

Student Exchange Programme

Good Morning, everyone. Last week, the theme was “giving” and the theme for this week is our student exchange programmes. Today we are delighted to welcome a group of students from Christ Church Grammar School from Perth, Western Australia. They arrived on 16th, last Friday, during our Mid-Autumn festival. They will be here until 24th September, this Sunday for one week only. During their visit, they will be attending classes with their buddies. I hope you will all make them feel welcome and take the initiative to talk to them when you see them on the campus. We had a group of students visiting Christ Church Grammar School during the summer holiday and they will tell you a bit more about their experience on Wednesday in the morning assembly. We will be sending another group of students to visit them in July 2017.

Another city to which we are sending students for student exchange is Berlin, Germany. A group of students from Germany will be visiting us in October and November. Since those students who visited Berlin this year want to wait for them to do the presentation, their assembly presentation has been rescheduled to 24th October. In its place, we have asked the Guidance Club to address the assembly this Thursday on mental wellness. The College is recruiting a few Form 3 students to join the Berlin Student Exchange Programme in February next year.

For Form 4 students, they may consider another exchange programme with Trinity-Pawling in New York. This programme will be held between 29th April and 7th May in New York. If you are interested in any of these programmes, please let Mr. Keith Wong know.

You may have already seen this promotional video on YouTube / Facebook during the last few days. St. Paul’s College is proud to have the longest history

in Hong Kong's education. To celebrate our 165 years of history, the St. Paul's College Alumni Association and the St. Paul's College Foundation Ltd. Have jointly organised the 10km historical run. The run starts from our original campus, the present day Bishop's House in Glenealy to St. Paul's College Bonham Road campus and finishes at St. Paul's College Primary School. Participants can choose to take part in the full 10km run from Bishop House at 8:30am, or the 7km run starting from the Bonham campus at 9:30am or the "Fun Run" in the Victoria Road campus for our Primary School students at 10:00am. Officiating at the starting point of the run are alumni guests including The Honorable Lau Kwong Wah, Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr. Shum Chi Ming, Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Mr. Jo Wong Chi-ho, Director of Information Services, and Prof. Justin Wu Che Yuen, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The closing ceremony will take place in the Primary School where there will be prizes and certificate presentations by other celebrities yet to be announced.

The purpose of the run is to raise funds for the future development of the College. This is absolutely essential if we want to provide our students with more facilities and a better learning environment. However, the real significance of this event lies in the fact that the whole school community works together to attempt something that has not been done before. The idea of the run tracing the history of the College from Bishop House to the Bonham Road campus and then to the new Primary School campus was first raised a few months ago. It quickly captured the imagination of many alumni and different parties began to spring into action with the athletes planning and trying out the route to ensure safety, the doctors mobilizing resources to provide medical support along the way, the media people arranging press coverage and photographers putting together a crew to take photos as well as aerial shots of the event. Others approached sponsors, arranged transport, logistics and VIPs to officiate at the opening and closing ceremony. It is incredibly difficult to organise a run of this scale. It

requires very careful and detailed planning. Yet, alumni from different generations and in different professions all offer to help. “Brothers here we stand together, all for each and each for all”. Once again, we show people the camaraderie of our brotherhood that is shared by all St. Paul’s College students, past and present.

The Bible verse for this week is taken from John 13:34-35. “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have loved one another”. In other words, the true mark of discipleship is the love that Christians have for one another and it is this love that distinguishes them from people of other faiths. By the same token, there are attributes that make St. Paul’s College students different from other students: their diversity, their respect for their heritage, their liveliness and most important of all, the solidarity of their brotherhood.

I hope you will also take part in the sponsored run, whether as runners or as volunteers. We need your support because you are also part of the family. If you are interested, please approach our PE teacher Mr. Wu.

Finally, your new tie clip is now ready for sale this afternoon and this is the only official tie clip that you are allowed to wear. The phrase “All for each and each for all” is printed at the back of the tie clip to remind you of what we value in St. Paul’s College.

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