



PUNGGOL SECONDARY SCHOOL

培道中学

From the Principal's Desk

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Dear Parents,

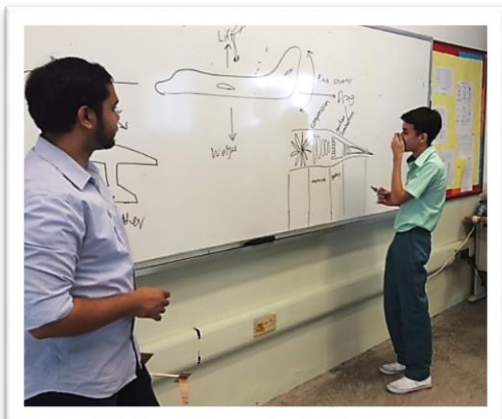
Taking the End-of-Year Examinations in their stride, our students continued to strive in their pursuit of excellence. In this issue, we would like to share with you their achievements in the academic, sports and character domains.

Academic Excellence

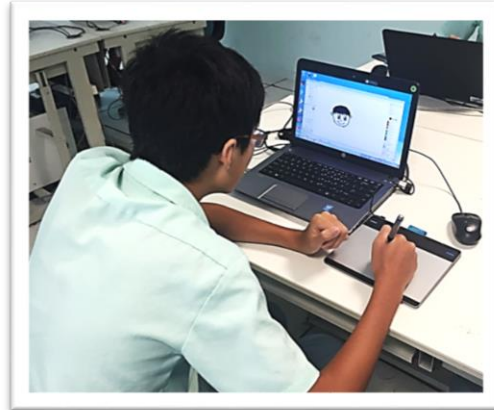
Elective Module

Our Secondary 3 Normal Stream students attended the Elective Module (EM) Programme as part of their post-exam activities. The programme aims to broaden students' learning experiences and caters to their varied learning styles. EMs also provide students with opportunities in skill-training and expose them to possible post-secondary education options.

In Semester 2, the students attended EMs such as Hospitality, Aeronautics, Digital Animation, Culinary and Early Childhood Education.



Theory lesson for Aeronautics



Hands-on project for Digital Animation



Hospitality students preparing mocktails

The students learned course-related skills and participated in learning journeys to various industries. Our Culinary students were even coached by a Michelin Star Chef during one of training sessions. The programme ended with a showcase of students' newly acquired skills and sharing of their learning experiences with teachers and school leaders.

Media Computing Competition

The Media Computing Competition is organised annually by the Computer Education Unit, Science Branch, Curriculum Planning and Development Division (CPDD), Ministry of Education.

The competition seeks to provide a platform to showcase students' work, develop students' interest in media design, and improve students' communication and presentation skills. It is open to Computer Applications (CPA) students from the Normal (Technical) and Normal (Academic) Streams.

This year's theme is "Future Singapore". A total of 105 schools participated in the Animation Category.

We are pleased to announce that Sim Yong Han from Class 2T1 has achieved the Bronze Award.



Photo on the left: Bronze Award Winner – Sim Yong Han, 2T1

Photo on the right: Screenshot of animation done by Yong Han

Sports Excellence

Sport Climbing

For the third year since 2014, the PE Department organised an enrichment programme at Onsite Climbing Gym to instill positive values and good attitudes through Sport Climbing.

A total of 320 Secondary Two students participated in the programme which consisted of two levels: an experiential learning programme for Secondary Two, and a Singapore National Climbing Standards (SNCS) Level One Certification Course for Secondary Two Normal Technical students and student leaders.



Our teacher, Ms Ang Xin Wei, demonstrating the right techniques to our students

During the session, our teachers and instructors constantly challenged and encouraged our students to go beyond their comfort zones. In doing so, the students recognised that excellence could be pursued by giving their best efforts, regardless of the difficulty in the tasks placed before them.

Students' Reflections

"When I felt like giving up while climbing, especially when I'm stuck on a move, I would tell myself to persevere and reach the top... I could apply this attitude by not giving up and trying to improve when I score badly for an exam."

– Fu Xin Yi, 2B

"Initially I made many mistakes when performing the 5-step belay. However, my failures only motivated me to keep trying to avoid making mistakes... I can apply this in Math as I experienced difficulties visualising 3D blocks. Despite the frustration, I practised by drawing the shapes out to help me visualise better."

– Quek Yu Ting, 2C



"I couldn't finish the climb on my first try. Nevertheless, I persevered and managed to finish the climb...I used to be bad in my English but I did not give up and kept practising. Soon I was able to improve."

– Lim Yen Rui, 2D

"I put in 100% effort despite my hands being tired. I kept on asking questions that were related to the task to help me understand better... I will not give up even if I fail after multiple attempts."

– Bryan Kiang, 2N2

Games Carnival

Despite the early morning showers, the carnival was a success.

The students engaged in healthy competition and displayed sportsmanship throughout the event. They also demonstrated the school values of Propriety, Righteousness, Integrity and Self-Respect.



Students displaying sportsmanship



Students demonstrating teamwork

Character Excellence

PSS Butterfly Garden

The innovative idea was first conceived by the Environment Club members when they observed that the open areas in front of Block D, E and F were suitable to grow more plants and set up a butterfly garden.

The members went on a learning journey to Gardens by The Bay and attended workshops on planning and designing a butterfly garden.



Research for butterfly garden design at the Singapore Garden Festival



Planting day



Photo on the left: First butterfly egg
Photo on the right: The egg has hatched into a beautiful caterpillar

Through this project, the Environment Club members learnt to appreciate how a small change that they make in their environment can impact the living organisms around them. The members also aim to create in others a greater awareness of the environment and a deeper understanding of our roles in preserving natural habitats.

Students' Reflections

"Doing this project has been an incredible experience for me and I am proud to be a part of it. Seeing a completely finished garden makes me feel proud of what my friends and I have managed to accomplish with the support of our teachers." – Lee Jia Wei, 1A

"Being a part of this project was a very meaningful and memorable experience for me, and I would like to be a part of more projects like this in the future. It makes me feel very happy that I can help out in this project because this project is the Environment Club members' special contribution to the school." – Linette Ong, 1A