



# **SCHOOL OPENING ADDRESS**

Good morning, Teachers, Staff, Boys and Girls,

Welcome back to the family of PLK No.1 W.H.C College again, particularly a warm greeting to the new S1 students who are joining us for the first time. All of us are delighted to have you among us. You may also be curious about what a new page of school life is like in our college. You are going to interact with new schoolmates, study new subjects, join new activities, and make use of new school facilities. This year, several new teachers are joining our big family. Let me introduce them to you one by one now. They are Miss Lau Yan Ship & Miss Lui Check Lam (our English teachers), Mr. Cheng Man Kin, our Information and Communication Technology teacher), Miss Wong Yee Kiu (our Assistant teacher in the Chinese language department), Miss Yuen Ka Yan, (our Teaching Assistant in the English language department), and Sonia, (our Social Worker). I am sure that they will endeavor to guide you through the process of learning with their devoted commitment to teaching.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the newly appointed principal of PLK No.1 W.H. Cheung College. As I embark on this new journey, I am excited to work alongside every one of you to continue the legacy of excellence that our college has been known for. I would like to use this opportunity to thank Principal Cheng, Principal Chau, teachers, and staff. They have left behind an incredible foundation that has allowed our school to thrive and succeed, and I am committed to building and developing upon that foundation to ensure that we continue to achieve quality education with a soul and outstanding performance with a heart.

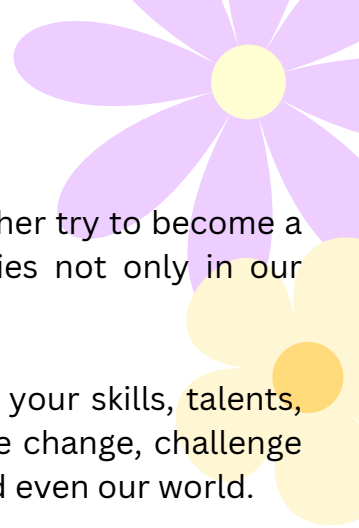
Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of serving in four different schools, and I hope that PLK No. 1 W.H. Cheung will be my last. Teaching is my passion, and I find immense joy and fulfillment in helping students learn and grow. Building meaningful connections with my students is something I truly cherish, and I always welcome opportunities to engage in conversation with them. In addition to my role as an educator, I take tremendous pride in being a dedicated and loving mother to my children.

## **MY VISION**

As your new principal, I am honored to have the opportunity to share my vision with all of you today. In this world, we are often measured by our achievements and how well we do in our academic pursuits. We are told that success is the key to happiness and that we should strive for it at all costs. While academic success is undoubtedly important, I want to remind you that true excellence lies beyond just grades and test scores.

Today, it is easy to get lost in the race for success and forget about the values that truly matter. It is important to remember that we have a responsibility to not only excel in our academic pursuits but also to make a positive impact in our community, our country, and the world.





As Albert Einstein once said, "Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value." This quote serves as a reminder that true excellence lies not only in our academic achievements but also in the value we bring to the world.

As PLK No.1 students, you have the power to have influence, and to use your skills, talents, and knowledge to make a positive impact on the world. You could inspire change, challenge the status quo, and make a difference in the place we live, our country, and even our world.

## **PUBLIC EXAMINATION AND ECA ACHIEVEMENTS**

As we gather here today, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our school in the recent HKDSE results. Once again, we have maintained our tradition of excellence and outstanding performance, a legacy that we should all be proud of. Despite the significant impact of the pandemic on the education of most HKDSE candidates in recent years, our students have demonstrated remarkable resilience and unwavering focus during the examinations. Through their perseverance, consistent effort & unwavering support from their parents and teachers, we have achieved an unprecedented milestone this year. They have attained historic heights in obtaining grades of 5/5\*/5\*\*, as well as meeting the university entrance requirements at an impressive percentage. Nineteen students obtained scholarships from Po Leung Kuk. Students with best performances are CHAN Tsz Ching 陳芷晴 (five 5\*\*, two 5\*), WU Chun Chi 胡臻緻 (four 5\*\*, three 5\*), TOU Cheuk Lun 杜倬綸 (four 5\*\*, two 5\*, two 5), CHEUNG Lok Hang 張洛珩 (four 5\*\*, two 5\*, one 4), CHEUNG Wai Hong 張煒康 (four 5\*\*, one 5\*, two 5, one 4).

Moreover, nearly 90% of our students succeeded in being admitted to various degree programmes offered by HKU, CUHK, HKUST, PolyU, CityU & EDUHK. They include the disciplines of studies in Medicine, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Speech therapy, Occupational Therapy, Global Business, Finance, Engineering, Occupational Therapy, Business Administration, Languages, Education, Accounting, Technology & Artificial Intelligence, Journalism & Communication, Fashion, Biotechnology, Psychology, Pure Science, Urban Studies, Philosophy, and many others.

It is good to know that our students understand that in the 21st century, the possibilities for your future are endless. They have explored and chosen the university studies that align with their passions and aspirations. These are their opportunities to pave the way toward a fulfilling career and to strive for their dreams.

Besides, our students performed excellently in extracurricular activities in which numerous outstanding prizes and awards were won. For example, two of our S5 students (Wan Ka Ki & Kwok Kai Ming Elvis) got the Hong Kong Outstanding Students Award, which is the most recognized and prestigious award for secondary schools in Hong Kong. In the Asia International Mathematical Olympiad Open Contest, our school won the S3 Championship Gold Honor. In the Hong Kong Hua Lou-Geng Cup Mathematics, our students got the S2 Golden Awards. We also got numerous outstanding awards from the Hua Xia Mathematics Competitions. Besides the area of Mathematics, our students also performed excellently in the area of Music.



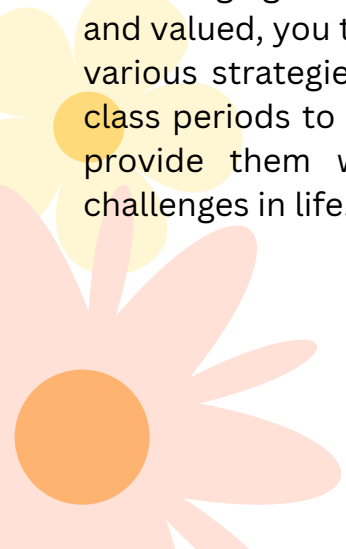
Our Symphonic Band has won the championship in the Hong Kong Music Talent Award. As there are so many prizes and awards won by our students, we may not have time to name each one individually. Deep in my heart, I recognize that every award represents the passion and perseverance of our students. I appreciate the efforts of each one of you. These achievements prove that our students possess remarkable abilities and have the potential for remarkable success. Have faith in yourselves and may all of you soar with wings.

To widen our students' exposure and instill positive values among them, our teachers spare no effort to organize different post-examination activities and supplementary learning programmes throughout the year. For example, different excursions & the Prefect training camp were held for students to develop their personal and leadership skills. There were also Pre-S1 English Bridging Course and Orientation Activity Day to enhance students' language proficiency and cultivate their sense of belonging to the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for their continued professionalism, excellence, and dedication. Do bear in mind that it is your teachers who always help create immeasurable learning opportunities for you! Besides, I must tell you that our teachers came back to school earlier than you may expect to prepare for the new school year while you were still enjoying your summer holidays. Let us give them a round of applause to show our appreciation for their sheer hard work.

## **SCHOOL MAJOR CONCERNS**

Though numerous accomplishments have been made, we have never stopped improving ourselves to provide the best and most desirable education for our students. I am excited to announce that we will be implementing new measures and initiatives aimed at nurturing competent learners within a caring environment. Our primary focus is to provide you, our students, with the support and resources necessary to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. We believe that by catering to your unique needs, we can foster a love for learning and help you reach your full potential.

We are committed to strengthening the bond between students and fostering a strong sense of belonging within our school community. We believe that when all of you feel connected and valued, you thrive academically and personally. To achieve this, we will be implementing various strategies to encourage collaboration, teamwork, and relationship-building during class periods to broaden students' diverse interests, develop their immense potential, and provide them with huge opportunities for character formation for facing different challenges in life.





## **A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

I would like to say a word of encouragement to all of you.

To our junior form students, as you are still in the foundation stage of your journey of academic pursuit, you are encouraged to join different activities actively to broaden your minds and widen your knowledge and skills. Moreover, the school will provide every student with boundless learning opportunities for developing students' healthy lifestyles and habits, social well-being & positive values of life.

To our senior form students, you must strive for academic excellence and develop your growth mindset. You should always place high expectations on yourselves instead of aiming at the basic requirements only. Have you set some realistic goals for yourselves? If you have no ideas, you can consider the following ones that I have suggested for all of you!

- First, believe in ourselves!
- Second, have a growth mindset!
- Third, overcome procrastination!
- Fourth, work hard!
- Fifth, avoid making excuses!
- Lastly, persevere!

Excellence is not only confined to academic achievements. We expect you to attain success founded on positive values and ethics, have the genuine desire to care for and serve the community, and be active citizens with a global perspective. I have faith that every student will overcome every dilemma to uphold the rich traditions that have been passed on for generations. Together as a family, we will continue the spirit of progressing ourselves into the future. Every single one of you has something at which you are good. No one is born good at things, but we become good at things through diligence and perseverance. The story of PLK No.1 W. H Cheung College is about people who keep going, and who try hard to do their best. We, teachers, will always accompany all of you to face different difficulties and circumstances on your path of growth that may be filled with obstacles and chances for improvement.

'Life is a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get.' When you open a box of chocolates, you may not tell what any given piece of chocolate is going to taste like. Po Leung Kuk No.1 W.H. Cheung is also like a box of chocolates with all kinds of flavors. It may not be an experience you like, but it can be the greatest experience of yours ever. I am honored to taste the given piece of chocolate with all of you! Let us work together to achieve our shared goals and create a brighter future in the coming years! Thank you!

Principal Leong  
1st September 2023

