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Labor Day? No Labor!



Spelling Bee drives students' academic success. Keep up the good work, and go for the win!



Battle! Each and every House will go through several rounds of hit games.



Let's see how fast and flexible you are! Time for a game of Twister!

by Johnson Su, Marketing and Events Coordinator

After the stressful midterm week came the first school activity of this semester that everyone had long been looking forward to. Finally, right?

Due to the global outbreak of COVID-19, many of our pre-planned activities, including the annual field trip, had to be either postponed or canceled for pandemic prevention purposes, despite the fact that we are widely known for hosting creative and fun activities, which was quite a letdown. However, we are extremely grateful for and cherish the fact that we are in Taiwan, the top nation when it comes to effective disease prevention. This is also the exact reason we were able to organize this on-campus activity, with caution, on the very first day of May.

The "HWIS 1st Annual Spelling Bee" precluded the day. The six-round academic contest challenged the vocabulary size and spelling skills of our students. Contestants put in their greatest effort to snatch a win for their own Houses as well as for themselves. We believe that this mixed-grade contest successfully delivered a message to our students: "Don't let anyone look down on you just because you are younger."

"Playing video games at school? Are you out of your mind?" Well, no, we certainly are not. The "Nintendo Switch Challenge" featured many popular Switch games and really highlighted the day. *RingFit Adventure* first gave our students a taste of how important fitness is. After all, body strength and coordination are the key to outstanding sports performance. Then in *Mario Tennis Aces* and *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe*, our students' hand-eye coordination

was put to the test. Lastly, watching them play *Super Smash Bros Ultimate* was just hilarious, with 8 players battling simultaneously, each trying to be the last man standing. All in all, the entire school had a blast in the morning.

In the afternoon, we played *Twister*, a classic physical game. Physical games such as *Twister* can help with strengthening our core muscles, improving balance and strength, as well as improving our hand-eye coordination. The party game also trains our brains while we undergo physical exertion, thus further strengthening the bond between the body and the brain.

The final competitions of the day were the "Giant Caterpillar Relay" and the "Animal Relay" at the tracks. We readied four inflated giant caterpillar balloons in the exact colors of our four Houses (red, yellow, turquoise and navy), and put students in three groups of five in each House. On one hand, although the Caterpillar race may seem entertaining and silly at first glance, it actually requires one to have great leg muscular endurance to compete a lap. The Animal run, on the other hand, could very well be the toughest challenge of the day. Students had to first draw a piece of paper from a lottery box, and then run 200 meters while imitating the type of animal written on the slip, for example, an elephant. Without hesitation, our students fearlessly accepted the challenge. Some got bruises on their knees and blisters on the palms of their hands, but they enjoyed the fun activities nonetheless.

No labor on Labor Day? We labored even more! 🐛

How COVID-19 had an impact on SAT and AP preparation

by **Wei Ho**, College Preparatory Specialist

Many HWIS students have spent the past few months juggling their regular school work and their preparation work on SAT/SAT Subject Tests as well as Advanced Placement (AP) exams. However, before the students could take their SATs all March, May, and June exams were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Multiple schools across the globe decided to temporarily close their campuses, while some in the US announced that they will not reopen until the end of this academic year.

In light of this unprecedented global outbreak, the College Board had no choice but to make several changes to this year's standardized tests. First of all, one extra SAT test date will be administered in September. Students who missed their SAT/SAT Subject Tests in May and June are able to retake the test on this new date, as well as the regular scheduled dates. As for Advanced Placement (AP) exams, major and unprecedented changes were also made to this year's exams. Each exam will last for 45 minutes, and will be taken at home on students' own devices, such as smartphones and laptop computers.

Fortunately, the Taiwanese government has so far been doing a phenomenal job on preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Schools in Taiwan can still function as usual, but with an added daily routine of body temperature checking and wearing facial masks. Quite a handful of our students are taking the AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP

Microeconomics, AP Statistics, AP Physics, and AP Calculus this year. The HWIS counseling department also provided timely guidance and support, including walking our students through the AP Testing Guide, practicing the exam demo, and making sure they all follow the checklist weeks prior to their exams.

We hope our students can all perform well on their upcoming SAT/SAT Subject Tests and AP exams, and they can all get into the universities they desire by 2021. Good luck to you all! 🍀



Making Your Business Our Business

Our new Business programme could be the right one for you.

by **Bryan Chen**, Academic Coordinator

Over the past year, we have witnessed a brisk rise in interest amongst our students, particularly seniors, in taking more business-centric courses. It has become increasingly apparent that many have already begun to explore and maximise their academic strengths and interests, as well as discover prestigious business schools across the globe.

School of Business

The Hong Wen International School (HWIS) mission is, and always has been, to understand the needs of our students, and to provide them with top-of-the-line schoolwide support. The said mission is what we have been dedicating to so our students can chart their college paths early on. Their passionate requests had propelled us into swift motion to make a business-focused curriculum a reality. The initiative to push for a School of Business, 'a school within a school', was hence born amidst rounds of applause and emphatic words of support.

Course portfolio

Regarding the courses we plan to offer at HWIS, apart from our current and vastly popular subjects, namely Business: An Introduction (mandatory for Grade 9), Presentation Skills (mandatory for Grade 12) and Marketing Communications (elective for Grade 10 and above), new disciplines will soon be added to the subject list. In fact, we have already started paving the way to hosting specialised courses on Accounting, Finance, Economics, Business Management, and so on and so forth. We aspire to continuously diversify our course selections in the foreseeable future.

Choosing your mix

Over a four-year interval (Grade 9-12), our School of Business students will be given a pre-planned and meticulously-structured class schedule. This ensures a steady continuation of intensive learning in the ever-expanding realm of business studies. In addition to the core courses and electives leading up to high school graduation, we will make rigorous AP courses available to those interested in Social Sciences (AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology) and

Maths (AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics). Our students can customise and decide on an optimal course mix and/or one that is best in line with their dream school's requirements, if any.

Managers in the making

We value the process in which we cultivate tomorrow's business leaders. This transcends beyond merely practical academic training, and a modernised business 'experience' is what we intend to formulate here prior to college education. Firstly, in terms of business school attire, despite the fact that some might argue that clothes do not make the man (or woman), we expect our lecturers and students to dress in a professional fashion during classes, presentations, or perhaps even mock marketing pitches. Secondly, company visits are seen as an effective way for both students and experts to network in real operating environments. We promise to work towards this goal to care for the needs created along the development of business education.

In summary, we stand firmly by our corporate values of a strong student focus, an emphasis on progression, and a constant drive for excellence. The School of Business is just the beginning of a myriad of academic programmes yet to come at HWIS, so please stay tuned. 🌐



Matriculation

國外大學入學榜單

Congratulations

CLASS OF **2020**

University of the Arts London
(Central Saint Martins), UK
倫敦藝術大學(中央聖馬丁藝術與設計學院)

Loughborough University, UK
羅浮堡大學

Coventry University, UK
考文垂大學

Lancaster University, UK
蘭卡斯特大學

Nottingham Trent University, UK
諾丁漢特倫特大學

Newcastle University, UK
紐卡斯爾大學

City University of London, UK
倫敦大學城市學院

Queen Mary University of London, UK
倫敦大學瑪麗王后學院

Middlesex University, UK
密德薩斯大學

University of Gloucestershire, UK
格羅斯特郡大學

University of Stirling, UK
斯特靈大學

University of Exeter, UK
艾希特大學

George Mason University, US
喬治梅森大學

Suffolk University, US
薩福克大學

Illinois State University, US
伊利諾州立大學

Texas A & M University, US
德克薩斯州農工大學

Penn State University, US
賓夕法尼亞州立大學

Ohio State University, US
俄亥俄州立大學

University of Maryland, US
馬里蘭大學

Arizona State University, US
亞利桑那州立大學

Hult International Business School, US
霍特國際商學院

Washington State University, US
華盛頓州立大學

Oregon State University, US
奧勒岡州立大學

University College Dublin, Ireland
都柏林大學學院



OPEN HOUSE

- 一、素養核心「培養國際視野」
- 二、學習綱領「美國課程標準」
- 三、升學目標「錄取世界名校」

Admission

活動日期：2020.6.13、7.11(六)

活動時間：上午10:00-12:00

招生對象：國一(G7)、國二(G8)、國三(G9)、
高一(G10)、高二(G11)

活動內容：英語、數學、才藝

地點：弘文國際學校大樓

報名費：\$500(現場付費)



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