In her latest Policy Address, the Chief Executive has again underscored the importance of providing a quality education as the key to nurturing talents and developing our youths into future pillars of society.

The current-term Government, she says, has increased the recurrent expenditure on education by a total of $13.5 billion over the past three years, but what parents are concerned about is not the numbers, but whether the resources have been effectively deployed and resulted in a better standard of education, one that would prepare their children for higher education and their future careers in a rapidly changing world that is propelled by technological advances.

As more and more parents are converted to the philosophy of holistic education which is not confined to pure academic considerations, the teaching role must be expanded to cover the development of a host of personal potentials in the students, including a sense of social responsibility, correct values and national identity, considering happenings of late in the community.

To become a whole person that is in sync with the new economic order, our students must be in tune with developments not only at home, but also in the burgeoning Greater Bay Area, as well as the rest of the world. They must learn self-respect and self-esteem, hone their social skills, develop resilience and appreciate aesthetics, and all within the context of a multicultural environment.

It is a challenging task for parents as they look for more than a one-size-fits-all education institution for their children, in terms of education philosophies, management competence, teacher quality, learning resources, teaching methodology, study environments, student cohorts and support facilities.

We hope you will find new concepts and inspirational ideas from our coverage of this very important subject.

Our eldest son graduated with an IB diploma from HKA and is now an undergrad Biology student at Uppsala University in Sweden. As parents we were very impressed with the way in which HKA worked with him and us as he formed his ideas and focussed in on the best combination of study courses for his IB Diploma and then through the complex process of researching and applying for universities. The support covered our questions as well as his and really helped us feel knowledgeable and well equipped to handle these important decisions as a family.

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Transition minus the tantrums

The transition from kindergarten to primary school can be much more complicated than expected and often anxiety-inducing for both parents and children, writes Cara Chen.

For the student, it’s more than just a location change, meeting new friends and teachers and having a more extended study time – which is already a lot for them to take in.

Rather than the hybrid teaching approach used in kindergartens, primary schools emphasize subject-based learning. The curriculum is more expansive and profound, involving abstract concepts that require students to pick up systematical thinking and focus for extended periods. They are also required to read more, and written tests, dictation and other forms of formal assessments are also new to children.

On top of this, they will also need to get ready for school by themselves, such as preparing their textbooks and stationery – which primary school teachers will not make ready for them the way kindergarten teachers do.

For working parents, helping children transition psychologically is a big challenge that largely cannot be solved by the increasing number of bridging programs offered by primary and cram schools. As these programs are often only a few days long, they most likely serve as a boost for admissions rather than offer emotional support.

And the situation worsens when coupled with the pandemic – which has affected kindergarteners’ social and emotional development and independence – as students have had to attend classes online and spend more time at home due to social distancing measures.

“Parents need more support for their children’s adjustment to the new learning environment. This is especially important given the vast differences between kindergarten and primary schooling in learning modes and curricula,” said Chan Wai-ling, an assistant professor of the early childhood education department at the Education University of Hong Kong.

“The weakening of their children’s self-care abilities caused by a prolonged lack of interaction is another concern relayed by parents,” she said.

To facilitate the transition from kindergarten to primary school, EdUHK has launched a new online project that provides free resources and extensive information for both parents and children.

Jointly presented by the ECE department and the Educational Innovation Leadership Project under the Knowledge Transfer Sub-Office at EdUHK, the Kindergarten-Primary Bridging Project 360 comprises three parts: a video series for parents, animated videos for parents and children and online meetings with parents.

The project invites primary school principals, psychologists and education scholars to share their professional expertise and insights.

In the videos, professionals will explain the challenges children may face when moving up to primary school and give advice to parents. There will be a total of 28 videos covering “learning,” “adaption” and “mind.” Among the guest speakers are Eva Lau Yi-hung, associate head of the ECE, and Stephen Chu Wing-kai from the social sciences department, who will discuss topics such as physical and mental health as well as self-control in preschool children.

In addition, a total of 25 animated videos covering themes such as children’s adaptation to new environments, social life and self-care are available for free on its collaborative partner EVIGarten’s online learning platform.

These videos cover peer relationships, getting along with people, as well as time and money management. Each video is supplemented with teaching guidelines and engaging exercises designed for parents and children to work on together.

As for the online meetings with parents, five experienced primary school principals will conduct in-depth discussions on different topics regarding moving up to primary school.

“Proceeding to primary schooling is a necessary stage for every student. We are concerned about the profound impact of the pandemic on kindergarten students, who have had less time in face-to-face classes,” said EdUHK president Stephen Cheung Yan-leung.

“This new project is just a start, and we are committed to promoting the sharing of online teaching resources for all,” he said. “Along with teaching plans, these materials will be developed for different subjects to support online learning.”
Identifying top talents

Now that the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education examination is drawing to a close, universities are gearing up to compete for Hong Kong’s best and brightest, writes Cara Chen.

To this end, the City University of Hong Kong’s new Talents Program for advanced learning targets students who are looking to pursue science or engineering-related pathways. The program offers training and teaching that includes, but also goes far beyond, the university’s highly interdisciplinary, technology-enriched courses and is customized to match eligible students’ capabilities and personalities. There will be targeted support and mentorship for strategic career planning. All this is to ensure students’ success in attaining their career goals and aspirations for further studies.

Requirements for local students wanting to apply are an overall score of 28 or above in four core and two elective subjects in the DSE, two A* and one A in the General Certificate of Education Advanced level for non-Jupas students, or an overall score of 38 or above in the International Baccalaureate program. Non-local students have to fulfill the entrance scholarship requirements.

The top 10 percent of existing first-year students in each college or school can also qualify for the scheme. Though CityU moved up four spots to 48th in the QS World University Rankings 2021 and one place to 18th in the Asian University Rankings, the university has centered its academic achievements on science and engineering subjects. However, it doesn’t stand out in the rankings by subject in general. There, the most prominent major goes to materials sciences’ division, which ranked 25th in the world.

The new program sees the university’s ambitions in science and engineering evidenced in a suite of new scholarships, including two new schemes - the President’s Scholarship and the Hong Kong Tech Scholarship - aimed at students with excellent performance in the two disciplines. The scholarships will reward academic excellence and potential for research.

There will be one award winner for the President’s Scholarship at HK$300,000 per annum and two for the Hong Kong Tech Scholarship at HK$200,000 each per annum. Both are tenable for four years.

Praising the university’s north American model of higher education, CityU’s president Kuo Way said: “This program provides another invaluable opportunity for top students to engage in specially designed courses and research topics under the mentorship of world-class scholars.”

Students joining the program may pursue a double degree in two completely different but complementary disciplines over five years.

An even more intensive learning experience is offered through a bachelor’s and master’s combined degree option. The undergraduate degree is completed in years one to three and the master’s, to be undertaken at CityU or overseas, in years four and five.

This overseas study option is another feature that will ensure that those accepted into the program get a university experience that soars beyond expectations. Students with the potential to undertake the rigorous advanced option can then apply for a doctoral program at CityU or highly rated universities worldwide.

Also, the joint bachelor’s degree programs are collaborations with highly rated institutions, such as Columbia University, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Manchester. The students will be awarded two bachelor’s degrees - one from CityU and the other from the partner university.

Other notable options include four-year enrichment programs for students from the College of Science and the School of Energy and Environment and a double major program.

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Hong Kong Academy

20 years of educational excellence

Since their founding in 2000, Hong Kong Academy’s (HKA) personal, individualized educational approach continues to empower students in achieving their full potential for generations to come.

Message from Head of School

HKA was founded on the principles of educational excellence, community engagement, inclusion and diversity and mutual respect. We first opened our red doors on Stubbs Road to just three students in August 2000, graduated our first IB Diploma cohort in May 2012 and moved to our award-winning Sai Kung campus in 2013.

We have celebrated our 20th anniversary during a year of unprecedented disruption which has affected every facet of life. As a result, we have been required to change routines and priorities both in school and at home. Our new normal looks very different to what most of us could have imagined, and yet many global leaders argue that what has occurred is simply the acceleration of a change which was already underway.

Since the advent of computing in the 1950s, our economies and societies have been increasingly dominated by knowledge workers focussed on driving technology and automation forward. In 2015 the concept of the Fourth Industrial Revolution was conceived, and in 2019 the World Economic Forum published a report called Schools of the Future, in which it recommended that as the world enters the Fourth Industrial Revolution, schools will need to shift from a knowledge-based to a skills-based instructional model. The Fourth Industrial Revolution will drive profound disruption in the workplace: workers will need to update their skills and knowledge many times over the course of their careers, artificial intelligence and increased automation will eliminate the need for certain jobs and brand new categories of jobs will emerge which do not exist today.

Whilst we don’t know exactly what this Fourth Industrial Revolution will look like, as an educator I believe it’s our job to equip students as best we can for an uncertain future. We must educate them to be global citizens who have the knowledge, capabilities and skills to drive and thrive through change. We should be preparing them to live meaningful lives, creating economic value and contributing to society no matter their future profession. Academics must be complemented with skills such as interpersonal and emotional intelligence, self-directedness, empathy, collaboration, creative and analytical thinking, social awareness and leadership.

To support student success today and to prepare them for the world of tomorrow, our unique programmes at HKA provide a holistic and highly personalised education. With an exceptionally low student to teacher ratio of 6:1, our faculty know every child as an individual and understand what motivates and inspires them to flourish. With a community representing over 40 nationalities, students develop a respect and appreciation for diverse perspectives and embrace differences as strengths. We are one of only seven fully authorised, three programme IB World Schools in Hong Kong. The majority of HKA students graduate with three qualifications, giving them access to their first choice universities on every continent.

This year marks our 10th graduating class. We are proud to have a global alumni network who are living, studying and working internationally in a range of degrees and professions which reflect our school’s commitment to individual pathways and global citizenship. I have been Head of School at HKA for 11 years, and as a father of two graduates, I am highly appreciative of the education both of my daughters experienced at HKA. I am delighted that Cherry and Sam offered to share their thoughts on what they value from their time as HKA students, I encourage you to learn more about our school by visiting our website or coming on a campus tour.

Stephen Dare
Head of School, Hong Kong Academy
Sam Maddox, 2015 Graduate

I was a student at Hong Kong Academy from Pre-Kindergarten until I graduated in 2015. I went on to study at Bowdoin College in the United States, where I earned a BA in Mathematics and a minor in Economics in 2019. I am currently working as an Asset Manager for Soltage, a Renewable Energy investor and provider based in the greater New York area. In my role, I perform financial analysis and monitor the performance of our portfolio of solar energy projects.

I think that HKA prepared me to forge my career path in a few ways. The Class of 2015 was only 19 people and I enjoyed the close-knit community and the relationships I was able to build in such a small class. After HKA, I chose to attend a small college (1800 students) and to pursue a career at a small company (50 employees) so that I could attend a small college (1800 students) and to pursue a career at a small company (50 employees) so that I could continue to build similar relationships to those I built while at school.

Having graduated from HKA with an IB Diploma, I definitely felt more prepared than some of my first-year peers for the academic rigor of a competitive US college. And I would argue that my teachers and mentors at HKA, as much as the IB programme itself, helped me learn how to manage my time and workload at the collegiate level that led to success in my classes. The teachers at HKA helped foster a huge sense of community. I believe I had strong connections with almost all of my teachers at HKA, from connecting with them outside the classroom when traveling on experiential learning trips or as coaches on various ACGS sports trips, as well as in after-school and weekend study sessions. This mentoring and the many opportunities to challenge myself definitely helped me feel more comfortable working with others, whether that be in teams or clubs in college, interacting with professors, and most recently in successfully cooperating with co-workers and managers.

Growing up as a member of the HKA community also raised my consciousness of the environment and the importance of sustainability, emphasized both by student initiatives and the Sai Kung campus. While I didn’t pursue a degree or major in environmental studies, I chose to join both a company and an industry that, like HKA, are committed to making the world a more efficient and environmentally friendly place.

Cherry, Grade 12 Student

My name is Cherry and I joined HKA in 2014 as a Grade 6 student having attended a local primary school. My parents did a lot of research about international secondary school options and were attracted to HKA because of the international diversity, amazing facilities and co-curricular opportunities. Perhaps even more importantly, they were impressed by how happy and confident the students were in their studies and they wanted that for me.

I am now mid-way through my final year of school. When I reflect upon my time at HKA I appreciate how the school has had a positive impact on my wellbeing and supported me as I shaped my identity. As a new student in Grade 6, and still today as a final year student, I have benefitted from HKA’s warm and caring community and the small class sizes. The teachers really know me as an individual and are so knowledgeable and passionate about their subjects. When the workload is high the teachers are very flexible and find ways to mentor and motivate us through it, I always feel comfortable approaching them when I need help.

HKA teachers have also encouraged me to balance my studies with sporting, creative and service activities. I represented the school in an international maths competition, competed in an HKA sports team, built a website to showcase my Grade 10 personal project and also worked as a student intern mentoring primary school kids during HKA’s summer activity programme and after school ceramics classes.

What I have found most rewarding has been the joy that I have found through service and giving back to others. My interest and dedication to this have built over time, starting with units of study in Individuals and Societies classes and growing through my involvement with community projects and the Global Citizens Diploma (GCD) programme. As the founding member and leader of HKA’s ImpactHK student group, I have advocated for the homeless and participated in monthly ‘Kindness walks’ for over three years. I also worked as a volunteer at a charity in HK that supports children with terminal diseases. I was inspired by their positivity and this reinforced my desire to make an impact in the lives of others. In 2019 I was honoured to receive the Kiwanis Community Service Award, a local and international award that recognises extended service and contribution to communities in need. I will complete my IB Diploma this summer with Higher Levels in Psychology, Mandarin and Music and Standard Levels in English, Maths and Environmental Systems and Societies. From there my next step is to study Educational Psychology at university with the longer-term goal of working in a job which advances the psychological wellbeing of children.
Cultivating confident global citizens with the passion to learn

Underscoring quality education in the children’s best interest, Box Hill (HK) International Kindergarten and Preschool cultivates confident and multilingual lifelong learners for a globalised world.

Originating from Australia, Box Hill established its first Hong Kong campus in 2004 with the aim of providing a delightful early childhood education to young children ages 0 to 6. Over the years, the school has expanded to four campuses located in Ma On Shan, Fo Tan, Tseung Kwan O, and Kwai Chung respectively.

In line with its mission of cultivating confident global citizens with multilingual ability and a passion for learning, the school has embraced the British National Curriculum Early Years Foundation Stage framework (EYFS), coupled with its own special features.

A well-balanced British curriculum

In implementing the framework, the school ensures children achieve a holistic development in seven learning areas: communication and language; personal, social, emotional and physical developments; literacy development; mathematical development; expressive arts and design; understanding of the world; and Box Hill also provides a strong foundation in Chinese language learning.

“This well-balanced approach is especially important for the result-oriented Hong Kong society, as it helps children develop both soft and hard skills, enhancing their all-round growth,” says Brandy Wo, principal of the Tseung Kwan O campus.

Mandy Kaur, principal of the Fo Tan campus, adds that the British curriculum is beneficial for graduates. “The UK curriculum gives our graduates an advantage to adapt better to both local primary schools and other international school systems.”

Quality language learning environment

Box Hill understands that language proficiency is key for children to survive and shine in a globalised world. Therefore, the school uses English as the medium of learning and communication, with Cantonese and Mandarin as a supplement.

“Everyone at our school speaks English at all times, except during the Cantonese and Mandarin lessons,” says Brandy. On the other hand, the school also adopts a progressive learning approach in offering Chinese learning based on the learners’ abilities and needs.

With both their boys studying at Box Hill, the two principals take pride in the school’s Chinese learning. Through a series of theme-related activities, children will learn the languages naturally during their time spent in school, even if there is no Chinese support at home. “My son learns a lot at school and is keen to go to school every day,” shares Mandy. “He would even ask me what certain things are called in Chinese at home.”

Carefully designed to meet the needs of children’s future pathways, Box Hill’s curriculum paves the way for any type of school. Brandy points out that students who opt for an International school will graduate at K2, while those preparing for a local primary school will stay until K3.

“Given this arrangement, we would increase the Chinese learning time for K3 students to equip them with adequate Cantonese and Mandarin skills for a local system,” she explains. “This gives parents two years to consider the pathway for their children so that they can make the best decision based on children’s interest, needs and ability,” adds Mandy.

Distinct ‘BoxHillian Qualities’

In line with its slogan, ‘confidence for a brighter future,’ the school has identified seven key characteristics that benefit children’s lifelong learning, which are known as ‘BoxHillian Qualities.’

Each quality is represented by an animal character, such as the confident lion which refers to belief in oneself and the curious monkey that stands for wondering and discovering.

“We will use different activities to cultivate these characteristics in children, such as storytelling and a reward system,” notes Mandy.

Not only useful for character education, these activities also help develop children’s interests and foster lifelong learning.

“Through our quality education, we hope our children can have the curiosity to explore their surroundings, instead of waiting for people to spoon-feed them,” adds Brandy.

New Tseung Kwan O campus

Boasting two floors with eight classrooms, Box Hill’s Tseung Kwan O new campus sits in Mount Verdant, giving students a premier learning environment. Aside from AM and PM classes, the TKO campus also offers a whole-day class from 9:00 am to 4:15 pm (extended hours are also available, please check with the school’s arrangement).

 Featuring a wide array of facilities, the spacious campus comprises reading corners, a BoxHillian Qualities wall, and a lego wall with STEM elements where children can unleash their creativity.

“At Box Hill, we make a point of organizing frequent joint activities with other schools,” shares Brandy. “And parents are welcome to visit the school and participate in school events.”

Applications for admission are now open and can be made online or in person.

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Box Hill (HK) International Kindergarten and Pre-school (4 campuses)

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Thriving in relational, rigorous and relevant Christian education

Christian Alliance P.C. Lau Memorial International School (CAPCL) believes ‘every child is like a seed’, and takes pride in cultivating Christian leaders with a relational, rigorous and relevant education.

Founded in 1992, CAPCL is the first international school set up by The Kowloon Tong Church of the Chinese Christian and Missionary Alliance (KTAC), which currently oversees 17 schools in Hong Kong. To deliver a premier learning environment, the school’s campus in Kowloon City was closed down for a large-scale renovation in 2017 and reopened in August 2020. It is well placed to take in approximately 500 preparatory to grade 6 students under its wings.

Adopting the bilingual Canadian-Alberta Curriculum which focuses on play-based learning and a holistic education approach, CAPCL provides a faithful and fruitful learning environment for students to grow in wisdom and stature.

“In line with our school’s tree logo, we believe every child is like a seed and will grow into a tree,” says Dr Cora Hui, Head of School. “Our mission is to develop Christ-like leaders who learn with a right motive for loving and serving others through speech and behaviour.”

Adopting the 3Rs approach

To accomplish the abovementioned school mission, Dr. Hui underlines that the key is to understand the educational needs of children. Therefore, CAPCL has introduced the learners-focused and others-oriented ideas along with the 3R approaches in teaching and learning, namely relational, relevant and rigorous.

In a step-by-step approach, the 3Rs start with ‘relational’, aiming to build a good teacher-student relationship to make students feel safe while learning at school. In this connection, the school has introduced a homeroom system.

“There are only two teachers, one specializing in English and the other in Chinese, in each class for the whole academic year. Hence they are in a position to know the children best and develop a good relationship with them,” she explains. Aside from a good teacher-student relationship, pupils can also build a close friendship with their peers. Thanks to an optimum class size of around 22 students!

Building on the relational learning environment, the school uses play-based teaching to make students’ learning relevant to their everyday life. “We emphasize play in child’s learning as we believe that fun is the key motivation for learning, and children can develop many skills through play.”

Beyond the relevant everyday learning, children will also benefit from the school’s rigorous bilingual education. Dr. Hui points out that the bilingual curriculum is not just helping students gain fluency in languages, but also allows them to understand different cultures as well as boosting their memory skills and attention span.

Holistic education based on 4Hs

CAPCL delivers a holistic education based on 4Hs - Heart, Habits, Head, and Hands - that complement the 3Rs.

“The ‘Heart’ refers to the motive of learning, which can be encouraged and engaged by the play-based teaching, and the ‘Habits’ are healthy practices like reading and self-regulation skills. These two elements - Hearts and Habits - make learning ‘relevant’,” she elaborates. “As for the ‘Head’, it is about cultivating children’s critical thinking abilities and is related to ‘rigorous’, while the ‘Hands’ link back to the school’s mission of serving the society.”

Under CAPCL’s holistic education, learners will do things from their ‘Hearts’ and build up good ‘Habits’ to equip themselves for helping others in the community. Then, they can apply what they have learnt (‘Head’) into services (‘Hands’) for people within the school community and in the neighbourhood.

Dr. Hui says that the school welcomes all prospective students and parents who subscribe to their educational beliefs and philosophies. “CAPCL is a community and therefore we need to bring in more diversity,” she explains. “We are not expecting a specific type of child as we believe every child is unique with his/her own potential.”
Inspiring leaders of tomorrow with positive education

Renaissance College Hong Kong (RCHK) offers an all-through learning environment, coupled with a rigorous IB curriculum, to cultivate well-rounded global citizens that strive for excellence.

Founded in 2006, Renaissance College is an all-through independent school offering quality education to students from Year 1 to 13 on its Ma On Shan campus, conveniently located right outside Exit A of Heng On Station. It is also a member of the English Schools Foundations (ESF), the largest provider of English medium international education in Hong Kong. Priding itself on building a family-friendly community, RCHK is committed to creating an inclusive and diverse learning environment to nurture global citizens for the next generation. Currently, it is home to 2,087 students of more than 40 nationalities.

“We want to build a culture that promotes peace and democracy, values diversity and works towards a sustainable future for all,” says Dr Harry Brown, Principal of RCHK. “This underlines how we deliver our education and the values we live by.”

The first to offer four IB programmes in Asia

This world-class school is known as the first in Asia to offer all four International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes, namely Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), the IB Diploma Programme (DP) and International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP).

Dr Brown explains that both PYP and MYP are inquiry-based learning which provides the framework for teaching and learning. The first one is designed for Year 1 to 6, and the latter one is for students from Year 7 to 11. “These two programmes give the basic content that students need to learn. During the process, we try to encourage students to follow their interests and passion to discover their learning capacity,” he notes.

Moving to the final two years of study at RCHK, students can choose from DP and IBCP. The DP is a comprehensive university preparatory programme in which students are required to undertake an external examination that is written and scored by the IB. “There are six subjects students need to take along with other extra things like a 4000 word essay, community service, and a course in philosophy.”

Another option is IBCP, a career-based programme. “This is for students who are clear about their goal and don’t want to take additional subjects,” he stresses. The programme takes a specialized approach that can be customized to suit students’ needs, personal interests and strengths, allowing students to access multiple pathways including higher education, employment and apprenticeships.

The heart of RCHK

Beyond providing quality IB education, the school also places wellbeing at the heart of its teaching, namely the ‘heart of RCHK’: aiming to teach the whole child and teenager. It comprises school values for the community, including health and relationships; and key features that help develop one’s wellbeing, such as character strengths and positive emotions.

“We don’t want to be a test preparation factory which only fills children’s brain with content. That is only a portion of it: we also want to serve student’s personal and social aspects,” says Dr. Brown. “Things that are matter to their lives, such as how to make friends and keep friends, how to be safe in dating and cyber safety.”

Taking a cue from positive psychology, the school has introduced wellbeing courses with a positive education approach in both Primary and Secondary curriculums. “When I was in school, my teachers and parents believed that their job was to point out my weaknesses and fix them or get me to fix them. But if we only focus on our defects, we would not make the progress we could,” he stresses. “Therefore, positive education is to help students recognize and build their strengths as well as to gain confidence.”

In addition, the school also has a large wellbeing department that consists of full-time counsellors and social workers to provide emotional support for students and parents through difficult times.

Home-school cooperation

RCHK has embraced the technologies to support distance learning, such as Google Classroom and Zoom. Dr. Brown shares that the pandemic gave the school a chance to re-imagine and revise their teaching and learning, as well as enhancing the home-school cooperation.

“Parents had a much better idea of what was going on at school when school was at home, and therefore their involvement has increased,” he notes, adding that parents can through the ESF App or email to get instant contact with the school. Additionally, there are also ‘Three-Way Conferences’, where students, parents and teachers sit together to discuss and interact with each other. Lead by students, the conferences are held a minimum of three times throughout the year online or in person.

Striving for excellence

Asked about the placement of RCHK graduates, Dr. Brown takes pride in their high success rate in securing places at top universities around the world. About one-third of the graduates remain in Hong Kong; another one-third goes to North America, including the United States and Canada; and then one-third pursue their studies in the United Kingdom. He adds that the remaining 1% of students opt for other European and Asian destinations.

Going ahead, the school will continue to develop their campus to satisfy the diverse needs of the students. For instance, a new food lab was built and recently opened for students to learn how to create food rather than just cooking, as well as a possible expansion to include a kindergarten at the site. “We will maintain our enrollment during this difficult time, and grow with our students to provide them quality learning experience,” he concludes.

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Curriculum: IB: PYP, MYP, DP, CP

Interview

“Parents had a much better idea of what was going on at school when school was at home, and therefore their involvement has increased,” he notes, adding that parents can through the ESF App or email to get instant contact with the school. Additionally, there are also ‘Three-Way Conferences’, where students, parents and teachers sit together to discuss and interact with each other. Lead by students, the conferences are held a minimum of three times throughout the year online or in person.

Striving for excellence

Asked about the placement of RCHK graduates, Dr. Brown takes pride in their high success rate in securing places at top universities around the world. About one-third of the graduates remain in Hong Kong; another one-third goes to North America, including the United States and Canada; and then one-third pursue their studies in the United Kingdom. He adds that the remaining 1% of students opt for other European and Asian destinations.

Going ahead, the school will continue to develop their campus to satisfy the diverse needs of the students. For instance, a new food lab was built and recently opened for students to learn how to create food rather than just cooking, as well as a possible expansion to include a kindergarten at the site. “We will maintain our enrollment during this difficult time, and grow with our students to provide them quality learning experience,” he concludes.
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Our dual language program thoughtfully balances positive education with the academic demands of becoming biliterate in Mandarin and English. The 50/50 split reinforces our respect for both languages and different cultures and gives our students ample opportunity to function comfortably, competently, and confidently in both languages.

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At ASHK, students experience a culture of creativity and innovation through our STEAM program. Students are guided through the Engineering Design Process (Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, and Improve) to encourage innovation and creativity. Students learn how to ask critical questions, research the problem, develop possible solutions, build prototypes, test and evaluate their designs, and then redesign as need. Our STEAM program equips students with the necessary skills to succeed in a global economy, such as critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration skills.

While intellectual development is of paramount importance, significant emphasis is placed on the social, physical, emotional, and creative domains to provide a holistic supportive experience for the development of the whole child. ASHK provides service opportunities and field trips for students to broaden their horizons, allowing them to become internationally-minded global citizens.

Fully Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges, American School Hong Kong is owned and operated by Esol Education, the world’s largest operator of international American schools. Esol Education currently operates 10 high quality international schools across three continents with more than 10,000 students registered. Graduates from Esol schools are now attending leading universities worldwide, including Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Yale University, Columbia University, University of Toronto, and the London School of Economics.

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Led by Richard Vanderpyl, CAIS sits just a stone’s throw away from the business district in Lai Chi Kok. Vanderpyl is championing the vision of the school with a diverse faculty, empowering students to make a positive impact on society for the benefit of others through Christian education.

Quick Facts

Chinese Studies
CAIS offers an in-depth oral (Mandarin) and written Chinese programme (simplified and traditional scripts), providing support across all levels from native speakers to beginners.

Through-train school
CAIS is a through-train school, providing Christian education, primary to secondary schooling.

Nurturing a global perspective
We equip students to positively impacting the world through a series of local and international community engagement initiatives.

Unique location
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The IB advantages

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CAIS students not only attain outstanding results in the annual Provincial Achievement Tests, those graduated with the globally recognized Alberta Diploma have also continued to secure admission to leading universities and colleges around the globe.

While nurturing students’ competencies, it accords top priority to training them to become critical thinkers, and equipping them with an entrepreneurial spirit to make the world a better place for all.

Campus expansion

With its new campus building set to open doors to serve more aspiring students, CAIS is determined to fit in and stand out in the international school scene in Hong Kong, as reflected in its mission statement “to cultivate learners with knowledge, skills, integrity and discernment, growing in love for God and service to humanity”.

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The Harbour School (THS) is a progressive K to Grade 12 international school with two campuses on Hong Kong Island that aims to unlock the best in every student by taking a highly individual approach to teaching. The school was founded in 2007 and is already gaining a worldwide reputation as a center of excellence. It follows an American curriculum with an emphasis on 21st century skills such as problem solving, teamwork, creativity and innovation. The Harbour School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), one of the most rigorous and prestigious accreditations globally.

Beginning in the new 2021 - 2022 academic year, the school will launch a new primary program called junior grade one at its flagship primary school campus, The Grove, in Ap Lei Chau. The brand new junior grade one program will share the same floor as Grades 1 and 2 classes easing our littlest learners' transition into primary school.

Opening the Aberdeen Harbour, The Grove is a six-story campus building which has won international design awards for the innovatively planned spaces that foster joy in learning and creativity. It features a spacious and well-equipped makerspace, marine science center, performance theater, bright and airy library, and a two-storey treehouse. Students also enjoy trips on the Black Dolphin, the school’s 50-foot sailboat, which serves as an outdoor classroom moored in the nearby marina.

In keeping with the school’s ethos of personalised learning, secondary students enjoy small classes at the Garden campus which features an “urban college” feel, also in Ap Lei Chau and a short five-minute walk from the Grove. The school offers a wide range of innovative and interdisciplinary courses taught at honors, core and supported coursework for qualifying students in their pursuit of a US High School Diploma.

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THS provides learning environments that are safe, exploratory, exciting, inspiring and our programs are experiential because children learn best when they are happy and engaged.

The THS ethos focuses on the whole child. To do this, teachers really know their students, above and beyond their academic strengths and challenges. All teachers work collaboratively so that there is a rich and in-depth understanding of each student’s strengths, interests and abilities.

Applications for admission are now being accepted, register using the QR code on the right to receive HK$500 off on your application fee for the 2021-2022 academic year. For more information, please visit our website at www.ths.edu.hk.

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The most crucial period in a child’s educational life is the time spent in school building a solid foundation in lifelong health and wellness. Although this aspect of education is often overlooked in the Hong Kong system, Korean International School Hong Kong (KIS) is seeking to be at the forefront of a quiet revolution.

“We go beyond the physical notion of health to encompass what’s appropriate for students to learn about holistic well-being,” says Andrew Lin, Primary PE Coordinator at KIS. The approach leads the school to consider the whole person and how children interact with the environment.

A holistic approach

A through-train school offering two separate streams – the International Section and the Korean Section – KIS accommodates students from Reception to Year 13, and the emphasis on holistic wellness is demonstrated throughout the progression.

The school is teaching all students how to get the most of their PE lessons, by using creative, non-contact games like rock paper scissors, jumping jacks and equipment like hula hoops to enforce compliance with social-distancing rules.

Lin points to the special setups and procedures in the Physical Education (PE) lessons to ensure hygiene and the well-being of children and staff. “There is a limited amount of equipment accessible only by staff, and they are thoroughly sanitised before use. There’s no physical contact and everyone has to keep their masks on during the classes.”

In addition to training up the body, belly breathing is taught to prepare children as they return to their classrooms after the PE lessons, says Ni Si Nixon, a PE Teacher at KIS. The school addresses the need for upper secondary students to exercise by providing workout sessions that focuses on a wider concept of health, like guided meditation that directs the focus on different senses so that children become more aware of themselves and their surroundings.

“Learning how to manage oneself is especially important in the context of Hong Kong, taking into account the distress that arises in the community due to the social unrest – there is a new level of stress in addition to home life and studies,” explains Lin. “What we’re doing is teaching kids to be self-reliant in terms of health.”

Stretching the definitions of PE, the school has promoted a number of initiatives within the school community, with themes ranging from yoga, mindfulness, dancing, cooking to nutrition. “They allow children to go out of the classroom and learn about the importance of being physically active. The experience equips them with the skills and tools that are useful for life,” says Nixon.

Promoting socio-emotional balance

Given the rise in stress amidst Covid-19, students’ emotional health is another major concern in the school’s wellness initiative. “We empower children to communicate their emotions to their peers, teachers and parents, so that they are aware of how they feel in different situations,” says Anson Lam, Head of Counselling at KIS.

The school’s counselling sessions, Lam says, apply positive psychology and encourage kids to help others in need. “We want KIS to be a happy and healthy school, and the counselling department, which is newly established, is committed to this goal.”

The focus on wellness extends to everyone in the school community, including parents and staff. There are future plans to invite external clinical psychologists to provide workshops for parents on topics such as parental burnout.

“With Covid-19, many parents are struggling to work, what with children staying at home most of the time, so we teach them to reclaim some ‘me’ time. With staff, we provide personal development, workshops and a variety of support,” explains Lam.

Christopher Chadwick, the Principal of the International Section at KIS, says the school is strengthening its communications with parents amidst the pandemic via weekly updates and online events such as the “Parent’s Information Evening”. Parents are constantly updated on how the school is moving forward through the crisis and gain a better understanding of the school philosophy through these sessions.

Chadwick expresses the hope of establishing KIS as a school in Hong Kong that others look on as an example. “It’s important to help everyone as much as possible in this testing time. For our children, we aim to be a lighthouse that leads their way out of the fog, so that they can embark on a bright and sunny future.”

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Fulfilling Every Child’s Potential

Woodland Pre-Schools have been developing young minds since 1978. In 2018, Woodland Pre-Schools joined the Cognita family, an extraordinary group of 80 diverse yet connected schools spanning ten different countries. With 12 schools in Asia, including Stamford American School Hong Kong, and 29 partner schools in the UK, Woodland children have access to the Cognita network of schools as well as support during the application process, including advice for families interested in joining a Cognita School in Asia, UK or globally.

The Woodland Journey is a pathway to success starting from 6 months to 6 years old. It carefully builds upon earlier stages, to support the child’s natural dispositions and curiosities. Following the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum, children will be ready to continue their primary education anywhere in Hong Kong or around the world.

New and Improved Mandarin Programme at Woodland Pre-Schools

Woodland Pre-Schools respect the image of the child and believe that each child deserves the best for them to grow socially, emotionally, physically, and developmentally, to become a global citizen. One key element that Woodland emphasise is language development. Children will be immersed in an English learning environment with dedicated Mandarin sessions, environmental Mandarin or a full bilingual classroom depending on their programme. Children will have Mandarin learning goals for each step of their Woodland journey, from exploring different sounds, understanding strokes, recognising characters, and using simple phrases to developing social interaction by expressing themselves.

The Woodland Mandarin programme is taught using a play-based inquiry method. They believe that only through authentic experiences and the process of exploring the language will children learn the language for life as learning from memorisation does not last. Woodland’s goal is for children graduating from their Prep for Primary programme to be confident and competent speakers of both English and Mandarin.

A typical Woodland classroom has different stations and provocations intentionally designed by the teacher to invite children to explore specific areas or topics. An example would be story stones where children are encouraged to use their imagination and creativity to form a story by positioning stones with pictures painted on them in a sequence of their liking. This activity helps children learn about sequencing and throughout the activity, the teacher will ask questions and hold conversations with the child to develop their language skills.

As Woodland believe that all children are competent learners, they believe that children with different language abilities can flourish in the same classroom. Children are not assessed on their ability to complete an assignment or task; differentiation is based on each child’s learning needs and what their next learning goals are. Through small group sessions, their experienced teachers will adapt an activity to suit different learning needs and assist every child to reach the next step.

A love of learning cannot be taught, but by respecting the image of the child, Woodland Pre-Schools inspire and foster a lifelong love of learning in their children.

Woodland Pre-Schools is currently enrolling children 6 months to 6 years old to start in August 2021. Visit woodlandschools.com to learn more.

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The school prides itself on providing an outstanding Chinese curriculum, along with a rich and exciting extra-curricular activities (ECA) programme every day after school.

The school’s proven teaching methods enable each child to achieve their academic potential via an immersive learning environment that is dedicated to providing the best of East and West – offering a rigorous Chinese language programme balanced with a global perspective.

In addition, the school’s Secondary School Guidance Programme launched earlier this year and has successfully helped students receive offers and prepare transition to some of the top boarding schools in the UK. This year, two current Wycombe Abbey School Hong Kong students received confirmed offers of places to Wycombe Abbey School in the UK. In addition, students at the school have also received offers of places to Rugby School, Cheltenham Ladies College and City of London School for Girls. The Secondary School Guidance Programme is designed to support the opening of Year 7 & 8 at WASHK this August, as well as the school’s older year groups for their transition to the best secondary and boarding schools in the UK, Hong Kong, and around the world.

The school also launched its Intensive English (IE) Programme during Term 2 of this academic year. The IE Programme is a supportive, stimulating programme of intensive English designed to allow bright and capable pupils, with minimal English, to join Wycombe Abbey Hong Kong and acquire sufficient English to join mainstream classes approximately 6 months after joining the school. Wycombe Abbey School Hong Kong is currently accepting Year 1 – Year 8 applications for the 2021 - 2022 Academic Year.

To apply or book a school tour, please visit https://wycombeabbey.openapply.com/
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HKDSE, IBDP

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Tel: 2391 1010
Website: www.hkcc.edu.hk
Year founded: 1993
Curriculum: IB and OSSD

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Flat C, 2/F, Marco Polo Mansions, 15-23 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories
Tel: 2336 3812
Website: www.ais.edu.hk
Year founded: 1996
Curriculum: Early Years Foundation Stage

Anfield Harbour City
8 Laguna Verde Avenue, Hunghom, Kowloon
Tel: 2766 3882
Website: www.anchors.edu.hk
Year founded: 2006
Curriculum: Primary: Bilingual Immersion in English and Chinese; Secondary: IB MYP & IB DP

Concordia International School
10 Bapigny Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon
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Email: office@concordiabv.edu.hk
Website: www.concordiabv.edu.hk
Year founded: 2016
Curriculum: IB and OSSD

Chinese International School
231 Argyle Street, Mongkok, Kowloon
Tel: 2510 7288
Email: oc@cisbv.edu.hk
Website: www.cisbv.edu.hk
Year founded: 2006
Curriculum: IBDP

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Website: www.aristle.edu.hk
Year founded: 2006
Curriculum: IB and OSSD

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Year founded: 2016
Curriculum: British Council for Early Years Foundation Stage

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- **Email:** admissions@dbles.edu.hk
- **Website:** www.dbles.edu.hk
- **Year founded:** 2006
- **Curriculum:** Macau Curriculum / Alberta Curriculum, Canada

**Diocesan Girls’ School**
- **Tel:** 2/F, Jordan Road, Kowloon
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Curriculum: Singapore curriculum, IGCSE, IBDP
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Year Founded: 2017
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Tel: 2338 0115
Year Founded: 2003
Website: www.topkids.edu.hk
IBPYP, Cambridge CIE Secondary 1 & 2, IBDP
Tel: 2575 2111
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Website: www.think.edu.hk
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Year Groups: Ages 12-14, and above

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Eyes Level Hong Kong
Year founded: 2003
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First Code Academy
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Year founded: 2013
Year groups: Tinker, Ages 3-5; Explorer, Ages 6-8; Creator, Ages 9-11; Creator, Ages 12-14; App Entrepreneur, 15+

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