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## A KYCer

Alice Yau Mei Fong (5A)

School is a daily mission for us  
In the morning, we 're sure to make a fuss  
Even when the alarm has still not rung  
Here we are, awake at 7 am sharp

Sometimes school is such a bore  
Sometimes school is such a chore  
Despite feeling tired in the morning  
We still work hard studying

When the bell rings  
Immediately the lesson begins  
We listen intently until the lesson ends  
Then run in the corridor and see our friends

We seek help from our teachers  
Their passion for education is a feature  
They are friendly and kind  
And aim to to expand every mind

Our lovely classmates in KYC are incredible  
And at school we feel so comfortable  
We all have special moments at school  
Honestly, luckily, positively, KYC is cool!

# A speech to students—Poetry is Fun!

Kevin So Kai Hong, 4A

Good morning boys and girls,

I am Chris Wong from 4A, the chairperson of the Poetry Club. Some people may think poetry is not interesting and useless. However, this is merely a misconception. Poetry can also be entertaining and useful. In the past, I also believed wrongly, that poetry is not easy to learn. Later, I found that poetry isn't as hard as I thought.

In fact, poems are fun! We can write poems that make people laugh. As an example boys and girls, listen to my limerick.

*There once was a teacher named Mark  
whose voice was as loud as a bark.  
While teaching one day  
The kids ran away  
And would still hear his bark from the park!*

This is one of my favourite short poems, Mark - The Teacher. From the limerick, you see an angry teacher teaching his students. The students are afraid of their teacher's bark. This creates a funny mood for the poem. Do you know this type of poem is easy for you to learn? And this allows you to imagine your school life with howling laughter. Try to listen to the rhymes of the poem. They also create a brisk beat by following the AABBA structure.

Boys and girls, let's try to write a similar limerick. First of all, you can choose the topic or person you want to write about. For example, your family, school life or travelling experience. It's better to choose some ideas from your daily life

because this makes the limerick more realistic. Let me tell you something funny. In the past, I wrote an amusing limerick about my friend. I imagined her as a monster (just for fun) and I tried to describe what the monster would look like, for example 'the creature had a disgusting long tongue'. When my friend saw the limerick, she was really cross! it was such a tragedy for me. You can also learn to tell a funny story to people through a limerick. It's not hard at all!

There are other forms of poetry you can write but limericks are fun and they only have five lines. You can write about someone you know or about something from your daily life. Here's another example about going to the dentist.

*There once was a young girl named Jill  
who was scared by the sight of a drill.  
She brushed every day  
so her dentist would say  
"Your teeth are perfect; no bill".*

I think everyone has seen a dentist, so it easily resonates with all of us; an experience we can all relate to.

To sum up, poetry can be a lot of fun. So try to write a limerick of your own and get satisfaction. Let's try! Thank you.

# Alarming Alcohol Consumption

Ivan Lui Ho Wang, 5A

That the majority of teenagers have consumed alcohol is not extraordinary in this day and age. Indisputably, they, especially western teenagers, treat consuming alcohol as if it were a casual matter. Teenagers in Hong Kong seem not to be exceptions. A considerable numbers of local minors are reported to have consumed alcohol before. The report has been brought into the limelight as a social issue recently. There are drawbacks consuming alcohol and the habit should be eradicated in no time.

First and foremost, alcohol consumption jeopardizes teenagers' mental health. The harmful substances in alcohol, such as propanol, will greatly deteriorate teenagers' brain development, leading them to feel sleepy or dizzy easily. Bad psychological and mental condition will also affect their studies. The original biological clock might also be influenced owing to the effect of alcohol on their mental condition and sleeping quality. Eventually, their mental health is immensely jeopardized.

Second, alcohol consumption jeopardizes teenagers' physical health. Alcohol, having a great deal of harmful chemicals, such as ethanol, could influence teenager's health. Absorbing too many harmful substances such as ethanol, people consuming alcohol continuously would have a greater chance to be diagnosed to have serious diseases such as liver cancer and cataract. Moreover, drinking alcohol without control can cause powerlessness. It is blatantly obvious that if teenagers keep drink-

ing alcohol, their physical health will be jeopardized.

Third, alcohol consumption among teenagers might render social problems. Consuming ethanol, teenagers' mental condition might be degraded. Juvenile crimes, such as, shoplifting or robbing will be conducted frequently under the influence of alcohol. As a result, the prospects of teenagers would be ruined. Moreover, consuming alcohol would affect their emotion management, rendering them to be less concentrated and more short-tempered. This would cause arguments among family members, causing poor family relationship. Not only consuming alcohol would bring juvenile delinquency, but it also leads to a poor family relationship.

Rendering many problems and crimes, the image of Hong Kong, being a cosmopolitan and vibrant city, will be undermined. For the sake of eradicating the problem inside out, suggestions are recommended to relieve the situation.

First, the government should educate the teenagers the adverse influence of consuming alcohol. More events and talks should be held to introduce the harmful effects of consuming alcohol. Because of a lack of such education, teenagers do not know much about the consequences of this indecent habit. Thereby, the government should hold more events and talks in both primary and secondary schools. This could raise the awareness of teenagers to avoid consuming alcohol after acknowledging

the effects.

Second, the government should tighten the law and ordinance of selling alcohol. Hong Kong has a loose alcohol selling ordinance now and alcohol is unlawfully sold to teenagers by most convenient shops without asking them to show their identity cards to the salesperson. Thereby, the government should tighten the law by giving economic penalties to the people who violate the law.

There are considerable numbers of teenagers who are now indulging themselves in an alcohol addiction in the territory. Never should the government turn a blind eye to this woeful situation. It strikes society as necessary that government should take it into consideration. Alleviating the problem, it is high time that different sectors of society should cooperate and cope with the situation. It is sincerely hoped that teenagers could live a healthier and more prosperous life in Hong Kong.

## Extending Retirement Age

Ivan Lui Ho Wang, 5A

That the retirement age among the world is generally at the age of 60 is universally acknowledged. The latest policy of Hong Kong about extending the retirement age to 65 has been a heat debate. The policy has now become a bone of contention. Some opposing voices in the territory claim that this will lengthen the waiting time of receiving Mandatory Provident Fund. Granted that this would be highly beneficial to society with compelling reasons, I still have some reservations.

First and foremost, extending retirement age would bolster the competitiveness. Extended retirement age implies that the citizens, especially the seniors, can work longer. This would bring much labour force to society, boosting the productivity such as catering and transportation in Hong Kong. This would immensely facilitate the gloomy economy and somehow spur the economic growth ultimately. Extending retirement age is vitally important to retain and as well increase the competitiveness of Hong Kong in the world.

Second, extending retirement age could relieve the economic burden of Hong Kong Government for the retired elderly. The Elderly, when retired, have not got any income but only expenditure. They scarcely have the capability to take care of themselves with MPF (Mandatory Provident Fund). As a result, the government has to shoulder the responsibility of looking after them, rendering a considerable amount of economic burden to Hong Kong. Therefore,

the senior citizens would be able to earn income to take care of themselves once the policy is imposed. The fund of welfare for elderly can be curbed, alleviating the economic burden of government to the retired elderly.

Third, extending retirement age could strengthen the governing of our local government. The policy could embody the respect to the retired senior citizens as it fawns on the appeals from society. Better than just stay at home with boredom, retired elderly generally aspire to live while working. Moreover, as the policy focuses on elderly, they would probably feel grateful to the government's well-intentioned action. There would be more supporters supporting the government, making them easier to impose policies without a hitch in the future. This would bring prestige for the government and hence, it could strengthen the governing of our local government.

The benefits of extending retirement age could be profound and different sectors of society should work hand in hand to settle the dispute and try to compromise and reach a consensus. It is blatantly obvious that the policy could bolster the competitiveness and relieve the economic burden of government as well strengthen the governing of Hong Kong. It is high time for the government to impose the policy as it seems like a panacea to improve Hong Kong's future, making it a better place to live.

## Friendship Forever

Jerry Ma, Marco Leung and Isaac Ho, 1A

Time flies quickly. Jimmy, Mike and Ian were in the same class. However, they were strangers to each other initially because they were from different primary schools.

At first, Jimmy and Ian didn't talk too much to each other until they found out they shared something in common. Coincidentally, they had both come back from living overseas. Jimmy had returned from the United Kingdom whereas Ian had returned from Australia. They felt very excited and started building up their friendship.

Soon after they began school, their English teacher, Miss Chan, asked them whether they would like to represent the class to join an English quiz competition. At first, Ian didn't want to have a go since he felt very shy. However, with Jimmy's encouragement, Ian agreed to have a try. Together they prepared hard for the quiz. On the competition day, after all the students had sat down in the hall, Ian started shivering and felt very nervous. Jimmy was kind. He immediately patted Ian's shoulder and told him, "Mate, we are going to be fine. Just relax." Consequently, they did a good job in that competition and came first. The whole class cheered for them out of joy. On another occasion, Jimmy burst into tears because of an undesirable examination result. Without hesitation, Ian rushed to comfort him at once. He encouraged him not to be frustrated but to try harder later in order to obtain a better outcome.

Later on, their friendship expanded to

include Mike. Mike performed so outstandingly in the first examination that Jimmy and Ian were impressed. Originally, they saw Mike as an introverted boy. He did not actively interact with others. However, since they got to know him more, they found out that they were thoroughly mistaken. In fact, Mike is talkative, funny, playful and easy-going. Just like them, he enjoys making jokes; he loves playing computer games and he likes hanging around with friends. Academically, he works hard.

Now at school, the three often have lunch together. They always share their interesting experiences, chat and laugh a lot. Also, when facing difficulties, they give each other support and encouragement. At the same time, they also academically compete with each other. Their friendship includes not only companionship but also a healthy competition. They hope they can be in the same class next year. However, if not, they truly believe that their friendship will grow stronger and stronger in future no matter what happens to them.

## Hold on to Your Dream

Ho Wai Ki, 5B

"Mr Wong, thank you for accepting this interview. My first question is, 'Who or what was the biggest obstacle in your journey to become a successful painter?'"

"My fear," I murmured. I looked around my workshop, the largest painting hanging on the wall caught my attention and recalled my memory.

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"Chris, have you finished the worksheets for the future plan yet?" mum yelled, "Doctor, dentist or what," she added.

"I don't know, maybe, doctor," I yelled back, "or painter," I mumbled with the paintbrush in my hand.

"What?!"

"Nothing!"

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In fact, I didn't want to be a doctor or lawyer at all. I wanted to be a painter. My room full of paintings is where I belong. But I couldn't. I needed to earn enough money. I needed money to take care of my mum. Painting could only become a hobby. I sank into my melancholy.

I sat in the classroom with a haggard face.

"What's wrong?" my classmate questioned.

"Just thinking about choosing subjects

for college," I replied.

"Well, with your academic results, you can practically get into whatever you want?" he chuckled.

"A doctor?" he saw my worksheets. "I'm sure you'll be a really noble doctor."

His words made me feel confident about my decision and I handed in the worksheets. I went back home and stared at a painting and sighed. I kept murmuring, "I made the right decision. I made the right decision..." I was caught between the stools. I felt overwhelmed. I took out my paintbrush. Only painting can calm me down.

"Yes," I answered.

"Are you feeling alright? You're acting erratic these days. So you wrote 'doctor'?" I nodded.

"Is that really what you want? You have to be honest to me." She stared at me seriously.

"No...Yes, Yes. I'm sure," I stuttered.

"Don't lie to me, Chris," she added.

"Fine; yes, I don't want to be a doctor," I admitted. "I want to be a painter. I aspire for painters. But I can't. Painting can't earn a living. I need to choose jobs that can earn money to take care of you, of our family. What if I fail to become a painter? There are so many people out there with more talents and potentials than me."

"You have to choose to be a painter. You have to," she asserted.

"Painting is your passion. You are the most talented painter I have ever known. Look at these fantastic artworks." She pointed to the paintings on the wall."

"Don't be afraid. You don't need to worry about our family. We don't want to block your way when you are pursuing your dream. Don't think about doctors or lawyers; don't think about the alternatives. That's not what you want. If you want to follow your dreams, you have to say no to all the alternatives. Son, feel free to fulfil your dream. Don't worry. Every cloud has a silver lining."

"So your mom gave you confidence and took away our fear?" the journalist asked. "It's a very touching story."

"Yes. She is the first person I need to thank."

"Is there anything you want to say to the readers?"

"Hold on to your dreams. Also, just like what my mom said, if you want to follow your dreams, you have to say no to all the alternatives."

## Blue

Chloe Li, Anson Lau, Annabelle Yeung Hoi Chin & Natalie Cheng , 4C

Blue is the sky  
Full of clouds and sunshine  
It makes me feel confident

Blue is the river  
That provides the habitat  
For animals to live

Blue is sadness  
That makes me feel depressed  
And my mind full of regret

Blue is an ocean  
of sadness, pressure and isolation  
which we sometimes feel

## Redevelopment - The Combination of Fashion and Tradition

Mang Kei Yan, 6A

Recently, I joined a local tour to visit a redeveloped historical building in Kowloon, Lui Seng Chun. During the visit, I understood the history of Chinese medicine and realized the importance of revitalizing these heritage sites. Regarding the criticism that redeveloped historical buildings are merely tourist attractions for business opportunities, I feel doubtful and the reasons are shown in the following.

When visiting Lui Seng Chun, the tour guide introduced the detailed history of the site. Originally, it was owned by a businessman Mr Lui and the Lui family moved out of the building and converted it into a Chinese medicine healthcare centre. On that day, not only our local tour was visiting this symbolic heritage,

but also a number of foreign tourists taking photos and trying Chinese medicine.

The redevelopment provides an opportunity for the tourism industry to show the district colour to the tourists. If the authorities had not redeveloped Lui Seng Chun, the tourists would not have had the chance to know the characteristics of the old buildings, tong lau. With the cooperation of the Hong Kong Tourism Board and the Antiquities Advisory Board, they grasp this opportunity to promote our heritage. The redevelopment project can boost the popularity of these traditional buildings so it becomes one of the famous attractions.

Moreover, redeveloping the historical

buildings can make better utilization of that site. In Hong Kong, the land is scarce for housing and commercial activities. As Lui Seng Chun has been converted into a Chinese medicine health care centre, the historical value can be retained and the Chinese medical services can be provided at the same time. Because of the redevelopment, the government can look after both preservation and development of our society.

When it comes to the traditional culture, the redevelopment project can help promote Chinese culture to the Westerners. As we all know, Hong Kong is not only a part of China, but also an international metropolis. The redeveloped Lui Seng Chun provides a platform to promote the culture of Chinese medicine. Also, Chi Lin Nunnery is an example to introduce the culture of Chinese religion. When the foreign tourists visit Hong Kong, they can have better understanding of Chinese culture through visiting these attractions. To conclude, the historical buildings, significant for promoting our unique district color and traditional Chinese culture, should not be neglected. If the redevelopment of the heritage was mainly for business opportunities, then we would not have such fabulous chances to learn, to touch and to appreciate the history.

## Respecting Animals is Imperative

Mary Chan Wing Yee, 5A

Animals have been living with us for ages and they should be respected and protected like human beings. Respect for animals means not to hurt the animals and we should provide help to them where necessary. However, there have been recent examples of animal cruelty, reported in newspapers and on the internet. Headlines like "Eight cattle were killed in what is believed to be a hit-and-run traffic accident on Lantau" or "Seven puppies were found dead when police raided an indoor kennel in a Sham Shui Po tenement block" sounds an alarm that people are looking down on the lives of animals and this shows that people are reluctant to be responsible for these accidents.

These animal accidents are caused by people's wrong attitude towards the animals. So, what can be done to change people's attitude towards animals? First of all, this has to be done fundamentally. Education is one of the most effective ways. Schools can instill correct concepts of being caring and considerate to animals through normal lessons or inviting some experts from Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) to have talks or seminars, introducing the current situation of animal cruelty and the importance of respecting and protecting animals to the students, so students have the basic knowledge about protecting animals and they will not have an idea to hurt them.

Secondly, the government can educate the general public that animals have the same right as humans and they should not be looked down on through

TV commercials or radio programmes. Since people always watch TV and surf the Internet through smartphones, these pieces of information and messages can spread very quickly and people can acquire them subconsciously. People's attitude towards animals can be changed effectively.

Thirdly, if your home has kept pets, parents should set a good example themselves for the children to follow. Since children can be easily affected by the acts of adults. If parents are considerate and keen on protecting the pets, the children will do the same with the same attitude as parents. This can help children build a good habit of being caring for animals' need.

Besides, disseminating the message of "Love and Concern for Animals" to the general public is also important. This can be done by holding a marathon to collect donations from people. People can attend the marathon with their pets in groups. This can not only facilitate the cooperation between people and the animals, but also raise general public's awareness about animals' needs. Moreover, the donations collected from the marathon can be used to heal the injured animals in other traffic accidents and recruit some young volunteers to participate in the rehabilitation process of animals so animals can have a better life. Through these measures, I am sure that the goal of changing people's attitude, being compassionate and caring to animals, can be achieved.

## Sleeping Beauty

Helen Lee Shuk Wun, 5A

Sitting right by your side  
You sleep as if you had died  
The bell rings and you rise up high  
Asking where the teachers hide  
Memories of times gone by

## The Principal

Helen Lee Shuk Wun, 5A

You are always in the highest position  
Your entrance into the classroom brings silence  
Yet no one knows the infinite conversations  
Where you give the best advice to your students

## Uber Model?

Mang Kei Yan, 6A

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my opinion about the recent controversial issue of the Uber model, which seems to pose a threat to the taxi industry. However, it is worth keeping the Uber model in such a fast-paced city as it brings convenience to busy Hong Kong people.

After installing Uber app from apps store, there are numerous options of cars, such as Toyota, Audi, and even BMW that we can choose. The next step is to decide the arrival time and destination. In spite of traffic congestion, Uber service ensures that we can arrive on time. The idea of Uber comes from the Western countries, which provides cars for drivers originally. However, the Uber model in Hong Kong also provides drivers to customers to drive them to the destinations. In a bid to suit the lifestyle of Hong Kong people, Uber is doubtlessly the better option for us.

By contrast, there are several failings of using taxi service. During rush hours, we cannot call a taxi and that leads to lateness in some important meetings. From time to time, taxi drivers refuse to drive the customers if the destinations are within short distances. The reason is that they cannot earn much money with the high consumption of petroleum and natural gas. Customers often feel frustrated about the impolite attitude of the taxi drivers and rude service. Although the price of using Uber service is slightly higher than that of taxi service, it is worth paying with a comfortable seat and polite attitude of the Uber drivers.

The emergence of the Uber model reflects the problems of our taxi service. The Uber service is by far illegal and unlicensed. Recently, a few Uber drivers were arrested but this did not impede the customers to opt for such convenient service continually. Conflicts are caused between the taxi drivers and Uber drivers. The former argue that the Uber model alters their daily earnings, subsequently causing economic burden in their families. They urge the government to enforce the use of unlicensed service so as to maintain the reputation of the taxi industry.

As I have mentioned, Uber and taxi should exist simultaneously. With more choices, Hong Kong people do have the right to opt for taxi or Uber freely. Right now, the taxi industry should learn from the lessons and improve the service. I believe that there is benign competition between taxi industry and the Uber model. Hong Kong people thus enjoy the better services while using these transportation tools. Someone points out that our metropolis with dense population cannot tolerate the huge number of Uber cars. This can be addressed by restricting the number of Uber cars so as not to cause serious traffic congestion. The Hong Kong government should play an imperative role to implement relevant policies on this issue, alleviating the conflicts between the two parties.

Yours faithfully,  
Mang Kei Yan



# When We were Young

Sekunder Zaheer, 5A

Dear Diary,

It has almost been a year since I've got heart-broken by my ex-girlfriend. I have still been fighting the sorrow that she left for me until this morning I heard a song playing on the TV, and then I knew that I'm all grown up.

On 21st December, 2013, May and I started our relationship as couples for almost two years, and I assume that nobody knows better than you, diary, what happened in those two years. Things went from perfect to good, from good to bad, and unfortunately, from bad to worse. Our relationship was really unstable in our second year together, but I refused to give up on our relationship. Well... you know, because I loved her from the bottom of my heart. But things weren't the same in her point of view.

On 1st January, 2016, while everyone was counting down waiting for a new year and a new hope, I was like waiting for my death penalty. May gave me signs before 1st January, 2016 that she would break up with me, but I was too afraid to accept the reality. But when a volcano erupts and explodes, nothing can stand in its way. Every life and hope burns in the way of the hot burning magma. My love and hope was destroyed by May's words saying that our relationship was over. Her words were like the heat of magma burning holes and melting my heart apart.

It has been almost a year now and today was supposed to be our third year together, but the person who was by my

side isn't here anymore. Throughout the year, everywhere I go, whatever I do, the lies about us were always there. I guess the words really did leave a mark in my heart.

As usual, I turned on the TV in the morning to just distract myself from the memories. I switched the station to the music station and it was playing a song that was sung by one of my favourite male singers, Calum Scott, and the most able lyrics were...

*We were scared of getting old.  
It looks just like a movie.  
It sounds like a song.  
My God this reminds me  
Of when we were young,  
Of when we were young*

The song was 'When We were Young', originally sung by Adele, but the version of Calum Scott made me burst into tears, like all my pain and sorrow explode in one time. After the crying, I was magically comforted by the song. It made me think a lot about the past but, at the same time, it reminds me that I am still living and growing up. I was so hurt before the song came to my ears. Now, I feel like the song is giving me a warm hug to tell me all of the past is gone and now I am all grown up.

The melody and lyrics are now filling the holes and healing the deep scars in my heart. I am totally comforted by the song. Now, I am all grown up in a file with words written 'when we were young' on top in the deepest part of my mind...

PS: Dear Diary, please keep this story between you and me only. Thank you for listening.

