

Quality School Improvement Project

In the past two years, our school has participated in the Quality School Improvement Project, also known as QSIP in short. It is a university-school partnership project launched by the Hong Kong Institute of Educational Research (HKIER) of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). It is a comprehensive, interactive and organic project supporting local primary, secondary and special schools for sustainable improvement and development.

Profile of Our Consultant

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The First Encounter

Everything started with a workshop in 2014. The workshop focused on "Catering for Learner Diversity". It was a valuable lecture in which teachers got some tips on supporting diverse learners in a classroom.



Collaborative Lesson Planning (CLP)

In the past two years, our consultant, Becky, has been providing teachers with lots of insights in the CLP meetings. In 2014/15, she collaborated with Form 1 teachers. With her assistance, bridging and enrichment activities were added to each lesson and we were happy to see a significant improvement in student's motivation for and participation in learning English. Students were particularly in favour of the idea of adopting rapping for memorizing the irregular verb table. Becky paid visits to all F.1 classes. Her post-observation feedback was valuable in sharpening teachers' insights into designing the upcoming lessons.

In 2015/16, she went on to assist the teachers of Form 3. Reading was selected to be the focus of the collaboration. Students were encouraged to guess the meanings of unknown words with the help of bridging questions rather than relying too much on teachers' explanations. By doing so, students' confidence in both reading and vocabulary learning increased.

English for the Rising Stars

In this academic year, with Miss Lesley Chan and Miss Carmen Koo, Becky has launched a programme called English for the Rising Stars (ERS) for our students. It aims to motivate students to acquire greater exposure of the target language, and to train them to become self-directed learners. A series of workshops have been held throughout the year to boost the potential English learners of Form 3 and 4 to reach for the stars.



Students and teachers playing an ice-breaking game.

In fact, two months before the programme commenced, an admission test and interview were arranged to select the cream of the crop to be the participants. Those chosen were all confident, energetic and, most important of all, keen learners of English.



Miss Koo, Teacher in charge of ERS.



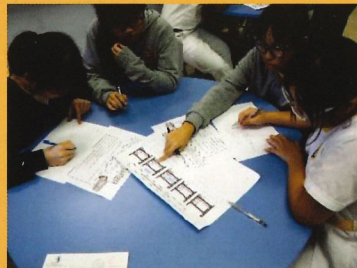
Mr. Lam, Teacher in charge of ERS,
Chairperson of Eng Department



All focused on the game!



Active participation throughout!



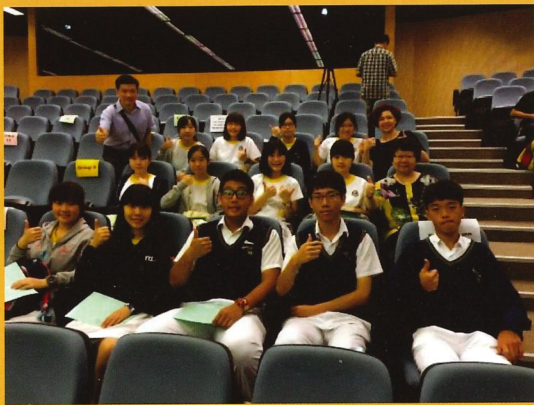
Teamwork is key!



One of the best teams!

ERS - Digital Story Competition

A digital story competition was held to allow students to implement the story writing techniques they have learnt. To make the event an even more remarkable one, Becky invited several other secondary schools to join the competition. Students were glad to have such an opportunity to compete with their peers both inside and outside YY1, and more importantly, at the same time, they were learning from one another. Participants spent weeks producing their digital stories. Their final products were all submitted to the competition organised by CUHK. The entries included touching tales and inspirational narratives that remind us of some positive values in life like determination in adversity and care for others.



Ms. Man, our Principal, also came to support our students.



Becky briefing our students about the coming session.



It was certainly a wonderful partnership between YY1 and
CUHK.



It was a wonderful learning opportunity for our students.

The prize giving ceremony took place on 21st May, 2016. Alvina Ng (3D) won the award for Outstanding Storyteller with her digital story, *Couldn't You See Me?* You can check this out from the QR code below. Leo Shum (4C) was awarded the Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Writer. The ceremony ended with cheers and applause, which made joining ERS a wonderful memory for our participating students.



Alvina Ng (3D) with her lovely smile.



Leo Shum (4C) remained cool with his award.



Name: Alvina Ng
Class: 3D
Story: *Couldn't You See Me?*



Name: Leo Shum
Class: 4C
Story: *Forgive? Or Not*

English Rising Stars, we are proud of you all!