Hong Kong Taoist Association
Tang Hin Memorial Secondary School

School Development Plan

2015/16 – 2017/18
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The following document is the School Development Plan for 2015-2018.

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School Vision & Mission

Introduction

_Lao Tzu:_  "Tao gives birth to the highest virtue; in turn, Te rears it; everything in the universe reveres Tao and honours Te."

_Confucius:_  "Man glorifies Tao, not vice versa"

Our school was founded by the Hong Kong Taoist Association in September, 1982. Our school is an aided school.

_School Mission_

Our mission is to provide, with devotion, an all-round education laying equal emphasis on its five aspects: moral, academic, physical, social and aesthetic. We expect all our graduates to be leaders of tomorrow, each possessing profound knowledge and a noble character.

_Our Commitments_

Our school is committed to the full provision of an all-round education for our students in the following directions:

1. To cultivate a positive attitude towards life.
2. To develop their ability for life-long learning and explore their potential talent to the full.
3. To integrate physical education into daily life and alert students to the value of health.
4. To nurture students’ spirit to serve the community.
5. To foster one art for life.
Context Analysis

Our Strengths

- Our students are not only in the Band One category, but for many years nearly all of them have been MIGA Group I students. Most of them are diligent, eager to learn, and capable of receiving extra workload for high quality education.
- Our teachers are hardworking and enthusiastic.
- Teachers are always striving to upgrade their qualification and improve the quality of their teaching.
- The congenial and harmonious teacher-student relationship contributes to an effective learning environment.
- We have a well-developed Life Education Curriculum.
- Most students accept teacher guidance.
- The school social worker is on site at the school 4 days a week, and helps greatly by providing guidance to students with emotional and behavioural problems.
- S.1 students are required to take one art or music.
- All students, except S.6, are required to participate in Extra-curricular activities or services.
- All the teachers of the English Department are teaching English as the major subject in the school.
- The English Department is stocked with a wide range of very helpful teaching materials such as reference books, audio and video recordings, etc.
- The past examination papers and marking schemes are neatly filed for easy reference.
- Our students have high goals to achieve academic excellence.
- The academic standard for most subjects is high. We have achieved a total pass rate in all subjects in the public examination.
- Most students show interest in reading.
- A reading culture has already been fostered in our school.
- Our library is well equipped with reading materials including books, magazines, newspaper clips and online reading materials.

Our Weaknesses

- Most of the students live in public estates. They come from a low socio-economic background.
- Many students have working parents who find it difficult to give adequate care to the children.
- Some students experience social adjustment problems as part of their adolescent development, and this may result in difficulties in life.
- Some students focus their attention on their studies, paying little attention to human relationships and community affairs.
- Many students lack confidence in speaking and reading aloud in English.
- Some students do not have a good foundation in English.
- Most of the students come from Chinese Primary Schools, so they need time to adapt to EMI teaching.
- Although all students are Band 1 students, there is quite a large diversity in their learning ability. Some low achievers often lag behind and lose motivation in study.
- Many students have not developed the habit of reading English books in their leisure time.
Our Opportunities

- The EDB has focused more on moral and national education and career and life planning in recent years.
- Enhancement of school development and accountability will encourage the school to develop a better strategic plan and self-evaluation scheme.
- Educational reform encourages students to empower themselves to learn beyond the confines of the classroom, attain all-round education and life-long learning.
- The current educational system offers new dimensions for learning and we can take this opportunity to review our educational programme.
- The provision of the School Value-Added Information System enables the school and individual teachers to evaluate how successful the individual subjects have been.
- A higher proportion of discretionary S.1 places offers the school a better opportunity to recruit more outstanding students from primary schools.
- Reading is one of the major tasks in Educational Reform. It helps to create an atmosphere which fosters in students a love of learning.

Our Threats

- Students excessively admire their idols.
- The social culture of individualism, an affluent lifestyle, free love and gambling has had adverse effects upon some students.
- The popularity of computer games, social networking and online chatting adversely affects their moral development.
- The lack of exposure to the English language hinders students’ English learning.
- Economic depression and prolonged unemployment in Hong Kong may deprive many students of parental care and emotional support.
- School has to face the impact of legalizing football gambling.
- Under the current SSPA scheme, the ability of students becomes mixed.
- The student population is in decline. Some schools face the problem of depleted numbers or even closure.
- The quality of contents and language varies greatly in different reading materials. The students may be adversely influenced by harmful content.
Major Concerns for 2015/16 – 2017/18 (in order of priority)

1. Effective Learning Programme:
   To develop an effective learning programme that helps students achieve their full academic potential

2. Personal Growth Programme:
   To develop a personal growth programme through organizing a well-balanced, all-round educational programme and to help students have the holistic growth with a purpose in life
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<td>1. To develop an effective learning programme that helps students achieve their full academic potential</td>
<td>1.1 To improve the curriculum design and teaching strategies in order to help students achieve academic excellence.</td>
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<td>1.1.5 Give more support and advice to the subject panels that have less satisfactory results in the HKDSE.</td>
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<td>1.3.4 Encourage students to take part in cultural activities, overseas tours, and other external competitions and courses so that they can develop their special talents according to their interests.</td>
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<td>Student Health Ambassadors will promote the message of healthy life to students. Service activities will be widely held for students. Programmes will be organized to encourage students to participate in activities. Guidance will be given to students with difficulty in their personal growth development.</td>
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| understanding oneself | equipping oneself | performing as a leader |

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Discussion sessions on life strategies will be arranged both formal and informal curriculum.
| 2.4  | Students should pay much attention to their basic responsibility seriously, such as honesty, proper dress and appearance, punctuality and punctual homework submission. |
| 2.4.1 | 'Good student' talks will be held. By explaining the reasoning behind rules and regulations, students will learn to be responsible for their own action and be self-disciplined. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2.4.2 | To develop student self-care awareness, detention class will be held after school for students who fail to submit homework. | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2.4.3 | Students who habitually late for school or submitting homework should be monitored. Class Master/Mistress or discipline teachers will discuss with parents for further action and follow-up. More punishment should be made at the same time. | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2.4.4 | Attendance and Punctuality award/merit could be given to build a positive atmosphere. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2.4.5 | Uniform checks will be held to develop students' self-discipline. Class teachers will be encouraged to follow their dress and appearance frequently. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |