

# BWFLC BULLETIN

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Students and teachers have worked hard this term and are all looking forward to a well-deserved, albeit short, summer break.



Hong Kong summers are hot and sunny, but they also have their fair share of storms and rainy days. August is usually one of the city's wettest months, so it's good to brush up on your rainy day idioms and vocabulary this month.

### *Describing heavy rain*

We usually use "it's raining cats and dogs" to describe heavy rain, but did you know we can also use other idioms? Take a look at these lesser-known idioms to describe extremely heavy rain:

#### *It's raining stair rods*

This idiom is an informal English expression. Stair-rods are the metal rods that hold stair carpets in place on each step. This idiom implies that the rain is so heavy that it looks like falling stair-rods.

#### *It's raining pitchforks (and hammer handles)*

This idiom originated in the 1800s and is not commonly used today. The origin of this idiom is unclear.

#### *It's raining buckets*

This idiom implies that the rain is coming down so hard that it looks like it's poured from buckets instead of raining down from clouds.

### *Other rain-related expressions*

We can also use other fixed expressions to talk about rain or rain-related situations.

#### *To be rained in*

You are forced to stay inside due to rainy weather when you are rained in.

Example: I think we'll be rained in tonight with the red rainstorm, so let's order a pizza and watch a movie.

#### *Rain-off*

When an event is cancelled due to the rain.

Example: Yesterday's basketball match was rained off.

#### *Take a raincheck*

To tell someone that you cannot accept an invitation now but would like to do so at a later time.

Example: Do you mind if I take a rain check on the movies tonight? I still have a lot of homework to finish.

***Have a great summer holiday!***  
***The Editor***



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# LOOKING BACK AT TERM 2

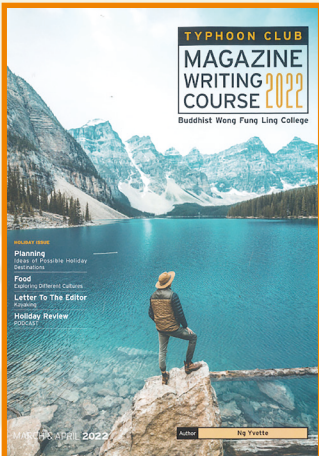
This past year the English Department was hard at work to expose students to as many English activities and events as possible. The English Society hosted fun in-person activities such as the Around the World Carnival. Due to ongoing social distancing restrictions, many of our other English enrichment activities included online courses and writing competitions.

## Typhoon Club Online Magazine Writing Course

Students from S2 to S4 got a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create and publish their own personalised magazine through the Typhoon Club Online Magazine Writing Course.

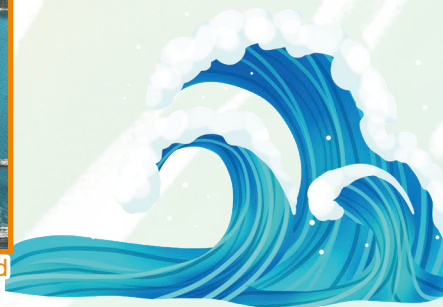


Students from S2 to S4 participated in the writing course



An example of a personalized magazine cover

During 4 online sessions, students honed their writing and creative skills to produce a 12-page, professionally designed and printed personalised magazine.

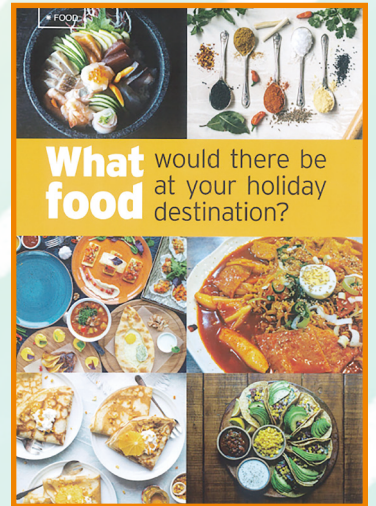


### Excerpt from Keith Chau's (4D) magazine article, 'What food should there be at your holiday destination?'

"I am having an awesome holiday. I am in Italy on a graduation trip with my schoolmates. We have tried some Italian specialties such as pizza and tiramisu. The pizza tasted like bread, tomato and cheese and was chewy, moist, slightly acidic, and sharp. The tiramisu was soft, and the delicate flavours of the layers of mascarpone and Italian custard were contrasted with the darkly robust presence of espresso and sharpness of cocoa powder.

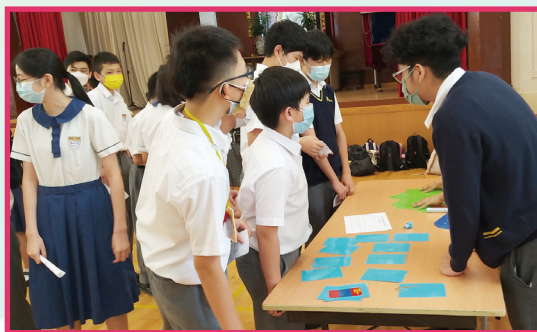
I highly recommend that people try the pizza here because it is an affordable price. Also, the serving size is definitely enough to share with your friends. I didn't order the spaghetti Bolognese because it looked really spicy. I hate spicy food as spices burn my tongue.

I was full when I'd finished the meal and felt very satisfied. I think food is a good way to learn about various cultures. Italians are obsessed with food. If you put pineapple onto a pizza, it will definitely make them crazy."



## 'Around the World' English Carnival

Junior Form students got the opportunity to travel around the world and learn more about other countries and cultures at the 'Around the World' English Carnival in the second term. English Ambassadors hosted games teaching students more about the cultures, foods, animals and flags of Asia, Africa, Australia, North America and Europe.



Students learning more about Asian flags



Fun at the photo booth



English Ambassadors at the 'Around the World' Carnival



English Ambassadors teaching students more about European food

## RTHK Open Space Recording

On 15 February, four of our students joined RTHK DJ Alyson Hau for a recording of RTHK's teen talk show 'Open Space.' This year Zachry Gurung (3B), Thihansa Godakanda (4E), Manmeet Kaur (4E) and Harini Kumaran (5E) spoke to DJ Alyson Hau about how they keep their cultures and traditions alive as third culture kids in Hong Kong.



RTHK Open Space Recording



Scan the QR code to listen to the full interview.

## From Player to Page English Writing Competition 2022

The 'From Player to Page English Writing Competition 2022' gave students the chance to get creative in English about their gaming passion. Three avid gamers from S4 – S5 joined this fun competition, submitting game reviews of their favourite games. Anthony Cuerdo Rey (4E) and Nathaniel Brooke Agus (5E) were awarded Gold Certificates of Participation. Joshua Paul Maguigad (4E) reached the top five in his category and was awarded a Platinum Certificate. He attended the prize giving ceremony and a writing workshop presented by the University of Lancaster. Read all three game reviews below:

### Half Life 2: A 2004 masterpiece Rating: ★★★★★ by Nathaniel Brooke Agus (5E)

Since 2004, many games focusing on story and world-building have been released. These games have revolutionised what it means to be realistic and innovative. They have not used voice lines; instead, they used visuals to dazzle the players and silent storytelling to get the player's attention. While I have enjoyed games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Journey, they have never enthralled me as much as Half-Life 2.



Scan the QR code to read the full review.

### Borderlands 2 Rating: ★★★★★ by Joshua Paul Maguigad (4E)

Whether you enjoyed Borderlands or not, Borderlands 2 will definitely win you over. With a better storyline, more exciting Action Skills and superior gunplay, Borderlands 2 is guaranteed to impress even the most critical gamer.



Scan the QR code to read the full review.

### Silent Hill: Downpour Rating: ★★★★★ by Anthony Cuerdo Rey (4E)

Revenge is like skipping class. It may seem like a good idea initially, but you don't realize that the cons heavily outweigh the pros until it's too late. The game Silent Hill: Downpour, the eighth and final instalment in the Silent Hill series, takes this idea and makes it the entire theme of the game.



Scan the QR code to read the full review.



## Page to Stage: The Sneaker Show

Every year, students from the English Society attend a theatre performance presented by AFTEC. Due to social distancing regulations, students sadly did not get the opportunity to watch the show in the theatre, but that did not stop the show from going on. Students still got to see *The Sneaker Show* online through a viewing in the English Corner.



English Ambassadors watching a video recording of *The Sneaker Show* in the English Corner

## Reading Awards Winners

Students in junior and senior forms took part in the Bug Club and iLearner programmes during this academic year.

These reading enhancement programmes aim to improve students' reading skills and test their comprehension. Students with the highest scores were awarded a Platinum Award along with a \$100 book voucher and certificate.

### Junior Platinum Award Winners:



From left to right – Gabriel Kwong (1D), Yoyo Chan (1D), and Frank Li (2D), absent - Mirui Wang (1E)

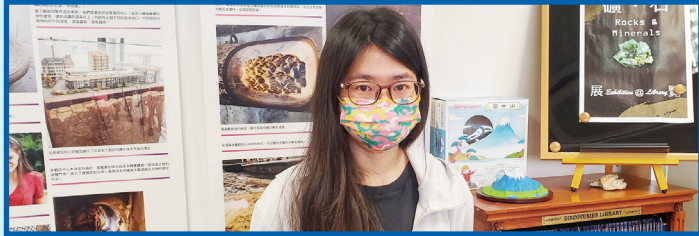
### Senior Platinum Award Winners:



From left to right – Jimmy Cheng (5A), Rainbow Wang (5A), and Farrah Mohammad (4E)

## Reading Across the Curriculum Programme: Rocks and Minerals

We spoke to geology enthusiast Ms Julia Lai from the library about this year's Reading Across the Curriculum Programme, brought about by her passion for rocks and minerals.



Ms Julia Lai and the Rocks and Minerals display in the library

### How did the theme of 'Rocks and Minerals' for this year's Reading Across the Curriculum programme come about?

The Head Librarian, Ms Ho, saw my rock collection one day and asked me to tell her more about it. She thought it was fascinating because it relates to Physics and Chemistry. Ms Ho got in touch with Dr LS Chan, a famous retired professor from the Department of Earth Sciences at HKU, who advised us on the exhibition. Dr Chan told us that the topic of rocks and minerals is not just cross-curricular but also trans-curricular because it is everywhere around us. The entire civilisation is built on rocks and minerals. Students can learn a lot from this field of study.

### Which subjects were included in the Rocks and Minerals RAC programme?



BAFS and Economics students at the Kowloon Bay market

We worked with the Chemistry, Geography, Physics, BAFS, Economics, Biology, Maths, Buddhist Morals and Values Education and English departments to organise various fun activities for students.

Biology and Geography teachers ran guided tours in elective subject lessons. BAFS students also designed a board game and created 3-D printed crystals for the game tokens.

### The rocks and minerals display in the library is very intricate and informative. Will new students still be able to see this display in the 2022-2023 school year?

Yes, the programme was so successful, we have decided to keep the display permanent. We consulted with various panel heads who all felt it would be a waste only to use it as a once-off project.

### What did you enjoy most about this project?

I enjoy this opportunity to share my hobby with others as I seldom get the chance to do so. I want others to know that rocks and minerals aren't just rocks. Our entire civilisation is built on rocks, from cell phones and TVs to 3-D printers and computers. I enjoyed teaching students that nearly everything they use daily, especially cell phones, only exists because of minerals. Many students were fascinated with the topic, which satisfied me.

### Where did your passion for geology start?

When I was in secondary school, I bought some crystal jewellery. After learning more about different stones, I discovered that raw stones are more beautiful than manufactured accessories, so I started my collection of raw specimens.



Raw mineral specimens on display in the library

### How extensive is your collection?

That's a tricky question. I don't know the specific number, but I estimate that I have over 100 types of rocks and minerals.

### What is your favourite rock or mineral?

Cinnabar, also known as the philosopher's stone, is my favourite mineral. It has a cool name and an exciting history. An ancient Chinese emperor used cinnabar to make an immortality elixir. In Western culture, alchemists tried to use cinnabar to make gold. Speaking of alchemists, I am also a big fan of Fullmetal Alchemist, a Japanese anime series.

### What rock or mineral is at the top of your wish list?

It's a compound called Barium Carbonate. Unfortunately, Barium Carbonate cannot be imported into Hong Kong because it is toxic. Cinnabar is also toxic. As you can see, I am very interested in toxic minerals. People don't usually think of rocks and minerals as toxic or dangerous when there are actually a lot of toxic stones and minerals in nature.

### Where can one buy rocks and minerals to start a collection?

I started my collection with a retailer selling crystal accessories and jewellery. Most retailers in Hong Kong only sell accessories and jewellery. If you want to move on to raw mineral specimens, you must do some research to find more specialised retailers. There are also gemstone and mineral fairs held in Hong Kong annually. There are also various clubs in Hong Kong that people can join, e.g. Hong Kong Rock & Mineral Club (香港石頭及礦物會) and The Mineralogy Society of Hong Kong. Collectors can also buy and sell specimens online on platforms like eBay and Facebook Marketplace. These groups may also arrange in-person exchange meetups.



Ms Lai's collection of rocks and minerals

## Writers of the Issue:



### An Umbrella Taught Me to Help

by Mark Wo Ting Ki (5D)



As a child, I was not willing to help because I thought it would only bring me loss. Time or money. Someone might say: 'It would not take you a lot of time but would make others feel happy.' However, I don't think so. Why would I help you if I don't even know you? Especially when it will cost me extra time and money.

That's why I was not willing to help others when I was a child. However, now I change my mind.

I always ride my bike to my classmate's house on Saturdays. The weather was not very good one day. It looked like it was going to rain, but I forgot to bring my umbrella. So, I was going to ride my bike home early.

Unfortunately, it rained before I got home. So, I rode increasingly faster and hoped the rain wouldn't pour soon. However, things didn't go the way I thought they would, it turned worse in no time.

The rain was so heavy that I couldn't see the road ahead and there was no shelter from the rain. I had to push my bike slowly through the heavy rain. I was wet all over like I'd just fallen into the water. At that moment I felt abandoned by the world.

A light came from behind me but did not just leave like the others did. I looked back and saw a car. A man came up with an umbrella and he handed it to me.

I watched him get back in the car under his other umbrella. His clothes looked expensive, but they got wet in the rain.

My body was cold, but my heart was warm. He got back in the car and took off, but he was still in my mind.

After that day, my childish thoughts disappeared. I also helped others sometimes.

I remember at the beginning of the COVID-19, not everyone could get hold of a mask but only people wearing masks could enter premises like supermarkets.

I was waiting for my family outside the supermarket one day. I saw an elderly couple unable to go in because they weren't wearing masks. They still tried to enter, but the staff refused. I watched their anxious faces, I remembered pushing the bike in the rain. I took out the only three masks I had left in my bag and handed them over.

They were surprised and then kept thanking me. When they got out of the supermarket, they passed me a bag of snacks. I didn't like the snack, but I still felt so happy.

I realized the joy of helping others, I am ready to help those who are in trouble. The umbrella from the helpful stranger is still in my home and whenever I see this umbrella, I remember that man.

After these two incidents, I learned not to think about what you are losing when helping others, we should think more about how other people you help can overcome their difficulty instead.

### I Have a Dream

by He Cheuk Ting (2A)



Everyone may have their own dream. So what is a dream? In my opinion, a dream is a goal. With this goal as the driving force, we keep moving forward. Somebody may want to be a zillionaire, and somebody may want to be a scientist. My dream is no exception and very similar to ordinary people's dreams.

My dream is to become a biologist or a singer when I grow up. When I first came into contact with the subject of Biology in the third grade of elementary school, I became very interested in this. I think Biology is a very great discovery. It explains the life of different species. Biologists have also developed many historical and worldwide technologies to make people live in this world healthily. Since then, I have had the determination to be a biologist.

My other dream is to be a singer. When I was in the sixth grade of elementary school, I liked two singers. They were young singers - Song Ya Xuan and R&B godfather, Tao Zhe. I admire them very much. Whether it's their singing skills or their empathy when singing, every time I hear them sing, I feel as if I could deeply feel the emotions expressed in the lyrics, as if there were magic that attracts me.

Tao Zhe said, "Actually, music is something in my world; it is my secret treasure, only for me." In fact, I share the same view of music. I think music is another way for us to express emotions and relax. Everyone's music world is unique. My singer dream also began at this moment.

Dreams ignite the torch of life. You must pursue your favourite goals and work towards your dreams so that life is worth it.

# BULLETIN BACK PAGE

## Your guide to summer events in Hong Kong

### The Big Eight-Dinosaur Revelation at the Hong Kong Science Museum

Visit the Hong Kong Science Museum this summer to see fossils of dinosaurs and some of the most complete fossil skeletons in the world.



When: 8 July to 16 September; 10am-10pm  
Where: 2/F Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Science Museum, Tsim Sha Tsui East  
How much: Free

### The Dessert Museum at East Point City

Dessert fans can get their sugar fix at this newly opened and colourful exhibition.



When: Thursday 14 July to Sunday, 4 September; 10am-10pm  
Where: 1/F Exhibition Hall, East Point City, Hang Hau  
How much: Free

### The Hong Kong Palace Museum

This unique and newly opened museum presents over 900 priceless treasures from the Palace Museum, with many of them on display in Hong Kong for the first time. Visitors can enjoy demonstrations and exhibitions that introduce China's rich history and the culture in 9 exhibition halls.



When: Mon, Wed, Thur, Sun: 10am – 6pm  
Fri, Sat, PH: 10am – 8pm  
Where: Hong Kong Palace Museum, West Kowloon  
How much: \$50 (adults), \$25 (students)

### The Mills: Travel Through Hong Kong's Textile History

Learn more about Hong Kong's textile history at this former cotton mill factory. Join a walking tour around the mill with plenty of Instagrammable spots and keep an eye out for all their events during The Mills Kids Festival 2022 in August.



When: August 2022  
Where: The Mills, 45 Pak Tin Par Street, Tsuen Wan

### SummerFest 2022 at the Central Harbourfront

This annual major summer programme transforms the Central Harbourfront Event Space into a mega stage for a series of free summer events. There will be a wide range of events based on this year's theme "Wild in the City".



When: 16 July to 18 September  
Where: Central Harbourfront Event Space (by the Observation Wheel)  
Admission: Free

### Flow Academy: Inatable Water Sports Arena

With summer fast approaching, check out Flow Academy's inflatable water sports arena with their giant water seesaw, floating macaroon bridge and signature inflatable obstacle course. New additions to the arena include a 9m tall water slide and a 6m tall water bouncer.



When: 1 June to 30 September  
Where: Lake Egret Nature Park, Tai Po Kau  
How much: From \$198

## Getting to know...

### Mr ADDI CHUNG



#### What one piece of advice would you give to your students?

You're only limited by your imagination. Explore more and be inspired.

#### What is your favourite place in the world?

Definitely Hong Kong. I like the vibrant lifestyle here. Plus, good restaurants and hiking trails are just around the corner. You simply can't ask for more!

#### What is one of your hidden talents?

Super metabolism - eating a lot without gaining much weight.

#### Do you have a favourite English book?

Great Expectations.

#### What is your ultimate English feel-good song?

Stornaway's Fuel Up.

#### In which Hogwarts house do you think you'd be sorted and why?

Hufflepuff - I value justice and perseverance.

#### What is your pet peeve?

Messiness - students, bear my mild OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder).

#### Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by?

Follow your heart and it will always lead you.

## Bulletin Buzzwords

### Tech-inspired vocabulary

Technology has become an undeniable part of our daily lives. Everything from our learning, social lives, arts and entertainment have all gone digital. Check out these three new must-know tech phrases.

#### Metaverse



The metaverse is a virtual reality space in which users can interact with a computer-generated environment and other users. It offers people the chance to 'live' within a digital universe. Users will be able to play, learn, shop, game and more, all from the comfort of their own homes. People can access this virtual world through computer screens, virtual reality (VR) or augmented reality (AR) headsets.

Example: 'I spent a few hours hanging out with friends in the metaverse on Sunday'.

#### Nomophobia





## NFT



NFT stands for non-fungible token. If something is non-fungible, it means that it cannot be replaced or exchanged for something of identical value.

An example of something fungible is a coin, such as a \$2 coin. It can be exchanged for another \$2 coin. It doesn't matter which of the coins you have – you still have \$2.

Something like a painting is non-fungible. That particular painting only exists once. If you buy a painting, no one else would own that exact painting.

It is trickier to own digital objects because they can be copied. For example, if you find a picture online that you like, you can right-click it, save it on your computer, and use it as a background if you want. This is where NFTs come in.

If you bought an NFT of a digital painting from the person who made it, a record of your purchase is kept in the blockchain. The blockchain is a giant database maintained by many people in their computers, and it is almost impossible to change. Once the blockchain keeps a record of a transaction, it's there forever. Everyone can see that you bought the NFT – and it proves that you are the only owner of the digital painting.

Example:

'An NFT is a technology that proves who the owner of a digital object is. This digital object could be a song, a picture, a video, a tweet – or even a piece of digital land in an online game or virtual world.'

The term 'Nomophobia' (created from the combination of the words 'no mobile phone phobia') is the fear, worry or panic at the thought of not having your phone or being unable to use it.

People who have nomophobia feel anxious if they have to put their phone down or can't use it for a while. They also feel irritated or stressed if they can't find or check their phones.

Example: 'Jack, you've checked your phone five times in the last 5 minutes. I think you have nomophobia.'

