



# Starfish



## Lai King Catholic Secondary School

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# 35th Anniversary Events

### **"Walk" for a change!**

Imagine taking a walk on a warm, autumn day around Inspiration Lake, with green grass and trees all around you. Wouldn't it be great?

With the support of our schoolmates, teachers, parents and alumni, our school's Walkathon ended in a big success on 4th November, 2012. Both students and teachers dedicated their time to raise funds for the renovation of bathrooms and changing rooms in the school while also enjoying some fresh air and exercise.



Students and Teachers enjoyed the walkathon a lot!

### **Happy Birthday to LKCSS!**

On the 29th of November, 2013, our school welcomed many distinguished guests, including principals and the Bishop, to celebrate our 35th anniversary. We observed this occasion with a mass followed by a concert, where our talented students entertained our guests with performances from the choir, orchestra and dance troop.



35th Anniversary Mass and Celebration

### **Nice to see all of you again!**

After the Christmas holiday, the Alumni Association organised a Poon Choi Feast on the 12th January, 2013, where teachers enjoyed hearing the success stories of their former students.



Past students at Poon Choi Feast



# Interview with our **NET**



**Our NET-Miss Fin**

## Miss Fin from Ireland, UK

Interviewed by:  
5E Miu Man Bo, Steven and  
5E Adrain, Wu Kit Ching



**Students interviewing Miss Fin**



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Steven: *Hello, Miss Fin, may we know why you chose our school as your first workplace?*

Miss Fin: When I first came to LKCSS, I admired the school ethos that every student is important and special. Also, I feel that the teachers in this school are very nice because they all care about the students and are always willing to help them when they face difficulties.

Steven: *Can you tell us why you chose to live in Hong Kong? Are there any special things that attracted you to live here?*

Miss Fin: I think Hong Kong is an exciting place and it has its own very distinctive culture. That's why many Hong Kongers regard themselves as 'Hong Kongers' instead of 'Chinese'. I think the Culture of Hong Kong is quite interesting because it contains a mix of Chinese and foreign elements.

Steven: *Therefore, do you see Hong Kong as a place where "East meets West?"*

Miss Fin: Absolutely, and this hybrid culture means that people in Hong Kong have a good attitude towards English learning. They realize that English is a language that can enable them to communicate with people around the world, so they are very motivated to learn it.

I also like the eating culture of Hong Kong. It's lovely to see people coming together on Sundays and public holidays to enjoy a family meal. The food in Hong Kong is so delicious too!!

Steven: *Could you suggest a way that the Hong Kong government could attract more visitors?*

Miss Fin: I love dim sum and I take it as a local attraction. Maybe the government should write a guide book about the best places to enjoy good quality, authentic dim sum.

Steven: *Could you briefly introduce yourself to our schoolmates?*

Miss Fin: I come from Belfast ( the biggest city and capital of Northern Ireland). I like watching movies and I usually go to see comedy or drama movies in the cinema. As I studied English Literature and Art in university, I enjoy reading, drama and painting. I completed a Masters' degree in Renaissance Literature that mainly focused on Shakespeare's plays and film adaptations. I also love Irish Dancing.



# Regular English Activities

## Morning Assembly

Our school strives to provide a vibrant English speaking environment for our students. Every morning we encourage some courageous students to prepare and deliver a short dialogue during assembly. The dialogues are based around a weekly theme that is designed to arouse the interest of the students, increase their vocabulary range, strengthen language learning across the curriculum and provide them with the chance to develop their public speaking skills with the support of our NET, Ms. Fin. In addition, the morning sharing enables students to display their creativity through script writing, which was printed for students to enhance English learning. Enjoyed by both students and teachers alike, we are very proud of all of our students who help enhance our English every day!

"The morning sharing makes me love English! Taking part in the speech delivery with the NET teacher is a valuable experience for me because it gives me an opportunity to practise clear pronunciation, which is important preparation for the public exam and university interviews."  
**Liu Man Po (5E)**



Miss Fin with student speakers



Students listen to the morning sharing with the script in hand

"The morning assembly sharing is great practice for our oral exams, as it helps improve our confidence and enrich our vocabulary knowledge."  
**Tang Ho Ying (5E)**

## Reading Aloud Programme

The Reading Aloud Programme started on 27th September, 2012. All form 1 and 2 students have to stay in their classroom after lunch on Thursdays and read the assigned passages to the teachers and English Ambassadors. In order to strengthen the vocabulary related to Science subjects, articles related to the Science curriculum are selected. We are thankful for the precious time given by our Maths, Science and English teachers and ambassadors, as without them this programme would not be successful.



"This year, I am glad to be an English Ambassador. After we finish our lunch, the S1 and S2 students will read a passage to me. They work very hard in preparing the speech and they read it out in a very serious manner. I think this programme allows me to experience the role of a little teacher. I can also revise a lot of vocabulary and pronunciation too!" **Yeung Nga Wun (5E)**

### TIPS!!!

All recordings of the passages can be found on e-Class! Just click and listen to them before the English Speaking Day!



# Sharings from our S6 & S7 graduates...



2012 is the last year of A-level Exam and also the first year of DSE Exam. Let's see our graduates' advice to us!

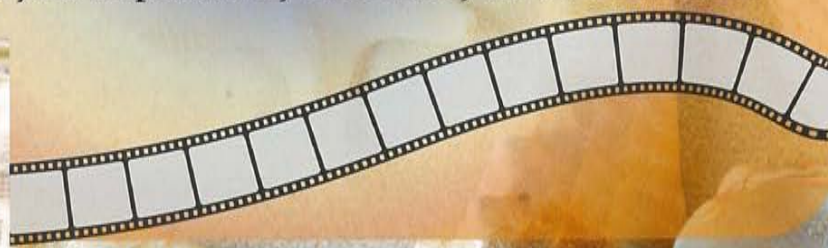
## 7A Chung Wing Yee (2012)

### Cinema and Television, Hong Kong Baptist University

Hi! I am Ada Chung and I am studying Cinema and Television in Hong Kong Baptist University. Being a freshman in the University, everything seems interesting! I have made a lot of new friends and my classmates even gave me an unexpected and unforgettable birthday party. Besides, senior students in my university always give me a helping hand when I am in need and they also give me some learning materials for reference. Furthermore, university life has more freedom. You can join or even organize different kinds of extracurricular activities, as it is your responsibility to control your own timetable.



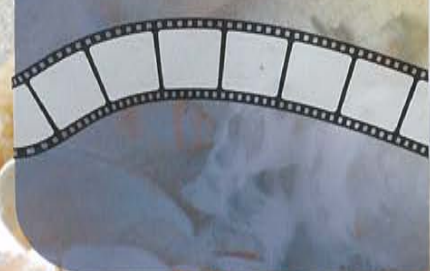
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## 6E Lam Kwok Yum, Tom (2012)

### Science, Chinese University of Hong Kong

I am very glad that I have the opportunity to write in 'Starfish' to express my feelings towards LKCSS. To be frank, LKCSS is like a family; a big, warm family. It brings me lots of pleasant memories, such as the sports day, the open day, the school picnic.....and many others. All of these memories are my precious treasures. The DSE is getting closer and closer and the S6 students may be very nervous. Having obtained 3 5\* in Chemistry, Physics and Biology subjects, I'd like to thank our teachers in LKCSS for their sole support. I assure you to stay calm and prepare for the exams with all your might. You will get what you deserve to achieve. Where there is a will, there's a way.



Lam Kwok Yum with the Principal







Ng Sze Wai

**6C Ng Sze Wai , Donald (2012)**  
**School of Business and Management,**  
**The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**

For over 2000 days I attended LKCSS, I would really like to thank the most generous principal and enthusiastic teachers here. I have greatly benefited from the Invitational Education in school that helped to boost my confidence and all-round development of my talents. The meaningful Life Marathon Programme organized by the school has also enriched my personal growth in different aspects. All of these programmes are inextricably linked to my success in my studies throughout these 6 years. I hope my fellow schoolmates can work hard to strive for the exciting and fruitful university life that is ahead of you.

**6E Poon Sin Ting, Vivian (2012)**  
**Business Administration,**  
**The City University of Hong Kong**

I am in the first batch of students taking the new DSE curriculum in LKCSS and luckily, I obtained a Level 5 in DSE English. I must take this chance to thank my English teacher, Ms Joanne Yu, for her teaching and care towards us. To be confronted with a brand new examination procedure is not only stressful for the students, but also for the teachers, who would feel nervous and would have to deal with a lot of predicaments. However, endurance and attitude determines one's future. Setting goals is a prerequisite; with clear goals plus endurance, nothing can stop you. At the same time, emotional support from teachers and schoolmates helped me a lot too. I treasure every single relationship that I have built up during these 6 years in LKCSS. With the right support and proper attitude, I have now achieved my goal. Always fight for what you want!



Poon Sin Ting

**6E Peng Jingxi, Samuel (2012)**  
**Engineering, the University of Hong Kong**

I sincerely thank the principal and teachers in LKCSS. With their teaching and encouragement, I entered my dream university. The campus life in the university is very different from high schools. Although I need to study hard to catch up with the courses and compete with my classmates, I still feel the university life very exciting with so many activities. I hope my fellow schoolmates can work hard for their dreams and achieve higher goals in LKCSS. No pain, no gain. Best wishes to you all!



Peng Jingxi  
with Mr Wu Kwong Ming



# The English Society

On 19th October, Friday, the English Society held its first gathering of the year. More than 60 students and about 10 English teachers met Miss Fin for an informal luncheon to learn more about her home country – Ireland.

The gathering started off with Ms Wu's warm welcome and introduction to all the English Society teacher-advisors and committee members. After a round of welcoming applause, students were ready and more than delighted to learn more about Miss Fin's hometown. Miss Fin shared a lot about her hometown such as Ireland's history and landscapes, music, dancing, food as well as famous Irish people.

Students were particularly eager to know more about Miss Fin's family and friends back home. They even asked about Miss Fin's pet dog!

Miss Fin's sharing session not only provided a valuable chance to expose students to the different culture of an English speaking country, it also nurtured students' confidence in speaking English in a pressure-free gathering!



Miss Fin's Sharing



English Society First Gathering

"This gathering really broadened my horizons and I was really impressed by the Irish music!" **Ling Chi Hong (2D)** said. Another student said he had a lot of fun and was happy to know more about Ms Fin through this gathering!

## English Society Committee 2012-2013



5E (15)	Liu Man Po	Chairman
4A (4)	Hung Tsun Sing	Vice-Chairman
5E (36)	Wu Ki Ching	Committee members
5B (9)	Chong Cheuk Yuet	Committee members
5B (21)	Lam Kwan Yung	Committee members
5B (7)	Cheung Kiu Wai	Committee members
5E(17)	Ng Ki Kwan	Committee members
5B(34)	Tse Sau Ying	Secretary



## English Corner

Students are also welcome to join Ms Fin at the English corner during lunchtime. English games like Scrabble and Pictionary are available there! There will also be movie appreciations, song dedications and speech practices to foster English learning. Don't miss the chance to learn English!



# Summer Oxbridge Camps

## New S1 Summer Oxbridge Bridging Course

To enable our new students to immerse themselves in a relaxing and pleasant environment for learning English, an EDB funded 5-day summer Oxbridge Bridging Course was organized especially for our New S1 students during summer, 2012. This course was run by a team of 6 tutors who are undergraduates from the Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Our students enjoyed interesting lessons in English, Mathematics and Science in the morning and other interactive activities such as fashion shows, mini-Olympics and dramas in the afternoon.

It was a new experience for our S1 students to learn Mathematics and Science in English. They carried out interesting experiments in the Science lessons and they learnt about different kinds of shapes, including two dimensional and three dimensional, in the Mathematics lessons. They even got the chance to boost their computer skills through researching some Science topics.



Students doing an experiment with Mr Lam



Students doing research in the Computer Lab



Students at Fashion Show

The above mentioned activities gave our students an amazing experience, from choosing fabrics for their fashion show to writing a script for their English drama performance in the Grand Closing Ceremony. We found our students to be very creative and imaginative.

All participants were awarded with certificates and prizes as recognition for their efforts and achievements. Parents and parent helpers also had a chance to appreciate their children performing confidently in English on stage after these few days of immersion.



Tutors and our new S1 students



## S1-S2 Summer Oxbridge Camp

Another 5-day Summer Oxbridge Camp was arranged for our S1 and S2 students. Same as previous years, they all had a great time learning English in a fun way. They had a memorable and meaningful summer.

"We had many amazing activities, like a fashion show. I was so amazed by the fabulous clothes because my schoolmates are so creative and imaginative."  
**Lee Wing Tung (1D)**



"We had so much fun in the Science lessons because we did some fun experiments all by ourselves!" **Lee Lok Ching (1B)**



"This is my second time joining the camp and I never get bored with it. I find something new each time because I love learning about different cultures from the tutors. That inspires me a lot and widens my horizons."  
**Fung Chun Chiu (3A)**





# Students' Work

## Acrostic Poem

Choose one word to be the subject of the poem. Then write it vertically. Each letter of the word starts a new line of the poem.

### Jenny

**J**enny is my best friend, she likes to drink  
**E**nergy drinks after she plays badminton. She's  
**N**ever late for school, she is  
**N**ice and fun!  
**Y**es! Let's go to play badminton!

Luk Sze Yan (1A)

### Vivian

**V**ivian is my best friend  
**I** am her best friend too!  
**V**ery kind to me  
**I** am with her every day in school  
**A**lso, we always eat things together  
**N**ever rude to me.

Ho Cheuk Yiu (1B)

### Gloria

**G**ood, good friend in my school life  
**L**ovely voice around my ears  
**O**nly you know my heart!  
**R**eading books is our hobby  
**I**ce-cream, ice-cream, we are coming!  
**A**lways have a fun time together.

Lee Lok Ching (1B)

## Haiku Poem

Originated in Japan in the 17th century, each haiku has 17 syllables--5 in the 1st line, 7 in the 2nd line and 5 in the 3rd line.

### Autumn

Colour is changing  
Green to yellow, red, orange  
It is beautiful.

Lam Tsz Tung (2C)

### Winter

Winter becomes cold  
Silver snow is everywhere  
It's time for hot pot!

Cheung Shun Tik (2C)



**Simile Poem** In simile poems, a noun is compared to a similar object using the words 'like' or 'as'.

**An apple** looks as big as an orange.  
As sweet as honey.  
As tasty as first love.  
As red as blood.



Chan Siu On (2D)

**Honey** is as yellow as lemon juice.  
As fragrant as perfume.  
As sweet as candy.  
As sticky as glue.



Lee Cheuk Nam, Johnathan (2D)

**Sushi** is as colourful as a rainbow.  
As fresh as seafood  
As acidic as vinegar  
As tender as salmon



Justin Chan (2D)

**A dog** is as small as a baby.  
I love him as much as money.  
As good as a flower.  
As loud as a lion.



Au Ka Ki (2D)

**Raining** is as loud as shooting.  
As salty as sea water.  
As fresh as water.  
As comfortable as a sea breeze.  
As fast as a bicycle.  
As free as a bird.  
As invisible as magic.



Lai Yuen Uen (2D)

**An aeroplane** is as free as a bird.  
As big as an elephant.  
As loud as fireworks.  
As fast as a bullet train.  
As horrible as a ghost.  
As enjoyable as a sofa.



Lee Cheuk Nam, Jahnathan (2D)

**Milk** is as white as clouds.  
As sweet as candy.  
As fresh as grass.  
As smooth as a pudding.  
As healthy as fruit.  
As enjoyable as music.  
As creamy as lotion.



Cheung Sze Yan (2C)