



DGS Musicians Perform in Cross-border Cultural Festival to Celebrate 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR

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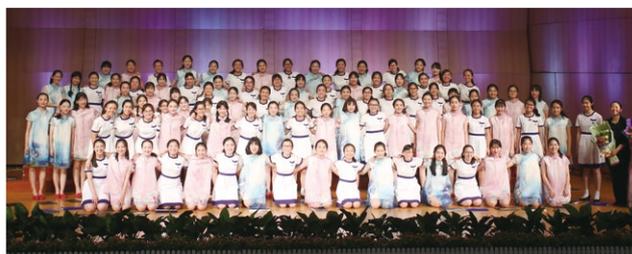
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After the exhilarating weeks of competition at the annual Music Festival, our Senior School musicians resumed rehearsals after the Easter holidays. The Senior Choir and Symphony Orchestra had been invited to take part in the 1st Shenzhen Hong Kong Art & Culture Exchange Festival, in commemoration

of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR. As part of the festival, our choir and orchestra collaborated with schools in Shenzhen in a series of performances.

On 6th May, our Senior Choir, conducted by Miss Grace Chiang, performed at the Opening Concert alongside the Shenzhen High School Lily Choir at Shenzhen Youth Palace. A week later, on 13th May, our neighbours reciprocated by performing the same programme with our girls at the Hong Kong Youth Square. At the end of both concerts, after a variety of songs from all around the world, the two schools joined together to sing the classic "Pearl of the Orient" to bring the evening to a close.



As for our instrumentalists, we returned to Hong Kong Youth Square on 14th May. The Shenzhen Experimental School Orchestra opened the concert, performing pieces by many composers including Offenbach, Mendelssohn and Beethoven. Our Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Gian Paolo Peloso, conductor from the Musicus Society, performed Dvorak's Carnival Overture. We reciprocated through holding a concert in Shenzhen on 28th May at the Fu Tien Cultural Center.

After our exams, we will be collaborating with schools from Guangzhou, Taiwan and Macau, for the Third School Orchestra Festival of Four Regions Across the Straits for two days of concerts in July. Our choristers will also be singing with the joint chorus to perform highlights from Mendelssohn's *Lobgesang*.



Careers Fair Gives Girls a Glimpse of Future Possibilities



The inaugural DGS Careers Fair was successfully held on 8th April from 2pm to 5pm in our Assembly Hall. With the support from over 50 DGS Old Girls and other professionals, students from all year groups were able to learn more about different career paths. The fair connected experienced professionals with students, giving them a glimpse of what it is really like to work in a certain job and the type of preparation needed for it. It also exposed students to a wider range of future career options and gave them the chance to discover new occupations.

Despite being a Saturday, the Assembly Hall was crowded with girls. Students strolled between different booths and spoke to the various representatives. Our guests came from a wide range of industries, including business, healthcare, and legal fields, amongst others. The fair also featured a number of lesser known occupations, such as think tanks, which helped open our students' eyes to jobs they may not have considered before. Representatives chatted with our girls and answered their questions, encouraging them to delve deeper into the industries they may be interested in.



Summer School Fair Sparks Interest Among Students

On the 9th of February, DGS hosted a Summer School Fair. The school invited representatives from four local universities – University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Hong Kong Polytechnic University – to come and share details of their summer programmes. The event was a major success and more than 150 students attended, eager to learn more about the options on offer.



There was a wide variety of courses on display for all age groups and interests. Be it a Secondary 1 girl interested in science, or a Secondary 5



girl interested in arts, there was always a course available. These programs will surely provide huge benefits for the girls who choose to participate by helping them develop their personal interests. The representatives were friendly, knowledgeable, and eager to share details about their courses. Many of the girls

left the event with smiles on their faces and a better understanding of the summer courses available to them.

House of Debate Offers Members Window to the World

When one thinks of debating, one may imagine scenes of fierce rhetoric, inflamed emotions, and accusations flying back and forth like bullets. However, this couldn't be further from the truth. In reality, debating is an exciting and intellectually stimulating exercise that involves teamwork and friendship. It is an ideal platform for you to learn about society and the world in a collaborative and fun-filled atmosphere. As Miss Chanel Chan, one of our two wonderful coaches, explains: "Debating encourages students to explore the world that is bigger than the environment that they are currently in." Issues range from the merits of school uniforms and the benefits of unisex schools to more sophisticated subjects like war, refugees, and terrorism. No matter what your interests are, there will be topics that will fuel your curiosity and spark a desire to learn.

The English Debate team, or the House of Debate as it is affectionately known, has blossomed over the years and is now a 70-strong group consisting of students from S1 to S6. They usually meet once a week for training, led by senior student debaters and periodically by our professional coaches. There is also a debate OLP activity which all students are able to join irrespective of their skill level. It does



not matter how good you are or whether you win or lose; it is about learning and enjoying the process. Mr. Perry Ge, our other coach, highlights that debating "teaches some of the most transferable skills of any extra-curricular activity.....(including) confident public speaking, analytical skills, thinking on your feet, awareness of global issues, teamwork, and developing and structuring arguments".

There is so much enjoyment to be had and so much to be learnt from debating and we hope to welcome as many students as possible to the House of Debate in the coming years!

辯論學會旨在宏揚「慎思明辯，包容協商」的辯論精神。本年拔萃中文辯論隊群策群力，為籌備辯論比賽努力不懈。中文辯論隊余俊偉教練說：「辯論員在台上的一字一句得來不易！拔萃女生重新界定了『勤奮』一詞。無論是在凌晨撰寫辯稿，或是參與漫長的辯題討論，學生均全力以赴！」本年辯論隊參加了二十多場學界辯論比賽。在聯校中文辯論比賽、星島全港校際辯論比賽及香港大律師公會辯論比賽場上，均能一睹本校學生活潑自信的身影。隊伍更在第十六屆《基本法》多面體全港中學生辯論賽中，勇奪普通話組季軍。

賽事以外，辯論學會致力推廣校內辯論風氣，學會活動精彩紛呈。本校與友校舉辦了二十多場辯論友誼賽，以期拓闊同學的視野。在此感謝拔萃男書院、德望學校、聖保羅書院及聖約瑟書院等友校共同籌辦活動，讓學生有精彩的辯論體驗，留下難忘的成長回憶。



Athletics Team Captures 11th Consecutive Inter-School Championship



Preparations for the annual interschool athletics competition is never easy, and this year was no different. Training began at the beginning of the school year, with practices held during lunchtimes, after school, and even over the Christmas break. Even more, the team had to contend with numerous injuries that kept key players out of the tournament and forced the team to make last-minute changes to the lineup. Going into this year's competition, the DGS athletics team faced a more formidable uphill challenge than usual.

The tournament – spread over three days on 22nd February, 27th February, and 3rd March – was a dramatic series of ups and downs. At the end of the first day, DGS was in 2nd place, 4 points behind the leader. On the second day, the team was

plagued by yet more unexpected injuries. In spite of this, though, the team was able to inch into 1st place with a slim lead. On the third day, the team rallied. Many athletes achieved new personal bests, and through hard work and determination, the team managed to capture the overall championship by 13 points, winning the Inter-School Athletics Competition for the 11th consecutive year.

The team would like to express its gratitude to Mr. K. L. Tang. Without his unwavering encouragement, the team would not have had the resilience to push through the tough times and achieve such outstanding results. The year will be his last as the team's coach and teacher-in-charge, and his support and guidance throughout the years will be deeply missed.



An Interview with our Headmistress – Mrs Annie Lee

Our hearts were pounding with nervousness when Mrs Lee entered the room and greeted us with a warm and bright smile. She was wearing a lavender dress and a snowy-white cardigan. Soon after Mrs Lee treated each of us to a green tea chocolate bar, we immediately calmed down and were much more relaxed. Without further ado, we proceeded with the interview.



We asked Mrs Lee a few questions such as what had inspired her and what her motto in life was. She told us that after she was appointed as headmistress, the first thing she did was praying to God. She received the message from God that He wanted the teachers and students in DGJS to be blessed. Mrs Lee strongly believes in serving God and loving those around her.

Spreading the love

Mrs Lee used to be the Deputy Headmistress in the Senior School and taught English and Religious Studies before coming to the Junior School. She told us that she has always cherished the opportunities to interact with her students throughout the years. Now that she has become a headmistress, she feels blessed that she can meet with different kinds of people and share the message of God with them. In morning assemblies, Mrs Lee has taught us about the meaning behind the Lord's Prayer and the fruit of the Holy Spirit through beautiful songs and interesting video clips. Occasionally, she would also tell us anecdotes about her endearing and mischievous cats, Willow, Pebble and Cappuccino, and through these stories, teach us about loving others.

When asked about how she treats the lower primary girls differently from the upper level girls, Mrs Lee explained that she adores the younger girls as they are cute and lovely. On the other hand, the upper primary girls are more mature and independent, so she usually talks about things that are more abstract, like our lives and our faith, unlike the straightforward things she tells the younger girls.

Furthermore, Mrs Lee pointed out that a DGJS student should possess several qualities – perseverance, compassion, integrity and confidence. Perseverance is crucial to being successful, as Mrs Lee noted, we have to accept our shortcomings and most importantly, learn to pick ourselves up from where we have failed. Besides perseverance, confidence is also very significant in a student's life. "If we are not even brave enough to try, we will never know what we are capable of and how to improve," Mrs Lee explained. "Apart from confidence," she continued, "a student should learn how to step into other people's shoes and be considerate towards one another." Compassion also plays an important role in a student's life. Lastly, Mrs Lee emphasised that a good student should always be honest, so that their peers and teachers can depend and rely on them.

Striking a balance

Finally, we asked Mrs Lee for advice on how we should cope with our academic studies and extra-curricular activities. Amid our tiring and stressful exams and tests, she encouraged us to relax and enjoy life to the fullest. Mrs Lee added that relaxation comes from taking part in different activities. There are two different kinds of leisure, passive leisure (such as being a couch potato) and active leisure (spending time on our hobbies such as drawing, writing, running etc.). She stated that when we engage in something that interests and stimulates us, it is often hard to tell the difference between working and playing, such as rehearsing with the orchestra, preparing for debate matches, or even taking part in sports training. Thus, we should learn to "work hard and play hard" so as to maintain a balance between our many priorities in life.



Through this interview, not only did we learn more about Mrs Lee, but we also gained a lot of insight about life. We are really fortunate to have such a passionate and faithful headmistress, and we believe that she will continue to lead the school to a brighter future.

USA Exchange Programme



The USA exchange programme with Chandler School was surely a once-in-a-lifetime experience for us and our families. Chandler School is an independent school in Pasadena, California. On 24th February, Mr. John Finch, headmaster of Chandler School, Mr. Trevor Spicer and Ms Katherine, came to Hong Kong along with our buddies, Eliza, Clara, Sienna, Chelsea, Kyra, Rojan. Six boys from their school were hosted by students at Diocesan Boys' School Primary Division (DBSPD). The USA buddies stayed in Hong Kong for ten days. As ambassadors of Hong Kong, we welcomed them into our homes and brought them to famous landmarks and streets in the city.

On our buddy's first weekend in Hong Kong, we visited the Peak. We did some shopping and enjoyed the magnificent harbour view. Next, we went to a restaurant to have dim sum. It was a good chance to teach our buddies how to use chopsticks. They all had fun learning how to use them but their food kept falling from their chopsticks! After our delicious lunch, we went to the Hong Kong Science Museum to play with all the scientific contraptions, gears, machinery... There were so many things to try out! When our buddies saw the gift shop nearby, they all rushed to buy souvenirs. They really had a love for shopping! Then, we went to a bookstore to enjoy even more shopping to pass the time. Since the bookstore was so gigantic, we quickly lost our buddies! When we finally found them, they were each holding huge bags stuffed with all the items that they had bought. After a long, hungry wait for our dinner at Peking Garden, we finally had the chance to taste the famous and tasty Peking duck. Mrs Annie Lee, Mrs Brenda Lam, Mrs Sherlynn Wong, our PTA Chairman and Ms Lo, principal of DBSPD also joined us at dinner to welcome our guests. We finished dinner late at night and with jetlag kicking in, we all returned to our respective homes to rest.

When we brought our buddies to school, all our classmates were very excited to know them. We attended all kinds of lessons together –some buddies even had to complete an English test, while some did Dictation and Math tests. At the end of the week, each pair of buddies did a presentation on what we learnt in the past few days in front of the whole class during English lesson. Outside of lesson time, the USA and Hong Kong buddies would gather to chat; sometimes, other classmates would join us. The USA buddies taught the students at DGJS to play a game called "Big Booty". It is really a fun game and we all love it. In exchange, the Hong Kong students taught them to play other games such as "Fish and Shark".



We also had loads of fun at home. We played cards and board games, did calligraphy and read together. For ten days, it was like having a massive slumber party, and the house was always filled with boisterous and infectious laughter. Late at night, if we could not sleep, we would chatter until we were on the brink of falling asleep, then we would slowly drift off into our individual, peaceful dreams. On weekends, some of us visited the outlying islands, and others visited amusement parks like Ocean Park or Disneyland as well as went sightseeing around the city. Most importantly, our USA buddies became "addicted" to buying stationery. It was fascinating to see them get so excited about multi-coloured pens, something we often take for granted.



After a full school week, we spent our last full day with DBSPD for another local tour. Our tour began in Tai O, the famous fisherman's village. Everyone was awestruck by the breathless view of the sea and mountains and we went ecstatic when we spotted the endangered, one-of-a-kind Chinese white dolphin. Of course, what is a day without a scrumptious, mouth-watering seafood lunch? At the History Museum, we were enthralled by the exhibition of old Hong Kong toys and learnt a lot about the history and culture of Hong Kong. The day went by in a flash, and the farewell dinner awaited us. The heart-breaking, melancholy lingering in the air made us all hug each other goodbye even before the dinner started. After a long tiring day, we went back home hoping that the next day when our buddies depart would never come.

After a tearful goodbye with our buddies at the airport, the first half of the USA Exchange Programme came to an end. In the past ten days, we learnt that although we grew up in different parts of the world, we were very similar. As long as we respect each other's cultural differences, two people brought up very differently could become great friends. The US Exchange Programme also built up our sense of responsibility because we had to take care of our buddies at home and at school. Our US buddies were astonished by how speedy our pace of life was compared to their relaxing lives. However, out of our busy routine, we showed them a lot of the magnificent places in Hong Kong. We had loads of fun during the whole trip and we became very close friends. We can't wait to meet our buddies and families again in the USA this summer!

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Staff Development Day Workshops

Two Staff Development Days were held in the Junior School in late January and early February. On the first professional development day, teachers had a full day of activities related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Dr. Jimmy Wong ran a workshop in the morning with his team of instructors. He first explained in detail the rationale and learning cycle of STEM education. After that, he talked about the SCAMPER method of creative thinking, which stands for Substitute, Combine, Adapt, Modify, Put to other purposes, Eliminate and Rearrange. He also showcased relevant inventions created by primary school students who employed the method. Teachers were amazed by the students' creativity and thoughtfulness in coming up with clever ways to solve real life problems. Some of the inventions have even been patented!

Dr. Wong then engaged teachers in a hands-on activity. Teachers worked in small groups and made water rockets together. They then launched their water rockets and observed what kinds of water rockets could travel the longest horizontal distance.

Having experienced STEM education from the students' point of view, the IT Department took over in the afternoon to train teachers on coding. Teachers had a chance to try out various coding applications and sensors. It was an inspiring day for all and teachers were happy to have the opportunity to learn about coding and experience STEM education. The School will continue to enrich students' learning with STEM activities and provide teachers with different opportunities for professional development.



The water rocket is ready to be launched!



Dr. Jimmy Wong engaging teachers in a hands-on activity



Teachers collaborate to create their own water rockets



Having fun at the coding workshop

On 6th February 2017, DGJS teachers had the invaluable opportunity to hear from well-respected experts in the field of education from the University of Hong Kong – Dr Amy B M Tsui, Chair Professor of the Division of English Language Education, and her colleague Ms Suzi Nicholson. The esteemed speakers shared their research and findings on English language learning in the primary classroom, and inspired teachers to prepare students for writing tasks in creative ways, and to reflect on lesson objectives, the cognitive demands placed on students, and teacher-student dialogue to engage the class in "exploratory talk". The Senior School teachers also benefited from Dr Tsui's and Ms Nicholson's sharing at their Staff Development Day.



Mrs Lee and the speakers from HKU



Ms Suzi Nicholson



Dr Amy B M Tsui

Hong Kong Schools Music Festival Results

The school's participation in the 69th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival brought fruitful results this year. We are delighted that both our Symphony Orchestra and String Orchestra captured First place for the first time. The Intermediate Choir and Senior Choir were awarded the Best Primary School Intermediate Choir and the Best Primary School Senior Choir in the Hong Kong Region and the Kowloon Region. Additionally, the Intermediate Choir was also awarded the Most Outstanding Primary School Choir of the Year in the Hong Kong Region and the Kowloon Region. We are so grateful to our Music teachers, band and orchestra conductors for their dedication and guidance.



STEM Activities

A plethora of STEM activities were held throughout the year for the Primary 3 to 6 girls. Here are some snapshots from their exhilarating workshops and experiments!



The Primary 3 girls devised solar-powered row boats to learn about how renewable energy works.



The Primary 4 girls learnt about sound units through the African thumb piano.



To learn about electricity, the Primary 5 girls experimented with a circuit to create a maze of their own.



In the astronomy unit of the course, the Primary 6 girls created and launched their water rockets in the basketball court.

Seminars and Gatherings

How to Release Parental Stress & Related Emotions



A 4-session workshop on "How to Release Parental Stress & Related Emotions" was held in March 2017. The workshop helped parents understand their children's psychological and development needs and introduced relevant techniques of emotional management. The speaker delivered her messages through real life examples and interactive activities. The workshop was very well received.

Happy Mothers, Happy Daughters

More than 300 parents attended the talk by Ms Shirley Loo on 17th March, 2017. Ms Loo shared with parents her thoughts and secrets on how to raise happy and emotionally healthy daughters.



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How to Identify and Handle Crisis in Teenagers

On 16th February, 2017, Dr Gilbert Wong shared with parents his experience on how to identify and handle challenges faced by our teenage children.



Breakfast Gathering for Fathers

Fathers play a very pivotal role in shaping our daughter's lives. On 8th March, we launched a series of breakfast gatherings for fathers, led by Dr. Lawrence Chen, who shared his valuable knowledge and insight on the topics like "How to build and influence", "Friends Issues", "Identity formation", "Perfectionism", "Facing disappointment", "How to handle negative emotions" and "Self-esteem" and "Self-confidence" over 14 weeks of Wednesday morning talks. Around 90 dads have attended these sessions and we have received many positive feedback. Dr Lawrence has also set up a dedicated Blog for fathers to review the topics discussed and share their thoughts. Please visit www.drlawrencechen.blogspot.com for more information.



Brownies



An educational outing to Noah's Ark – Ark Life Education House was arranged for the Brownies on 11th February, 2017. Through fun-filled indoor activities, they learned the importance of effective communication and trust within a team.

With the kind arrangement of the Cooking Club, a cooking workshop was scheduled for the Brownies on 23rd February and 2nd March, 2017. All brownies enjoyed the cooking and the yummy cup cakes!



Healthy Little Chef

In the second term, we had our Primary 4 Healthy Little Chefs Cooking Club again. This year our girls learnt some new dishes which include: breakfast quiche, tuna pasta bake, cha siu puffs and lemon yoghurt cupcakes. Great thanks to all the dedicated parent helpers who helped in this activity, which our Primary 4 chefs-to-be enjoyed immensely.



Dongguan Factory Visit



The P6 girls, accompanied by Mrs A Lee, Mrs N Yau, teachers and parent helpers, spent an enriching day at a garment factory in Dongguan in May 2017. Not only did they observe the whole manufacturing process from design concept generation to production, they had the chance to create their own sparkling t-shirt.



P6 Retreat



The P6 retreat co-hosted by St. Andrew's Church was held on 15th and 19th May. The Retreat prepared the girls for a smooth transition from primary school to secondary school and into teenagers. Through interactive games and the teaching of the Gospel, girls have learnt how to help each other and to find peace in God in difficult and frustrating times.



June Outings



P1 The Health Education Exhibition & Resources Centre



P2 The Hong Kong Museum of History



P3 The Heritage Museum



P4 St Mary's Home for the Aged



P5 The Hong Kong Science and Technology Park

Mr. K.L. Tang Reflects on More Than Three Decades at DGS

One of the longest-serving male sports coaches at an all-girls school, Mr. K.L. Tang comes across as soft-spoken and friendly. Old girls say he is a man of few words. Those who have been taught and trained by him are thankful to him for influencing them, as evidenced by the recent retirement party in March hosted by old girls whom he has coached over 35 years. It was a memorable day for Mr. Tang, who had just led the DGS Athletics Team on an 11-year winning streak at the Division One Inter-School Athletics Competition.

“Top athletes must build the right foundation,” emphasised Mr. Tang during an interview with members of DOGA Editorial Subcommittee. If the foundation is not good, you will fall eventually. You must be patient and not rush it. If you build upon an unsteady foundation, it gets harder to reach the top.” Mr. Tang’s own foundation in athletics was built early in life, during his primary and secondary school years. “There was no full-time coach in those days. The older athletes coached the younger ones.” His proud achievements included defeating the Diocesan Boys’ School and Fung Kai Secondary School athletics teams, the latter of which won many meets but was always defeated by Mr. Tang’s relay team. He had also held the inter-school record for discus throwing.

Mr. Tang spoke of two influential figures in his youth, both of whom inspired him to become a teacher and coach. The first was a teacher who tutored him one-on-one after school as he had to miss classes to attend athletic meets. Another was an athletics coach from another secondary school, whom he had met during one of the invitational meets and who eventually became his coach.



Retirement party



As athletics coach at the 1986 Asian Games, Mr Tang helped to publicise for the 1988 Olympics.



Mr Tang’s countless awards as an athlete and sportsman.



Mr Tang led the HK team, including athletes and swimmers from DGS, to overseas competition.

Why did he become a male coach at a girls’ school? After graduating from Grantham College of Education, Mr. Tang initially became a “coach of coaches”, teaching more than 120 P.E. teachers at Grantham, many of whom have since become coaches at other schools. “In those days, it was hard to find female coaches for throwing events, and that’s where I specialised. That’s why I was recruited by DGS,” he recalled.

Mr. Tang played an instrumental role in developing more than 20 sports programs at DGS, the first of which was basketball in 1982. Over the years, he introduced cross country, volleyball, dodgeball, indoor rowing, golf, archery, bowling, handball, and Dragon Boat racing. He added that offering more diverse sports was a way to encourage more girls to participate. Mr. Tang praises DGS girls both past and present as having very good team spirit and being well-behaved. He thinks the girls nowadays are multitalented and proactive in reaching out to teachers for guidance and assistance. Athletes are physically stronger and start training earlier, due in part to better nutrition and availability of sports venues. The athletics facilities at the newly renovated DGS campus also provide more resources for girls to engage in sports training.

However, Mr. Tang thinks that the older generation of girls possessed a tougher mentality. “It may be that life is too smooth nowadays,” he reflected. “Setbacks and failures are necessary in training athletes’ mentality, so that they can overcome pressure and endure.”

When thinking of what he would miss most after leaving DGS, Mr. Tang’s immediate response was, “The students!” His two daughters as well as his eldest son grew up as swimmers and athletes. In sharing about training his children, Mr. Tang offered more words of wisdom. “They have to like it themselves. Sports helps build confidence. You have to have expectations for yourself. No one can force you.” He emphasised the need to stay fit in order to be a good role model for his students. After he retires, he will of course continue to stay fit. “Nothing is more valuable than having a healthy and happy life!” Finally, for current and future DGS athletes, he has this piece of advice: 正選位置是自己爭取，不是我給予妳的！



Coach in action

Activities

Hong Kong Adventure Corps Flag Day

Community Services Sub-Committee

The Hong Kong Adventure Corps (HKAC) Flag Day took place on 4th February in Tsim Sha Tsui. 26 alumnae and their children, totally over 60 participants, joined this meaningful event where we continued our school motto of "Daily Giving Service". Funds raised went towards the cost of training and equipment for HKAC, a charitable organisation which helps youths aged 12-18 to develop their character and leadership skills through training.



Cookie Decoration Workshop

Art Club

On 11th February, the DOGA Art Club hosted a fun cookie decoration workshop, taught by a pastry and confectionery chef trained at the renowned Le Cordon Bleu. The event was a great get-together for our alumnae and a wonderful parent-child activity. We learnt the techniques of how to beautifully decorate cookies using icing and fondant. Everyone brought home a set of artistically and uniquely decorated cookies, which were perfect as Valentine's Day presents for loved ones!



Annual Membership Tea Gathering

Membership Sub-Committee

This year's Annual Membership Tea Gathering was held on 25th March at the DOGA room on school campus. There was an overwhelming turnout of 43 alumnae from class of 1960-2015, including new members, class representatives, mentors, mentees, and senior DOGA committee members. We are privileged that former Junior School Headmistress, Mrs. Emily Dai, has become the class representative for her class year. We enjoyed a delightful fellowship with games, sharing, photo taking, and homemade refreshments.



Perfume Appreciation Workshop

Social Sub-Committee

On 28th April, the Social Sub-Committee organised a perfume appreciation workshop at Parfumerie Trésor. Alumnae became perfume connoisseurs for the evening, learning about the culture, history and knowledge on perfume matching for different occasions. It was sensational to experience rare perfumes from the floral Bulgarian Rose, and sweet Chocolate Rose, to the fruity, woody, and baby fresh fragrances. Everyone had a wonderful, de-stressing two hours in the beautiful perfumerie.

Cocktail Workshop

Social Sub-Committee

A Cocktail Workshop was held on 9th May at The Woods in Central with 15 participants. We started off with the tasting of a range vodka, gin, rum, tequila, bourbon to whisky as we learned about the history and the appreciation for different spirits. The highlight of the workshop was the cocktail demonstration by leading mixologist, Mr. Alex Ko, followed by hands-on mixing of our own Margarita or Negroni. We had a fun-filled evening behind the cocktail bar and sipping away our very own cocktails.



Mother's and Father's Day Calligraphy Workshop

Art Club

On 13th May, the DOGA Art Club hosted Mother's and Father's Day calligraphy workshops featuring Kaye Shu from K's Calligraphy 舒法. The two sessions attracted 62 alumnae and their families to attend. The morning session focused on brush lettering with colourful Crayola pens and participants designed beautiful hand-lettered Mother's and Father's Day cards. The afternoon session introduced alumnae to Modern Calligraphy where attendees learned about the history on typography. They used penholders and pointed nibs to create beautiful and artistic lettering pieces.



Sub-Committee Focus – Sports Sub-Committee

The DOGA Sports Sub-Committee provides a platform for alumnae to come together to play sports that they used to play at school and also to learn new sports. Alumnae can play either socially or in a competitive setting. We currently have three sports groups - netball, basketball and badminton, and are in discussion to add two more sports groups - athletics and dragon-boat. If you are interested to join or to start a new sports group, you are more than welcome to contact us at doga.sports@gmail.com.

Among the many events that the DOGA Sports Sub-Committee recently organised, we would like to highlight the first-ever inter-school old girls' badminton competition held in January at the DGS Gymnasium. This provided many old girls the opportunity to have their dreams come true – that is to play again in inter-schools competitions. Over 60 alumnae players from eight different schools participated in the event. DOGA also sponsored the Challenge Shield.

After two exciting rounds, DOGA Team A won the championship while Team B was placed sixth. Heep Yunn School took the first runner-up, followed by S.T.F.A. Leung Kau Kui College securing second runner-up. Ms Yvonne Chan, DOGA President, and Ms Anna Wong, DOGA Sports Sub-Committee Chair, were the prize presenters.

With very positive feedback all round, we hope this will be an annual event and we look forward to the DOGA team claiming the Challenge Shield again next year.



Alumnae players from eight secondary schools



DOGA Badminton Team – the Champion Team

Upcoming Events

July	Support of Job Shadowing Programme for S5 (July 3-5)
August	Entering University Students Gathering (Aug 12)
September	Finance Group Gathering; HKUST and HKU University Group Gathering
October	DOGA Netball League; DOGA Annual Dinner (Oct 20)
November	Medic Group Gathering; Diocesan Graduate Singers' Concert; CUHK University Group Gathering
December	Mentoring Programme Kick-off; Art Club Event; Careers Talk; DGS Mini-Bazaar; End of Term Netball Match DOGA vs DGS

Details of the events will become updated periodically. Please visit www.doga.org.hk to obtain the latest information.
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Joining DOGA:

Any old girl of DGS or DGJS (whether resident or abroad) who has completed at least one academic year at DGS or DGJS is eligible to apply for membership of DOGA Ltd. Details of the application can be found at www.doga.org.hk.

Class Reunion Gathering:

Alumnae who are interested in organising their class reunion gathering at the School, please contact DOGA office for further information.