



2026 Taichung Chairman Cup Flying Disc Championship



By Alicia Yu, Grade 10

Last weekend, I traveled with my frisbee team to a competition and had a memorable experience. We spent weeks preparing and practicing together, so everyone was excited to see how we would perform. Throughout the tournament, we faced several strong teams that challenged us both physically and mentally. Although we ended up losing more games than we hoped, we never let the score affect our attitude. We continued to play with determination, support one another, and enjoy the opportunity to compete.



The competition taught me that success is not always measured by wins and losses. While we did not bring home a trophy, we gained valuable experience and strengthened our teamwork. Spending time together during the trip allowed us to build stronger friendships and trust each other more. By the end of the tournament, I felt proud of how we communicated, supported one another, and represented our team with a positive attitude. The experience reminded me that working together and learning from challenges can be just as rewarding as winning.

What stood out the most was the communication between our teammates. On the field, we constantly talked to each other by calling for passes, giving directions, and encouraging one another after every play. When mistakes happened, no one blamed anyone else. Instead, we discussed what went wrong and focused on improving together. This positive communication helped us stay united and motivated, even when the games were not going our way.

Welcome back to The Big Little Things at HWIS!



This episode is especially meaningful as Iris sits down with her best friends, Ethan and Jessica, for their final podcast as members of the HWIS Class of 2026.



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Confidence to Lead, Courage to Learn, Character to Serve.



This year, our school proudly hosted its first ever TEDx Youth event bringing together students, teachers, and guests for a day of inspiration, learning, and meaningful conversations. The theme of this year's event "Ignite" encouraged speakers and audience members alike to spark new ideas, discover their passions, and inspire positive change.

By Jana Westheim, Grade 11

Throughout the event, student speakers shared powerful talks based on their personal experiences, challenges, and aspirations. Each presentation reflected the theme in a unique way, demonstrating how a single idea, experience, or moment can ignite growth, courage, and innovation. From discussions about leadership and resilience to topics involving education, mental health, and self-discovery, the speakers captivated the audience with their authenticity and confidence.

Lots of preparations have gone on to ensure that the event is successful. Behind the scenes preparation such as rehearsing the presentations and preparation of the venue by organizers, volunteers, and speakers made it possible for every presenter to be outstandingly impressive..

One of the most memorable aspects of the event was seeing students step outside their comfort zones to share ideas worth spreading. Their stories encouraged audience members to reflect on their own goals and consider how they can make a positive impact in their communities.

As our school's first TEDx Youth event, Ignite was a remarkable milestone. It showcased the creativity, talent, and potential within our student body while reminding everyone that even the smallest spark can lead to meaningful change. We look forward to seeing this event continue in the years to come and inspire future generations to share their voices with the world.





Commencement Ceremony Celebrates New Beginnings

By Annabelle Chen, Grade 11

This year's Commencement Ceremony was a milestone for both our Grade 12 and Grade 9 graduates, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. Surrounded by classmates, teachers, and families, the graduates celebrated their achievements while reflecting on the friendships, challenges, and memories that shaped their school years.

The Student Council had the privilege of playing an active role in the ceremony. At the start, we welcomed parents and teachers and guided them to their seats, making sure everyone felt included and comfortable. Later, I joined three other council members in one of the day's highlights — handing diplomas and awards to the graduates as they crossed the stage. The cheers and applause from the audience made the moment unforgettable, not only for the graduates but also for us, as we shared in their joy and accomplishment.

The speeches encouraged graduates to embrace future opportunities with curiosity and perseverance, reminding everyone that education is not only about hard work but also about growth and resilience. For Grade 12 students, the ceremony marked years of dedication and the start of their journeys into universities and careers. For Grade 9 students, it symbolized an important transition into the next stage of learning.

Being part of the organization gave me a deeper appreciation for how much effort goes into making such an event meaningful. It was an honor to contribute, and I left the ceremony proud of both our graduates and the teamwork that made the day possible. Congratulations to the Class of 2026 — may your next steps be filled with success and discovery. 🌟



HWIS Class of 2026



"Someday, you'll realize these were not just school days... they were the moments that shaped your heart forever."



This was more than a graduation ceremony - it was a celebration of youth, growth, memories, and dreams. From our G12 graduates stepping into a new chapter, to our G9 students progressing into G10, we witnessed courage, confidence, and transformation.

