

A Letter to F.6 Students – Are You Ready for the HKDSE Examination?

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Dear F.6 students,

The Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination 2022 is just around the corner. After taking the examination, your secondary school life will come to an end. At this moment, are you ready for the HKDSE Examination?

You all belong to a very special cohort. Although you have missed the learning experiences that your predecessors had, your school life in the latest three school years has not been fully experienced and may not be completely understood by any students in the past. When you were promoted to senior secondary, the social movement and the COVID-19 epidemic came one after another. After class suspension, online lessons and blended learning came into being. Under the new normal of learning, whole-day face-to-face classes were scanty and the F.6 Graduation Examination had to be conducted in online mode because of the severe epidemic situation. Besides classroom learning, whole-school other learning experiences in senior secondary were virtually non-existent. Apart from school picnics, Athletic Meets, and cross-border study tours, most inter-school activities and competitions were cancelled. Even when you were the Students' Union President, Head Prefects, House Chairpersons, and committee members of clubs and societies, you rarely had the opportunity to organize broad-scale school events. What's even more pitiful is that classmates and bosom buddies could not learn side by side as usual, chat at lunch, and study together after school during the epidemic. The school life that was taken for granted in the past becomes out of reach now!

As the saying goes, "You never know just how much you treasure something until you have lost it." It is because of the above-mentioned deficiencies that you have learnt to cherish – cherish the opportunity to attend classes and study on campus, and cherish the time spent together with teachers, students, and friends, which is not easy to come by. Difficulties spur you to grow. Under the epidemic, your persistence on unremitting learning has made you more independent, more self-disciplined, more mature, more resilient, and more sober-minded. You are no longer "Kong Kids".

The development of the epidemic cannot be fully under human control, and the uncertainties of the HKDSE Examination cannot be accurately predicted by us, but we can choose and master our own "mentality" and "state". You should face the epidemic positively and optimistically, maintain good physical and mental health, and give full play to the spirit of "Never give up" as stated in the Student Code while doing revision. It is hoped that you will be fully prepared and in the best of spirits, and have the utmost confidence when taking the HKDSE Examination. All the teachers, staff and I will undoubtedly stand by you, encourage and support you, and provide appropriate academic and emotional support continuously. We will see you through the HKDSE Examination to achieve the target grades of levels 4, 5* and 5**!

Difficulties and challenges may be the trials that everyone has to go through. But do bear in mind that no matter how daunting the predicament is, there is always a way out. Napoleon once said, "The most difficult time is not far away from success." Dear students, let us join hands to surmount the challenges ahead and welcome the beautiful rainbow after the rain. You will be the strongest and bravest graduates of KCCS. Wish you all the best and every success in the coming examination!

Regards,
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