

NING PO COLLEGE
48th Annual Speech Day, 17 January 2020 (Friday)
Annual Report (2018/19)

Introduction

Ning Po College is in its 48th year of operation. The School continues to function smoothly under the direction of the Incorporated Management Committee. All programmes planned for the year 2018-19 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 a good reputation. Ning Po College has become one of the most popular secondary schools in Kwun Tong. Last year, more than 197 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 studying in the faculty of their choice, thus, enabling them to better equip themselves and become independent, confident, responsible and contributing citizens. We pledge to nurture all Ning Po students to be the whole person who is cultivated to pursue excellence in all endeavours, grow strong in mind and body at all times, persevere in times of hardship and seek truth and beauty for all.

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 670 students. There were 350 boys and 320 girls. In the course of the year, 2 students left and 3 new students enrolled so in July 2019, the enrolment stood at 671.

Staff

The total number of staff was 82, namely:

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

Miss Wong Sau-lin has been appointed by the Christian Family Service Centre as the School Social Workers. We are grateful for their professional service and unflinching support to the School throughout the year.

Scholarships and Aid Fund (2018–19)

Ning Po Residents Association (Hong Kong) Limited Education Foundation Scholarships	HK\$ 147,460
Diligence Scholarship	1,000
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	26,500
S. S. Wong Memorial Scholarship	10,000
Li Shi Yi Memorial Prizes	1,000
Extensive Reading Award	14,540
	HK\$ 221,500

Effective 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. 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. In line with the Education Bureau's initiative to promote STEM education, subject-based and co-curricular activities were held throughout the academic year to promote STEM education in our school and to create a positive learning environment to nourish students' creative thinking process.

Assessment for learning was much emphasized, especially in face of the full implementation of the New Senior Secondary (NSS) 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 the real implementation of these assessment strategies in lessons and assignments. Based on the strengths of our students, we always 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 when 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 2019 was 97.9%. It was much higher than the local passing rate of all candidates.

Fifty-six graduates were given a local bachelor degree offer this year by local universities in Hong Kong and about fifty other graduates continued their studies in local tertiary education institutions. Two students pursued further study at universities outside Hong Kong.

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 great effort in helping students to develop the knowledge and skills needed for making wise choices, managing transition in learning and moving into the workplace.

Career and Life Planning lessons have been introduced at Secondary One and Secondary 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, creates a portfolio for each student. It carries an organized record of academic history and performance in extra-curricular activities 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 Secondary Three parents are organized every year. There were a series of seminars 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 run 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 themselves with the routine and more importantly, culture of the School.

During the Induction Week, 17 of our alumni and Secondary 6 students, with the assistance of 39 trained Secondary 1 - 4 'Big Brothers and Big Sisters', played the role of mentors. They conducted a 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 children's performance on the stage. Many of the Secondary 1 students were awarded for their outstanding performance throughout the week. The Secondary 6 students, alumni and the 'Big Brothers and Big Sisters' were highly praised for their leadership 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. 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 mentees 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 different occasions to communicate with parents. 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. It undoubtedly led to more thorough understanding of the students. This valuable home-school collaboration was also highly essential for providing the students with appropriate guidance and support.

In order to further build mutual trust between home and the School, parents were invited to visit and attend classes with children 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 children. 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. They served as an important channel to facilitate better communication between School and parents.

The first meeting in October was mainly for the parents of Secondary 1 and 2 students. Parents of other forms who would also like to meet the 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 February for all parents of the school. After the students' Exam Reports were distributed to parents, students' performance was then reviewed 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 children for the final examination.

Ning Po College Parent-Teacher Association

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

Many parents also devoted their time to volunteering various events and workshops inside and outside the school. Their volunteer efforts have demonstrated a good example to their children 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 to visit the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macau Bridge. 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, our alumni have also given staunch support to different School functions and activities, like Speech Day, Form One Induction Programme, DSE Result Release Day and several working experience and career sharings for senior form students. In addition, the school alumni supported a variety of regular academic programmes including Mathematics Olympiad Classes and DSE Preparatory Courses.

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.

Our junior form students join ‘One Sports/Arts in Life’ scheme, which helps develop their lifelong interest in sports and arts. Senior form students are also encouraged to gain ‘Other Learning Experiences (OLE)’, one of the key elements of the NSS. Through a diverse range of extra-curricular exposures in sports, arts, moral and civic education, as well as social services organized in our School, students can build their positive attitudes 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 their secondary school life. Therefore, the School has made an effort to help our students build their personal profiles. With the individual portfolios systemically and properly compiled, students’ profiles 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 were held with the collaboration of 4 houses and 41 clubs and groups.

The highlights of these extra-curricular activities included cross-border cultural tours in Tai Wan and Ning Bo. Through joining a range of visits, students have gained valuable life and cultural experience.

Implementation of English Life-wide Learning

With 'CHANCE', which refers to 'Confidence', 'Habit', 'Awareness', 'New Experiences', 'Challenges' and 'Empowerment', as the central direction for our subject, English Department continues to strive hard for providing students with new opportunities and challenges to further stretch students' potential in learning English.

New elements were incorporated in an array of existing festive activities and English programs to refresh students with new experiences. They were easily immersed into the festivity, and creative classroom activities were designed and conducted by senior form students to help junior form students and themselves extend their learning. School functions like Halloween Party (October) and English Week (February) as well as Easter Carnival (April) remained 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.

In view of the increasing interest among students in drama and overwhelming demands for participating in and organizing drama-related competitions and activities, a new program, Cultural Immersion Program Via Drama, was launched for all Secondary 2 students. The 4-month program, consisting of professional drama training sessions, drama-watching at Hong Kong Arts Centre, interviewing professional actors as well as the end-of-the-program drama show on Shakespeare's work, has exposed the students to the authentic culture of English world. Apart from being given the chances to interact with native-speaking English teachers and actors, the students' motivation and confidence in using English to accomplish large scale group projects have been developed, which would certainly lay an important foundation for future English learning journey.

This was also a fruitful year for our students in terms of public contests. They took part in Speech Festival, the "21st Century Cup" National English Speaking Competition as well as debating competitions. They achieved very encouraging results as well. In the 70th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (English), there were 4 Champions, 3 second runners-up and 74 Merit Awards in Solo Verse and Dramatic Duologue. In addition, both our Junior and Senior Debate Teams won six consecutive competitions and secured the two Championships of the Grand Finals of territory-wide Hong Kong Secondary School Debating Competition. All these serve as a great recognition of students' effort and performance in English learning.

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