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DGS Captures Grand Prize in Silicon Valley Technovation Challenge 2017

"With technology, we can do great things. Through Technovation Challenge, not only did we gain new knowledge from our own group mates, but we also cultivated life-long friendship with new friends from all around the world. Technovation opened a whole new chapter in our books, or should we say updated the apps of our lives?"

What is Technovation Challenge?

Technovation Challenge is the world's largest technology activity program for girls aged 10 to 18. The challenge offers girls around the world the opportunity to share their ideas of solving existing problems in their community through building a mobile app. Every year, more than 10,000 girls from 78 countries participate in the Challenge. Technovation Challenge also helps expand your field of vision and imagination. Opportunities for learning skills such as coding, promotion of the app and entrepreneurship are made available throughout the whole program. Five of us from the DGS programming team participated in the 2017 Technovation Challenge. We were very honoured to be named the winners of the junior division in the Hong Kong regional pitch. We also made it as one of the five junior finalist teams, and were rewarded with a chance to visit San Francisco for five days and participate the final pitch at Google headquarters in August. At the end of the whole program, to our surprise and delight, we were named the Grand Prize Winners for the Junior Section, out of teams from all over the world.

What is our app?

DCC, Dementia Care Companion is a personalised app made especially for dementia patients. We hope to delay the decline of cognitive ability of the patient through our app with interactive games and personalized alarms. Our games include Family Face Matching and Mahjong while the alarm function is personalised and settings can be changed by family members freely. Meanwhile, stress of caregivers could be relieved through our connected family app with a location sensor and analytical statistics. Ultimately, we aim to improve patient's health condition and encourage more bonding between family members and patients through this platform.



We first spotted this serious problem in Hong Kong when our friend shared her experience of her having difficulties in communicating with her Grandpa, who is suffering from dementia. From this, we saw that there could be a real impact on the whole family if we could solve some of the problems. Last year, when our IT teacher introduced us to this competition, we thought that it would be a great chance for us to use our knowledge and skills to help the others, by really making a real app for them and raising awareness about this problem. Therefore, we designed our app, Dementia Care Companion.



What we learnt from our experience?

The field of Computer Science has long been dominated by men, and girls, like us, are often underrated in the field. However, through this competition, we met girls from all around the world, from students like us to successful female entrepreneurs who are truly passionate about computer science and technology. This greatly motivated us to continue in discovering our interests in computer science. Seeing girls around us being so passionate about their apps and the development of technology, we felt very moved. We feel like we are more determined than ever to help others with our app, and be just as passionate as those girls.



Everyone can make a change in the world. Even if you think what you are doing now is insignificant, it might change the world one day.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas... Almost

Mini Bazaar 2017

This year's annual mini bazaar was held on 19 December, 2017. Junior and Senior DGS students, parents, teachers and old girls reunited as one family for the much-anticipated event. This year's bazaar was made up of over 30 sales stalls and 15 game stalls for the school and multiple booths set up by outside organisations.

The event commenced with an inspirational speech presented by a DGS old girl, Joyce Samoutou-Wong, who, after her career at DGS has gone on to open an eye clinic in the Democratic Republic of Congo following God's calling. Immediately after the Opening Ceremony, eager students and parents rushed towards their targeted stalls to purchase their favourite products.

Of the DGS-branded products sold this year, many of them displayed innovation and were extremely popular. For instance, some of the newly introduced products include cushions, round melamine dishes and luggage belts. Additionally, several external organizations joined us in celebrating this joyous event. St. Andrew's Church, for example, set up a dart game; while the Lutheran Social Services, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Patient Resource Centre, and the Fu Hong Society came to sell charitable products and food to raise money for the needy. Moreover, 11 students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities from the Mary Rose School were invited to attend the Mini Bazaar, sharing the warmth and joy of the Christmas season with our girls.

The jovial atmosphere was complemented with the reappearance of the Song Dedication Booth. Heartwarming messages were read aloud, while popular 2017 party bops and Christmas songs were played as current students and old girls reunited at the DGS Plaza to a frenzy of cheers.

In the lower form classrooms on the 4th to 6th floor, Junior School girls could be found running enthusiastically with smiles painted on their faces, from one game stall to another. The excitement to fill up their stamp sheets came from, yet again, the abundant supply of prizes at the Prize Collection Centre. In particular, Bella the Bunny served as our mascot and featured as the extra-large prize this year. Her cute appearance certainly attracted attention from the masses as adults and children alike hurried to bring a Bella home.

This year's Mini Bazaar could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of the teachers' committee and a student committee consisting of prefects from the class of 2019, and students in charge of various stalls. Congratulations to everyone involved, it was an exciting and successful day in the life of DGS.

A Day to Celebrate!

DGS Speech Day 2017



The evening of the 24th November witnessed the jubilation and excitement of the Speech Day 2017. In this joyous evening, students were praised for their achievements and development under the five pillars of DGS education - steadfastness in learning, sensitivity towards beauty, stamina for sports, generosity in service and spiritual nurturing. It is the occasion when graduates, parents, students, and distinguished guests showed warmly their appreciation of the prize recipients' perseverance and commitment to excellence.

During the ceremony, our Headmistress Mrs. Lau shared with us her pride in the achievements of our girls in the academic year 2016-2017. She highlighted the outstanding performance of our fellow students in sports, music, and community service and reminded us of the imperative to adapt to the rapidly

changing environment in the age of innovation and technology. In addition to our priorities of nurturing scholarship and virtue, the School will also put new emphasis on STEM education and technology training in our curriculum, in order to better prepare our graduates for the challenges in this dynamic world.

We were especially honoured to have Professor Tony F. Chan, President of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, to be our guest of honour. In his address, he shared with us his experiences and insights on how best to navigate the tech-saturated society. He advised us to capitalize on our own youth to realize our ambitions and dreams. His advice is timely and invaluable for those who are in our final year of DGS education and find everything overwhelming and confusing. As a leader with rich experience in academia and education, Prof Chan reassured us that though life might not go as expected, we could also be pleasantly surprised by where life leads us. He concluded that an open mind, willingness to learn and adaptability are valued qualities in a young person, echoing Mrs. Lau's words of encouragement.



As the applause congratulating the prize recipients faded into solemnity again, the Head Girls and Deputy Head Girl represented the student body to give the Votes of Thanks in English, Cantonese and Mandarin respectively. On behalf of the graduates, they expressed their gratitude to the Headmistress, teachers, parents, and classmates for their support and encouragement over the years. The evening concluded with a benediction by the Right Reverend Andrew Chan, praying for our Father's sustenance and guidance as we persevere on the road to excellence.



30 Years and Counting: DGS Victory at the Division One Swimming Championships 2017



After 8 hours of tough competition at the Kowloon Park Swimming Pool, our swimmers' incredible effort and dedication enabled them to achieve outstanding results. The team experienced the joy of hard work paying off as they reaped the fruits of success – winning the Inter-school Division One Swimming Championships for the 30th consecutive year.

DGS has set 6 new records in 4 individual events and 2 relay events. Jenna Cheung set a new record in the A Grade 200m Breaststroke, while the relay team comprising Wong Cho Ying, Sharron Chan, Chan Tsing Ching and Hung Hiu Yan set another record in the A Grade 4x50m Freestyle relay. In B Grade, Ho Nam Wai set a record in the 200m Freestyle while the relay team made up of Ho Man Wai, Carissa Chan, Lai Lok Yee and Leung Hui Tung set a new record in the 4x50m Freestyle relay. In C Grade Wong Sze Ting swam her heart out, setting two new individual records in the 50m Freestyle and the 200m Freestyle.

We were especially delighted to capture this honour in the presence of our Chief Executive Carrie Lam, who officiated the ceremony on this occasion. We could not have reached such heights without the hard work and dedication of all our swimmers, past and present, dating back to 1988. With continued support from the DGS family and our esteemed Headmistress Mrs Lau, we hope to carry on the Diocesan legacy in the years to come.

A New Sport on the Block: DGS Rugby Team

Can you imagine girl's playing a contact sport like rugby? Well, it may well seem like a foreign concept to most, but we at Diocesan Girls' School (DGS) are never afraid of a challenge. Rugby has many frightening aspects such as tackling, rucks and scrums – totally barbaric. Now you might be wondering, why would girls be willing to participate in such violence and aggression? We're here to show that women are just as competitive as men in the sport and there is a sense of belonging and community that we've experienced. Three months ago, most of us started with little or no knowledge of rugby. Now we are taking everything in our stride.

Over the past sixteen weeks, many new friendships have been formed as we have embraced this ultimate team sport. Each and every one of us is committed, devoted and ready to put the team above individual achievement. Everything we do, we do for each other. With socks folded neatly to just under the knee, bright neon cleats and sets of new rugby uniforms, we can still recall that chilly Saturday morning that marked the first day of the interschool A and B grade girls' rugby sevens competition.

It felt special to be in the first DGS rugby team, and representing DGS for the first time ever on the field of rugby sevens was an exhilarating experience. We are grateful for everyone who came to cheer for us, especially for Mrs. Lau's support as we added a new chapter to the sporting history of DGS. After 4 rounds of keen competition we were ecstatic to be placed 3rd in this, our first year of competition.

We've worked hard to win each game, through which we realised the true meaning of teamwork. It's more than just cooperation, more than just trust. We fight for each other, and bleed for each other; we go through the pain barrier for our teammates, and they do the same for us; we stay together tightly-knitted, and overcome battles with combined strength.

So hands in, and on three: DGS Brilliance! We've had our obstacles and injuries, but our strong companionship allows us to overcome any battle, for we have fought, bled, won, lost, laughed and cried together. May we persevere through hardships and leave no stone unturned as we strive towards our highest level of performance. Rugby has become one of our life passions – so here's to training hard, playing hard, and having no regrets.



The Wellness Specialist Team

At DGJS, we believe that emotional nurturing is vital to the wellbeing of our teachers, students and parents. Our school's Wellness Specialist Team consists of Dr Lawrence Chen, Dr Sharon Ng, Mrs Sarah Williams, Dr Renee Ip and Ms Helen Ng.



Together they have designed and will implement a series of trainings for teachers, activities for students and talks for parents to help our school community reach optimal emotional health throughout the busy school year.

Teachers' training early this school year provided the team with the opportunity to take time to reflect on personal characteristics and teaching styles, and to be mindful of caring for their own mental and emotional needs whilst caring for the students. The teachers look forward to the upcoming mindfulness workshops in the future months.

Students, on the other hand, will participate in reflective activities under the topics of kindness, social intelligence, teamwork and gratitude this year to help them better understand themselves, hone their relationship skills, manage stress and make responsible decisions. To start off their personal growth education this school year, the students explored the themes of positive friendship, negotiation and empathy in the first term. Students also take on the role of peer mediators to help each other maintain harmonious relationships. Ultimately, the school hopes to build a strong culture of love and respect within our beloved school walls.



Seminars and breakfast gatherings are organized for parents too. The PTA has invited Dr. Lawrence Chen to talk about the power of spiritual intelligence in parenting. Spiritual intelligence, the foundation to all other forms of intelligences, is examined from the perspectives of Developmental Psychology, Brain Science and Christian Spiritual Tradition. Dr. Lawrence Chen shares with parents practical strategies in parenting. In-depth applications and other parenting topics are further discussed at the respective breakfast gatherings with parents of both Junior School and Senior School students. Not only are parents able to gain insights on how to develop strong spirituality, but they were also better equipped to develop relational savvy kids.

They also explore ways to empower the girls and build confidence in them, with a view to helping them create motivation and joy for study, appreciate girlhood and womanhood and handle emotional stress and peer pressure, just to name a few. By building a support network with parents, the School hopes to enhance home-school cooperation for the benefit of our students.



To better accommodate our students' needs, the newly renovated Tree of Life on Level 6 was designed and furnished with the purpose of creating a secluded and tranquil space for students who would like to chat with the school's wellness specialists. As students take off their shoes and step on the soft, green carpet, they are greeted by mural paintings of trees and cushions that resemble pebbles. Students can settle into a comfy spot under the tree of life or enjoy more privacy in one of the rooms.



Old Girls Assembly Sharing Series



Do you know the difference between soaring and flying? That was a question posed to DGJS girls by Holly Ming (class of 1998), an old girl who graciously gave of her time at an assembly sharing in DGJS on 10th November. Holly's talk is part of a special series of assembly sharings where old girls are invited to share their life experiences with current students. Holly graduated from Harvard College with a BA in Economics in 2003 and received her PhD in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2009. In addition to being a stay-at-home mom, she is also a part-time researcher and trainer. Holly talked about her struggles with her studies when she was still a young student at DGS and the inspiration she received after she had found faith in God. Through Holly's talk, the girls learned that it is with faith in God that one can rise effortlessly, just like a bird soaring through the sky.

Winnie Fung (class of 1998) also came to an assembly sharing on 24th November. Winnie graduated from Harvard College in 2004 with a BA in Applied Math. She gained her PhD in Business Economics from Harvard in 2010, as well as an MA in Biblical Studies from Wheaton College in 2014. She is currently an Associate Professor of Economics at Wheaton College.

Winnie shared with us the biblical story of Hagar from the Book of Genesis. She was an Egyptian slave who was offered to Abraham to bear him a child. Abraham's wife, Sarah, treated her harshly when Hagar became pregnant. She fled into the desert and encountered an angel who instructed her to return to Sarah. Hagar addressed God as El Roi, which translates from Hebrew as "the God who sees me".



Another inspiring old girl who has shared her words of wisdom at a number of assemblies is Dr. Joyce Samoutou-Wong (class of 1993). Dr. Joyce's two daughters are currently studying in DGJS and she also has a son studying in Hong Kong.

Dr. Joyce and her husband Henri are the founding directors of the charity New Sight Eye Care. Joyce graduated from DGS before winning a full scholarship to study at the United World College of the Atlantic in the UK. She read medicine at the University of Edinburgh, which was followed by a stint as a visiting fellow at Harvard University. In 2006, she and Henri relocated from the UK to develop a non-profit eye centre in a missionary hospital in the rainforest of Gabon. In 2012, Dr. Joyce and her family moved to the north of the Republic of Congo to pioneer its first non-profit eye centre with surgery.



Dr. Joyce has enriched our lives by sharing with us the unpredictability, the hardship and the miracles she has encountered living in Congo with her family. Amongst many of the memorable and sometimes even hair-raising experiences that Dr. Joyce has shared with us, she and her family were once riding a truck and got stuck in deep mud for hours, having to sleep overnight in a particularly dangerous region. Again and again, it is her faith in God that strengthens her determination to serve others and helps her persevere through the most trying times.



Old Girls Assembly Sharing Series



The old girls assembly sharing series will extend to the second term in which our teachers will cover the life stories of more distinguished old girls. To satisfy your curiosity, here is a sneak peek of what you will hear about.

Rebecca Chan Chung (1920-2011)

When you read about World War II, does that sound very distant to you? An old girl from DGS actually worked as a World War II nurse in China. She is Rebecca Chan Chung, who graduated from DGS in 1938 when Miss H.D. Sawyer was the Headmistress.



Instead of pursuing a university degree, Rebecca sacrificed the opportunity and made way for her younger brother to receive his medical education at university. She made this decision not only to lessen the financial burden of her family, but also to answer God's call to enter the nursing profession.

Rebecca started her work as a trained nurse in 1941 when Hong Kong surrendered to Japan. She then fled to Free China and was employed by the Flying Tigers in Kunming, where she experienced several Japanese air raids. In 1943, she worked for the India-based China National Aviation Corporation where she made weekly round-trips between India and China over the Hump (Himalayas). It was dangerous to take those flights because the aircrafts were not suited for flying at the needed heights.

Despite the danger of the Hump flights and the Japanese air raids, she believed that it was God's protection that empowered her to overcome all the hardships in life.

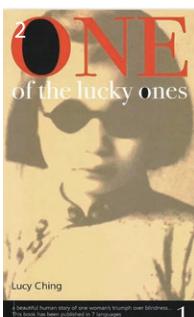
More about Rebecca's interesting encounters can be found in the book *Piloted to Serve: Memoirs of Rebecca Chan Chung, World War II in China with Flying Tigers, U.S. Army and CNAC*.

Professor Deborah Chung, daughter of Rebecca Chan Chung, was the guest of honour on Speech Day back in 2015. Professor Chung generously shared with us her mother's experiences as well as her own life, setting us examples of "women of excellence".

Lucy Ching Man Fai (1936-2011)

Known as 'the Chinese Helen Keller', Lucy Ching was blind since she was six months old. However, she made remarkable achievements in her lifetime, which she attributed to her faith in God and the enduring support from her maid Ah Wor.

With her unwavering determination, she did not have to attend special classes but she learnt by having someone to read books to her. She also mastered the English Braille and Cantonese Braille in her own way. After a rigorous process, she graduated from DGS in 1954.



Lucy received a scholarship to further her studies at the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston. After that she went on to study church music in Texas. During her time in the states, she had the privilege of meeting Helen Keller who inspired her to write the autobiography, 'One of the Lucky Ones'. Upon returning to Hong Kong, Lucy felt the urge to serve the blind and the handicapped. She was the first blind social worker employed by the Social Welfare Department. She particularly excelled in helping the handicapped adjust to the demanding environment and integrate well into the society.

Lucy was made Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1975 and attained the Hong Kong Outstanding Young Persons Award in the same year.

Lucy's autobiography "One of the Lucky Ones" has been published in seven languages.

The movie 伴我同行 (1994) was based on Lucy's life story.



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The PTA Annual General Meeting

It was a full house in the Auditorium as parents and teachers gathered for the 66th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the DGS Parent Teacher Association (PTA) on 22nd September 2017.

Before the formal proceedings, members were mesmerized by the delightful musical performances by the DGS Symphony Orchestra and the DGJS Intermediate Choir. The DGS Symphony Orchestra played two lively pieces from the Nutcracker while the DGJS Intermediate Choir combined their angelic singing with graceful dancing and rhythmic percussion in a Putonghua and a Greek song.

Our PTA Chairperson, Mrs. Sherlynn Chan Wong, reported on the various activities undertaken by the PTA in the past year, ranging from seminars on parental stress, fatherhood, author talks to the introduction of new PE tracksuits, Healthy Little Chef and rice dumpling making events. These activities aimed to further foster the close partnership between the school and the home community.

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Mrs. Lau addressed the audience with a brief review of the 2017 HKDSE results and the university programs offered to our graduates. She then updated parents on the progress of the GCE A-Level curriculum that was implemented by the Senior School since the last academic year. The School also hosted a career fair for the first time supported by parents and old girls, with which over 30 professions were introduced to the students. Furthermore, STEM education continued to flourish at DGS. In August 2017, five S2 girls participated in the World Pitch Summit organized by Google and among 11,000 participants from 100 countries, they were one of the 12 finalists that competed in Silicon Valley and eventually won the Grand prize with their development of an app on Dementia Care Companion. Lastly, Mrs. Lau devoted her thanks to PTA for its continual generous donations to the School.

Thereafter, Mrs. Lee extended a warm welcome to all the parents attending the AGM. Mrs. Lee gave a brief report of all the works accomplished by the Junior School last year that were rooted under the five pillars of the DGS education – namely academic pursuits, music, sports, social activities and spiritual nurturing. Mrs Lee introduced a number of new initiatives implemented in the new school year including the dual-class teacher system, scripture curriculum for P1-P6 girls, after school homework class and the e-class system. Mrs. Lee aspired that the new initiatives would make teaching and learning more effective and school-life more fruitful for our DGJS girls.

The PTA would like to thank the following PTA Exco members who retired this year: Mrs. Cecilia Cheng (Co-Head of Uniform Sub-committee), Mrs. Andrea Kee (Head of English Book Club), Mrs. Bikie Miu (Co-Head of Souvenir/Mini-Bazaar Sub-committee), and Mrs. Vanessa Leung (Head of Newsletter Sub-committee and Co-Head of Souvenir/Mini-Bazaar Sub-committee) for their selfless dedication and support throughout the years.

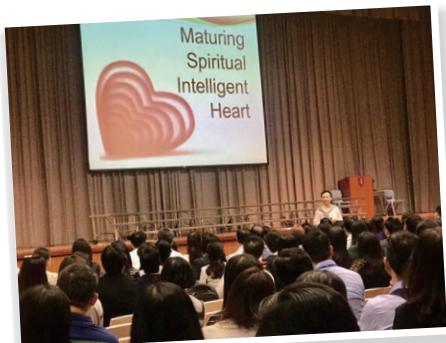


Seminars and Workshops



Parenting Talk – The Power of Spiritual Intelligence (SI/SQ) in Parenting

More than 300 parents attended the talk hosted by Dr Lawrence Chen on 17th October, 2017. Dr Chen explored with parents the concept of Spiritual Intelligence (SI/SQ) from the perspectives of Developmental Psychology, Brain Science and Christian Spiritual Tradition. He also shared with parents some practical strategies and experiences in parenting.



Workshop on Nutritional Snacks and Lunch: Department of Health



On 9th and 13th October 2017, Ms Cheung Yin Ting from the Department of Health's Central Education Unit visited our school and talked to our parents on the EatSmart@School guidelines on nutritional lunches and snacks for school children.

Approximately 30 parents attended both workshops, and we learnt useful tips in preparing meals for our children to keep them healthy whilst maintaining the low sodium, low sugar and low fat principle.

DGJS has been one of the few accredited participant schools in the EatSmart@School programme. We are entering the 12th year of participation in this programme. Thanks to our teachers and the 70+ parent volunteers who have dedicated so much time and effort in conducting periodic checks on the quality of lunchboxes from our lunch supplier and also the snacks and home lunches of our girls.

Mothers' Breakfast Gathering

In response to high demand from our mothers, we introduced the Mothers' Breakfast Gathering this year led by Dr. Lawrence Chen and Mrs Sarah Williams (DGJS Wellness Specialist). These gatherings aim to provide the platform for mothers to share their insights and knowledge in parenting through a series of Tuesday morning sessions which will run until 5th June 2018.



Fathers' Breakfast Gathering

A positive father-daughter relationship can have a significant impact on a daughter's life, as the father plays a pivotal role in shaping his daughter's self-esteem, self-image and confidence. On 25th October 2017, we launched the first session of a series of breakfast gatherings for fathers of DGS and DGJS girls. We are delighted to have Dr Lawrence Chen share practical strategies and actions in parenting among the fathers. Around 80 dads attended the first session. The breakfast gatherings are held every Wednesday until 6th June 2018.

Christian Mothers' Bible Study Group

We have expanded our Bible Study Group to accommodate 70 participants so that more DGS and DGJS mothers could join this year. It is hoped that through this study group, mothers could find biblical support along their journeys in raising Christ-centered children.



作家分享－讓共讀提升思考力－蔡淑玲女士

十月二十四日，中文閱讀會邀請了「菜姨姨」以互動的方式與家長一起講故事，從故事中找出重要訊息，以便激發彼此的學習動機，提升思考力，進而養成閱讀習慣及享受終身學習的樂趣。親子共讀除可建立良好親子關係之外，還可以透過故事進行親子討論，培養孩子的思考能力，啟發家長們如何讓有趣的故事成為親子溝通的橋樑及從故事的意義啟發思考。



An author talk by Sarah Brennan

On December 13th, 2017 Sarah Brennan, an Australian author who is now based in Hong Kong, spoke to our P1 to P3 girls. Sarah grew up in Hobart, Tasmania and has been writing stories since she was seven years old. Sarah gave an exciting and captivating talk about her new book, *Storm Whale*, which is based on memories of her childhood seaside holidays with her family. The book is illustrated by the award-winning artist, Jane Tanner, and is recently nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2018 in the UK.



PTA Education Visits



On 15th December 2017, P1-6 girls went on their long-awaited outings after the mid-term exams. Over 850 students supervised by 130 parents participated in their respective outings to Holiday Farm (P1), Noah's Ark (P2), Zen Organic Farm (P3), HKFYG Organic Farm (P4), Hong Kong Science and Technology Park (P5), and both St Mary's Home for the Aged and Ocean Park (P6). Thanks to all the parents for devoting their precious time in planning the outings, scouting the sites and taking good care of the girls.



Celebration Lunch for Mrs. Stella Lau's Silver Bauhinia Star Award Conferred by the HKSAR

On 25th October 2017, DOGA and PTA joined hands to arrange a lunch to celebrate Mrs. Lau's receipt of the Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS) award from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Over 160 teachers, staff, old girls and parents gathered at the senior school assembly hall during lunch to congratulate Mrs. Lau's achievement. Mrs. Lau expressed her gratitude towards the support she received from all parties of the School throughout the years. She humbly pointed out that she felt she was receiving the award on behalf of the school. While Mrs. Lau's husband and daughter were not able to attend the lunch due to work commitments, they expressed their happiness and good wishes through video recordings. The appearance of a "special guest" (a DGS teacher pretending to be Mr. Lau) added surprise and sparks to the joyous event. We wish Mrs. Lau every success going forward.



Brownies Cookies Selling

The Brownies participated in a meaningful activity organised by the Charity – Helping Hand. On 14th and 18th December 2017, they sold walnut cookies at school to raise fund for the elderly.



Activities

DOGA Celebrates Mrs. Stella Lau's Achievement

Mrs. Stella Lau JP, our alumna and DGS Headmistress, received the Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS) awarded by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in June 2017. The SBS was awarded in recognition of Mrs. Lau's distinguished public service, and in particular, her valuable contribution towards the promotion of interests and well-being of women in Hong Kong. A lunch gathering was hosted by PTA and DOGA in October 2017 to celebrate Mrs. Lau's achievement.



Golden Jubilee – Class of 1967

It was with a sense of celebration and joy in our hearts that the Class of 1967 met in Hong Kong on 18th – 20th October to celebrate our 50th Reunion. In typical DGS fashion, the reunion committee put together an eventful itinerary for the occasion. With 50 old girls in attendance, it was no small feat to keep them entertained.

We spent the first full day at Ocean Park with animal shows, gondola rides, exhibits, culminating with a lovely dinner at a private club. It was the embracing of our classmates, telling our stories and hearing theirs that was the highlight. Taking the time to listen and connect for a touchstone to our own past.

On the second day, a full tour of Lantau Island was organised. We travelled to the destination resort area of Mui Wo, the fishing village of Tai O and the main city of Tung Chung. We had our workout that day, with many long walks and hikes. All of us proved to be physically fit!

The third day was all DGS. The morning assembly, tour of the new campus and the Prayer of Thanksgiving in the Chapel for our class reminded us of what DGS stands for. We were all filled with a true sense of pride as DGS girls!

As a grand finale, we attended the DOGA Annual Dinner, where we won the prize for the Best Turnout Class this year! Congratulations, Class of 1967!

Seeing one another after 50 years!

Special cover design for our 50th reunion

School visit

DOGA Annual Dinner – Best Turnout Class!

Had fun dressing up –
for our grandchildren! Oh what a night!



One Family Unbroken — 10th Reunion for the Class of 2007

On 24th June 2017, around 80 alumnae from the Class of 2007 gathered at DGS for our 10th reunion. A decade after graduating from DGS, many of us have pursued various careers, including law, medicine, business, education and the creative industry. Buttermoon Cakes (founded by our classmate Eileen Law) and Sanna Cookies (founded by our classmate Sanna Chau) have kindly supported the event with beautifully decorated cupcakes and cookies for all. Our class would also like to extend our warmest gratitude to the organisers, as well as the photographers of the day who have captured many precious moments of the gathering. May we embrace the joys and challenges of the next 10 years and may our bond of love stay strong!



Macaron Baking Workshop

Social Sub-Committee

The macaron baking workshop was held on 8th July 2017 at The Mixing Bowl. It was a cozy fun-filled afternoon with 17 mothers and daughters behind the baking counter making rose and lemon-flavoured macarons with delicious fillings. Beautifully decorated macarons in sweet pink, lavender, mint green and coral colours filled the baking counters. All the participants brought home freshly-made and tasty macarons at the end of the workshop.



Legal Profession Workshop and Finance Career Talk

Membership Sub-Committee

DOGA organised two career talks for young alumnae in October 2017. On 14th October, the DOGA Legal Group held its first workshop on CV writing and interviewing titled "What are Employers in the Legal Profession Looking For? Tips on CV Writing and Interviewing." Terese Au Yeung (Class of 1979) and Katherine U (Class of 1980) were invited to share their experience on what they seek as employers and interviewers. They shared practical tips and dos and don'ts based on their many years of experience in hiring junior lawyers. Many young alumnae in the audience raised questions, and one volunteer participated in a mock interview with Terese and Katherine. The interviewee commented afterwards that she found the experience of being asked unexpected questions by two senior people intimidating, but that she appreciated the valuable feedback from the interviewers.



On 28th October, DOGA organised a career talk titled "Finance Career Talk on Banking, Investment and Advisory" for young alumnae currently studying at university. It is the second time the DOGA Membership Sub-committee has arranged this career talk, and the event was attended by more than 20 alumnae. The talk started with a briefing by Anna Wong (Class of 1976) on the diversity of the finance industry, followed by a time of experience-sharing by young professionals in investment banking, asset management, private banking, consumer banking and risk/regulation/data. The university students took the opportunity to ask questions about how to prepare for finance industry careers. These questions included cultural differences between U.S. and local financial institutions, the demanding nature of work in investment banking, as well as strategies for non-finance students to respond to technical financial questions during interviews. Alumnae participants found the speakers' advice very useful.



Netball Festival 2017

Sports Sub-Committee

On 16th September 2017, the DOGA Netball Team participated in the Celebrations of the 20th Anniversary Establishment of the HKSAR – Netball Festival 2017, organised by the Hong Kong Netball Association. Despite the strong sun and heat that afternoon, all girls demonstrated outstanding team spirit and sportsmanship. After being tied on points at the end of the regulation time, the team shot the “golden goal” in the last play-off match and won a well-deserved silver medal for the Plate Division of the Ladies Open Category.

Stamp Carving & Card Stamping Workshop

Art Club

The DOGA Art Club hosted two workshops on Christmas-themed stamp carving and hoop art embroidery on 4th November 2017. Alumnae spent the morning learning woodwork and ways to carve their personalised Christmas stamps, while the little ones made unique homemade Christmas cards using stamps. At the second workshop, alumnae honed their needlework and embroidery skills as they designed their own hoop art. Everyone had fun and brought home colourful Christmas handicrafts.



DOGA Annual Dinner

Social Sub-Committee



The DOGA Annual Dinner was held on 20th October 2017. The venue was festively decorated with props and colourful creative standees for photo-taking. The theme for this year was S'Heroes and alumnae dressed as Wonder Woman, Batwoman and Superwoman flashed their smiles in front of the cameras. At the souvenir stands, shoppers were delighted to see new items such as power banks, sports towels, fleece scarves and swimming bags bearing the DGS logo. The total attendance was 419 people seated at 34 tables, and classes spanning 52 years from 1957 to 2009. Ten classes celebrated their landmark anniversaries and received free cupcakes and wine. Over 150 attractive lucky draw prizes were donated by our generous sponsors. The Best Turnout Class was the Class of 1967, with 49 old girls celebrating their 50th anniversary. Showered with a good variety of table prizes, free gifts of exquisite skincare products and beautiful keepsake Christmas tree ornaments, no one left empty-handed. One of the most touching moments of the evening was the singing of the School Hymn, which made many of us feel united in our love for the school. Another inspirational moment was when a group of well-aged ladies from the Class of 1957 took to the stage to express their thanksgiving for a lifetime of friendship that extended over six decades and across several continents.

Diocesan Graduate Singers Annual Concert

Choir Sub-Committee

Over 60 Diocesan Graduate Singers took the stage at the DGS Auditorium on 11th November 2017 to sing for an audience of more than 900. In this Master Series 1 – Schubert and Elgar, our repertoire showcased music by these two composers to commemorate their birth years – Schubert's 220th and Elgar's 160th. The songs performed included *An Die Musik*, *The Lord is My Shepherd*, *Mass in G*, *Fly Singing Bird*, and other signature pieces. We also invited alumnae soloists, instrumentalists and the DGJS String Orchestra as honored guest performers for the evening.



Congratulations

DOGA is happy to announce that Dorothy Yip has been awarded the Dr. CJ Symons Scholarship for 2017. The scholarship, which amounts to HK\$160,000, will go towards her studies in Biological, Biomedical and Life Sciences at McGill University, Canada. Congratulations to Dorothy and all the best on her studies!

Upcoming Events

January	Inter-house Basketball Competition (Jan 20)
February	Community Service visit to Lok Sin Tong (Feb 3); Inter-house Netball Tournament (Feb 3)
March	Class Rep & New Members Tea Gathering (Mar 24); Introduction of DOGA to S6 graduates (Mar 5); DOGA Netball League; Art Club Urban Sketching Event (Mar 3)
April	Support of DGS Career Fair (April 21); Inter-school Alumnae Badminton Competition
May	Art Club Mother's & Father's Day Event (April 5), DOGA Netball Team in Festival of Sports; Community Chest Dumplings-Making Workshop; Social Sub-committee event
June	DOGA AGM; Dr. Symons Scholarship Selection (June 16); Finance Group drinks; Visit to S6 Graduation Dinner
July	Art Club Summer Event (July 5); Support of S5 Job Shadowing Programme

Details of the upcoming events will be 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.

