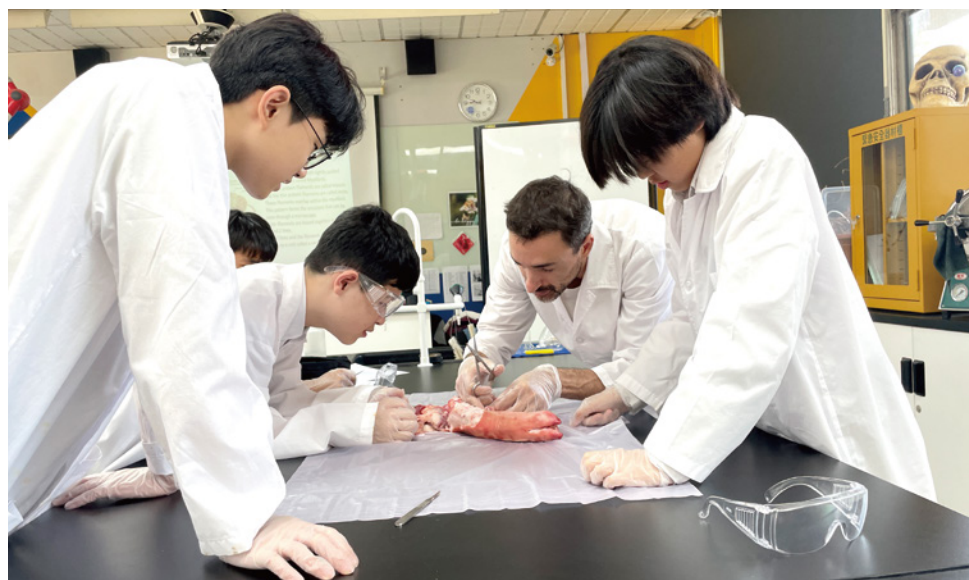


Biology Students Gain Hands-On Experience with Anatomy Experiment



By Jana Westheim, Grade 9

During our Wednesday biology class, we conducted an anatomy experiment focusing on the pig's stomach and intestines. The goal was to gain a better understanding of the complex digestive system beyond what textbooks can provide. Our teacher, Mr. Ternell, guided us in the proper use of each tool, and we carefully laid out the pig's stomach and intestines, ready to dissect and explore.

The first thing that caught our attention upon cutting open the pig's stomach was the rancid smell, which was so strong it made us want to puke. However, as we overcame the odor and made the first cut, we saw the outer muscular layer give way to the inner lining, revealing the rugae inside the stomach. Observing these structures heightened our curiosity and helped us understand how they work together to break down food.

Next, we examined the intestines, comparing the differences between the small and large intestines. We found that the large intestine is actually shorter and thicker than the small intestine, even though it appears much larger. Additionally,



we noticed that both intestines contained a significant amount of water and oil, highlighting their crucial role in the digestive process.

This experiment provided us with a detailed understanding of what we learned in biology class. Dissecting the pig's stomach and intestines was a memorable, fun, and enriching experience. It not only demonstrated how the digestive system works but also answered many of our questions. This hands-on experience has sparked our curiosity about other body systems and made us eager to learn more in the future.



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HWIS Commencement 2024

By Dustin James Hung Cruz, Grade 9

On June 1st, 2024, HWIS held a memorable graduation ceremony at Windsor Hotel, Taichung, for its grade 9 and 12 students. The event was marked by happiness, heartfelt goodbyes, and tears as students, parents, and faculty gathered to commemorate this significant milestone.

The ceremony began with the graduates donning their black gowns (with gold accents for grade 12) and lining up outside the door to walk in with their parents. As they walked down the aisle, they high-fived and shook hands with teachers lined up by the aisle while Mr. Leggett and Ms. Liu announced their names in both Chinese and English.

Mr. Chen, the school chairman, and the principal then took to the podium to address the graduates. Following their speeches, the grade 9 students lined up to receive their graduation certificates. One by one, the students went up to the podium, shook hands with the principal, and received their certificates. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian awards were then presented to Annabelle and Ted from grade 9.

The ceremony concluded with celebrations as food was served and performers from various grades took the stage. This marked the end of the 2024 HWIS commencement ceremony, a day filled with joy and pride for all involved.



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Unforgettable Moments: My Graduation Trip



By Gina Huang, Grade 9

In Taiwan, overnight school field trips are a cherished tradition. Our graduation trip was no exception, filled with anticipation and excitement. The night before, I could hardly sleep, eager to make lasting memories with friends. The next morning, we boarded the bus, ready for our adventure.

The bus ride itself was a highlight. We sang songs, played games, and exchanged gossip, bonding deeply during the journey.

Our first day was packed with excitement. We visited an old village, savoring delicious traditional Taiwanese shaved ice. A beach visit brought pure joy as we splashed in the waves. A memorable incident occurred when a classmate dropped his phone into the ocean, much to our amusement. We ended the day at Kenting's famous shopping street, enjoying dinner and some leisurely shopping.

The second day's highlight was an amusement park. We braved thrilling rides, despite some of us feeling queasy afterward. Surprisingly, the most cherished part of the trip wasn't the amusement park but the late-night camaraderie when teachers and chaperones were asleep. Near midnight and unable to sleep, my classmates and I gathered in the hall to chat and snack. Our laughter echoed through the quiet halls until Tony mistakenly locked himself out of his room, holding Andy's health insurance card instead of his room key. This realization sparked uncontrollable laughter, and Tony and Andy had to seek help from the front desk without alerting the teachers.

School field trips are invaluable for creating lasting memories. Graduating from middle school happens only once, and this trip will forever be a cherished part of our life's journey. 🌟



THE CASE OF THE PURLOINED IDEA



By Mr. Oliver Leggett, HWIS IB Coordinator

Detective Claire Montague had seen her share of bizarre cases, but today's conundrum was uniquely modern. Alex Bennett, a tech entrepreneur with the twitchy nerves of someone who lived on espresso and optimism, burst into her office, waving a tablet.

"I'm ruined, Detective!" he exclaimed. "ChatGPT stole my app idea, and now my competitor's app is an exact replica!"

Claire raised an eyebrow. She had never suspected AI of thievery before. "Calm down, Mr. Bennett. Start from the beginning."

Alex, wringing his hands, explained his late-night brainstorming sessions with ChatGPT. "I spilled every detail to it! The algorithms, the user interface... I was refining my concept."

Claire glanced at the chat logs, noting a key detail: the sessions were conducted on a public demo. She suppressed a smile. In her line of work, the obvious was often overlooked in favour of the dramatic.

"Tell me, Mr. Bennett," Claire said, her tone dripping with a dry humour that Alex missed entirely, "did you perhaps consider that your confidant was more of a gossip?"

"What?" Alex blinked, uncomprehending.

"It seems you shared your secrets with the world, not just an AI. Anyone using the same demo could access your conversa-



tions," Claire explained, watching comprehension dawn on Alex's face like a cartoon light bulb.

Determined to follow the thread, Claire tracked down the competitor, a shifty character who looked like he had borrowed his charm from a second-hand store. "Interesting app you have there," she remarked. "Original, isn't it?"

The competitor shrugged, his smile as thin as a cat's whisker. "Ideas float in the ether, Detective. I just plucked one."

Claire couldn't help but chuckle at the audacity. "Mr. Bennett, it appears you weren't robbed but rather generously donated your idea to the public domain."

As Alex slumped in disbelief, Claire leaned back, a sardonic glint in her eye. "In this digital era, the trick isn't guarding your ideas but recognizing where you've dropped them. In a chat room or a public forum, a good idea is like a dollar bill—it doesn't stay unclaimed for long."

Leaving her office, Alex muttered about "clouds and ether" as Claire returned to her desk, amused by the ironies of modern crime. The real theft, she mused, wasn't of the idea itself but of the precious illusions of secrecy and control in a world far too connected for comfort. 🌐

