won the First Runner-up in the Hong Kong Secondary Schools Debating Competition, with several team members awarded the 'Best Debaters' in both Preliminaries and Finals. Additionally, in the 67th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (English), there were three first runners-up, six second runners-up and 68 Merit Awards.

Last but not least, around 110 students joined our ELIC English Summer Immersion Camp. In the English Camp, students were introduced to an enriched English immersion environment. The Camp enabled them to extend their English learning experience beyond the classroom. Daily contact with American teachers, either during lessons or in and out-of-school activities like visiting Stanley, were refreshing and stimulating. All the participants were motivated to speak English in authentic situations during the summer holiday.

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