

Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon)



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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been my very first year as the Principal of Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon). To me, the school year of 2021-2022 was a challenging yet abundant one. Hoping to adapt to an entirely new environment at full tilt, I engaged in various hearty conversations with teachers as well as students and grasped a better understanding of the multicultural learning environment, a distinctive feature of Sir EK, the whole process of which inspired

and broadened my vision. Coming from different countries and ethnic groups with diverse customs and cultures, students of Sir EK, in my eyes, share some common characteristics-active and passionate, living up to the spirit of our school motto 'Carpe Diem' and enjoying all aspects of school life with optimism and vigor.

Despite the severity of the pandemic over the past year, when half-day school was only allowed most of the time and some lessons even went online, our students never grumbled. Yet, they rose to heaps of challenges, took part in an array of life-wide learning activities, and achieved remarkable success in various inter-school contests, for instance, Hong Kong Schools Dance Festival, Hong Kong School Drama Festival, and Inter-school STEM Competition. Most gratifyingly, our students took home the Second Prize in the Inter-government Secondary Schools

Artificial Intelligence Contest. Their performance was truly conspicuous. Thanks to the unreserved efforts and unflinching support from our teachers, our students could fully realize their caliber in open competitions of various natures and swept a myriad of awards as the best revelation of their endeavor.

As for the 2022 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, the results of our students were consistently motivating. Compared to last year, all subjects obtained a higher passing percentage, as reflected in an upward trend. Some subjects even recorded a triple rise. This year, four of our S.6 students entered the University of Hong Kong to study Social Science, Engineering, and Science respectively. Also, We have one student entering the Chinese University of Hong Kong to study Science. Meanwhile, several students with flying colours will further their studies in the Mainland and the United Kingdom. All these phenomenal results are the best evidence of the diligence and persistence of both our students and teachers, in the face of COVID. Congratulations to our graduates on their striking performance.

I firmly believe that all students can shine in various fields as long as we give them a chance. Let's value our home-school cooperation and join hands for our students' all-around development so that they can lead a wonderful life ahead!

Mr. LEE Tung-ching Principal
Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (WK)

Message from Chairperson Mrs. Rachel C. Galang

Welcome everyone to the new school year 2022-2023!

We are so thankful that we were able to face all the challenges since this pandemic started three years ago. Our united efforts with the teachers, parents and the help of our Almighty Father in heaven have given us inner strength, protection, and wisdom to fulfill our respective responsibilities.

Firstly, I would like to commend the school Principal for his leadership in leading the teachers, student affairs, and the whole administration of the school throughout this difficult period. Secondly, deep appreciation goes to all the members of the faculty for their untiring love and support to all the students, your hard work and sacrifices are well noted. Thirdly, I am grateful to all the parents who continue to be involved in the Parents-Teachers Association. This shows your all-out support for your children and the school as well. As I finish my term I would like to say from the bottom of my heart that I am so grateful for being a part of the school for the last six years.

To the former school principal, Mrs. Yeung Kwong Mong-ha, Thank you so much for your friendship and kindness. The load as PTA president becomes lighter when we are united and focused on our goal.

To Mr. Lee, the new principal, It is indeed a blessing to have had the opportunity to work with you over these two years. To all the teachers and fellow PTA Officers, I am indebted to you all. To the incoming PTA leaders, I will assure you that you too will have a wonderful journey as you commit to the task being entrusted to each one of you.

More power to Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School.

So grateful to each of you!

Mrs. Rachel C. Galang PTA Chairperson



Mr. Subodh Kumar PTA member



It's crazy how time flies!

It's been 6 years since my son (Soumik) has been studying in this wonderful school and I am so glad to serve as a part of the PTA committee which focuses on the personal development of the students

and nurtures the teacher-student-parent relationship.

I am happy to share the news that my son got accepted by HKU and I hope more students from this school will get locally accepted by HK universities. As you know the HKDSE exam is approaching and in a few months you will be striving for the best, so here are some quick tips based on my experience! You have to continuously work hard to get the results, practice as many past papers/mock exams as possible (with DSE timings), stay away from any distractions during this period, try your level best in each exam, and after the exam don't worry too much about it. Lastly, I would like to point out that no matter what, you must not procrastinate at any time during this period!

Add oil and fight hard for the DSE

GOOD LUCK to all!

Mr. Subodh Kumar Ojha (Vice Chairperson)

Message from Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I have been working as an Assistant Principal of Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon) for three years. To me, the 2021-22 school year was challenging but fruitful.

In the HKDSE 2022, there is a very remarkable improvement in the passing rate of all core and elective subjects. The passing percentages of Physics and BAFS have increased four-fold, Mathematics, Economics, and Geography three-fold, and Biology two-fold. English is the best-performing DSE (Category A) subject, recording a 90% passing rate which is 11.5% higher than the average of all Hong Kong schools.

From the JUPAS result, four of our students were admitted to the University of Hong Kong. Moreover, one student was admitted to the Chinese University of Hong Kong. **Congratulations to our S6 graduates on their impressive performance.**

In the past couple of years, COVID-19 has brought unprecedented challenges to Hong Kong. Suspension of face-to-face classes, rearrangement of school holidays,

and compulsory testing for teachers and students are all new to us. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all teachers for their hard work and to all PTA members as well as all parents for their unflinching support to the school throughout the years. Their efforts, education, and support to students have never been disrupted at this difficult time.

I really hope the pandemic to be over very soon and that our school could resume the PTA Barbeque in the coming academic year. Wishing you all the best, stay safe and healthy.

CHAN Chi-man Benjamin Assistant Principal
Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (WK)



Marian Leung PTA member

Hello Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School Students,
"Life may give you trouble & struggle, but it is your chance to turn sorrow into pleasure!"

Instead of focusing on what you can't do, think of all the things that you can.

One failure does not define your capabilities!

Even if you trip, the race is still on!

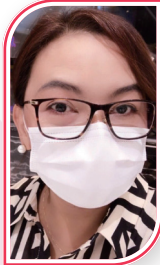
Believe in your inner potential and take a brave step towards your goal! VICTORY will be yours!

Remember that every problem is a challenge to prove yourself and a skill to be developed.

Being a good student is less about the ability to succeed and more about the desire to learn.

Have a great day!

All the best



Marian Leung
(Hon. Secretary)

Message from Assistant Principal



Christmas is around the corner. While it is a sacred religious holiday, it is also a time for families and friends to get together to celebrate this festive season.

If you fancy throwing a Christmas party for your loved ones, consider the following recipe:

Chocolate Truffle Cake

Ingredients:

- 50g plain flour and gratitude
- 2pcs whole eggs and respect
- 2pcs egg yolks and integrity
- 100g butter and perseverance
- 100g dark chocolate (diced) and faith
- 50g sugar and hope
- Some icing sugar with love

Method:

1. Put butter under room temperature until soft. Sieve flour, set aside.

2. Always think positive.
3. Beat the whole eggs, egg yolks and sugar together. Add the plain flour gradually and stir well.
4. Heat a pot of water. Flame out.
5. Put the butter and chocolate in a bowl and double boil until melted. Stir well.
6. Be careful and patient.
7. Mix (3) and (5) to become a chocolate mixture.
8. Butter the cake mold. Add the chocolate mixture and put it in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours.
9. Take out the chocolate mixture. Put it into the preheated oven and bake for 8 to 10 minutes.
10. Remove from oven and put the cake on a plate.
11. Sprinkle the cake with icing sugar and a touch of love.
12. Serve with a smile.
13. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you and your family be blessed!

Wong Pik Wah
Assistant Principal

The 30th PTA Annual General Meeting and Executive Committee Election

Dates	Event	Participants
19 Nov 2021	SMC Parent Representative Election	Parents
19 Nov 2021	PTA Executive Committee Election	165 parents and teacher members
19 Nov 2021	1 st Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee Members
22 July 2022	2 nd Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom	Executive Committee Members

Date: 19 November 2021 (Friday)

Venue: School Hall

Important Events:

The Mistresses of the Ceremony, Ms. Josephine Chung and Ms. Yam Hau Yan respectively welcomed all the parents for attending the 30th PTA AGM. A group of S.4 students' dance performances then kicked off the meeting.

The Principal Mr. Lee Tung-ching extended a warm welcome to all the parents and thanked them for their presence and support. He also commended the parents for their continuous support and encouragement to their children and the teachers.

Mrs. Rachel C. Galang delivered the chairperson's report highlighting the importance of parental participation in various events / activities organized by the school and the role of PTA to enhance the student's sense of belonging to the school. She also commended the hard work of the teachers

during difficult times such as the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Kumar gave a brief report of various activities of the PTA in the last school year. Miss Dunn Ling reported on the Statement of Accounts. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the outgoing parent members who had served on the Executive Committee for 2 years from 2019-2021.

Appointed PTA Executive Committee Teacher Members (2021-2022) were introduced and after a brief self-introduction of new and old candidates, a new PTA Executive Committee was elected unanimously. Mr. Joseph Michael Baroque was elected as the SMC parent representative. Mr. G. S. Batra was nominated to the post of Honorary Auditor for one year. After the election, class teachers met with parents to collect the first term Test Report card of their children.

Two Executive Committee meetings were held in the school year 2021-2022.



Principal's Meeting with Parents 2021-2022

Date	Event
1 30/09/2021	• School developments • E-Class app / Homework • Q & A session / AGM / Parents' sharing

The rationale behind these planned meetings was to make use of every opportunity to maintain a harmonious relationship and good communication with parents. On various occasions, there can be candid sharing among the school principal, teachers, and parents to enhance mutual cooperation and understanding. This is a good platform to share ideas and opinions of parents with the school. Altogether 2 meetings were planned but due to Covid-19 and social measures of the government of Hong Kong, only one meeting was conducted face to face and one via zoom.

Principal's Meeting with the Parents

Principal's First Meeting with the parents was successfully held on 30 September 2022. A total of 53 parents attended the meeting.

In the meeting, Ms. Wong Pik Wa (AP) presented various issues that concerned the parents including the requirement of 3 doses of vaccination for students and student support measures for Term Test. She also updated the parents about a visit by Permanent Secretary for Education Ms. Michelle Li, Secretary for Education Dr Choi Yuk-lin and Deputy Secretary for Justice Mr. Cheung Kwok-Kwan to kick off Ceremony of National day celebration cum Joint Government Schools activities "Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country".

Mr. Li Ka Fai (LKF) showed how to use the parents' version of the e-class app, AliPay and User Guide. Ms. Marian Bautista Leung (PTA secretary) also sent a recorded video message to parents. Teacher present in the meeting also provided individual consultations to the parents concerned after the end of the session at 5:30.



PTA Involvement in School Functions

Dates	Activity	Participants
26, 27 Aug 2021	Orientation Day for New Students and Parents	around 100 new students and parents
19 Nov 2021	Parents' Night & AGM of PTA	parents and teachers
26 Nov 2021	Speech Day	Executive Committee Members
14 Feb 2021	Inter-Primary School Story-Telling Competition	6 Primary schools
27 May 2021	Parents' Day	around 220 parents
30 June 2021	S6 Graduation Day	around 120 parents
24 June 2021	Learning Celebrations	Executive Committee members and other parents
8 August 2021	National Costume Day	Students & Teachers.
Sep 2021-Jun 2022	Subsidies for the school dance and sports teams	10 teams

Graduation Gown for S6 students on 30 June 2022



S6 A



S6 B



S6 C



S6 D

Academic Achievements and Public Examination Results 2021-2022

In the HKDSE 2022, there is a very remarkable improvement in the passing rate of all core and elective subjects. The passing percentages of Physics and BAFS have increased four-fold, Mathematics, Economics and Geography three-fold and Biology two-fold. English is the best performing DSE (Category A) subject, recording a 90% passing rate which is 11.5% higher than the average of all Hong Kong schools.

Four of our students were admitted to the University of Hong Kong. OJHA SOUMIK was admitted to the Bachelor of Sciences programme. HUSSAIN QASIM and LAWATI NOGEN were admitted to the Bachelor of Engineering programme. AMEERAH AGUILAR USUDAN having demonstrated exceptional talents and interests in social studies, was offered the early admission to the Bachelor of Social Sciences programme.

Moreover, SHING WING SHAN was admitted to the Bachelor of Sciences programme at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. More than 4 students also got offers from different universities in Mainland China or abroad.

Congratulations to our S6 students!

Class	Student	Institution	Programme
6A	OJHA Soumik	HKU	Bachelor of Science
6A	HUSSAIN Qasim	HKU	Bachelor of Engineering
6A	LAWATI Nogen	HKU	Bachelor of Engineering
6A	SHING Wing Shan	CUHK	Bachelor of Science
6A	AMEERAH Aguilar Usudan	HKU	Bachelor of Social Sciences



Orientation Day for New Students and Parents



School Picnic-Visit Disney Land

Our school organized a tour to Ocean Park as part of the School Picnic programme on July 6th and July 13th, 2021. Junior form students visited the park on the 6th of July while the senior form students visited the park on the 13th of July.

School picnics in the past usually involved bringing students to country parks and allowing them to collaboratively cook and eat. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, country parks were not open and people were not allowed to gather and feast. Yet, students shared their memorable experiences visiting Ocean Park on the picnic day.



SEK Debaters Defeat the Opponent Team in the Preliminary Round of 38th Sing Tao Debate Competition

SEK Debate Team participated in the 38th Sing Tao Debate Competition (preliminary round) on 12th November at Queen Elizabeth School, Mong Kok and defeated the team from TWGHs Kap Yan Directors' College. SEK Debate Team was led by team captain Yazmin Tamrakar of 3C.

Other team members include Leung Ka Hang (3D), Chen Megan (3D), Igloria Chloe Faye (3D), Neff Sophia Naomi (2D), Ali Shiloh Asia (2D) and Talwar Guneet (2D).

The motion was "the Hong Kong government should introduce a three-tier mandatory reporting mechanism for suspected child abuse cases" in which SEK Team debated from the affirmative side. This was the first ever time SEK participated in the Sing Tao Debate Competition, the most prestigious debate competition in Hong Kong.



Samson L. Igloria, PTA members

Resourcefulness and creativity are factors greatly essential in our times today. Especially during the pandemic, knowing we need to adjust... actually had to stop from almost all of our routines... and now that we are slowly returning to many regular activities, the time has become of great importance.

I know many of you are excited to do things that you have not done during the pandemic. But LIFE as we all know is more important than TIME. You have to protect yourself also from all the hastiness of this world as everyone tends to catch up from lost opportunities - to gather, to enjoy, to explore... - and so many things you wanted.

My advice is... you have to discern and prioritize the most important one at the moment, not what you want only. You can enjoy many things all you wanted... but take one at a time - and give the best in it. You will still have a lot of time in your whole life. Be the best of yourself at all times!

Samson L. Igloria (Activity Coordinator)

30th PTA Executive Committee Members (2021-2022)

Post	Parent-Committee Members	Names of Child(ren) at School	Teacher Committee Members
Chairperson	Mrs. Rachel C. Galang	Philippe Edward C. Galang S6A (15)	Mr. Lee Tung-ching (Principal)
Vice Chairperson	Mr. Subodh Kumar Ojha	Soumik Ojha S6A (20)	Ms. Wong Pik-wah (Assistant Principal)
Hon. Secretary	Ms. Marian Bautista Leung	Leung AJ Wing Kei Bautista S5A (4)	Mr. Chan Chi-man (Assistant Principal)
Public Relation	Mr. Eduardo Z. Talledo	Talledo, June Eduard S5A (21), Talledo Tamara Mionette S4B (11)	Mr. Prasad Manoj Kumar (PTA Ic)
Hon. Treasurer	Mr Joseph Michael Baroque	Baroque Angelo Joseph Onas S2D (11)	Mr. Law Ho-lam (Principal's Meeting Coordinator)
Activity Coordinator	Mr. Samson L. Igloria	Igloria Chloe Faye S2D (5)	Ms. Dunn Ling (Treasurer)
Public Relations Officer	Mr. Calucin Melvin Gesim	Calucin, Paul Timothy S4A (12)	Ms Hung Fei Kei (Public Relation)
General Affairs Officer	Mr. Mohammad Nadim	Murtaza Ali Class : S5B (13)	Mr. Khan Zubair Ahmed (Activity Coordinator)
Auditor	Mr. G.S. Batra	Ex-student member	Mr. Thapa Chura Bahadur (Secretary)



Ms. Cheung Wing Sze, Life and Society, Geography and Citizenship and Social Development teacher

Hello students of SEK,

I am Cheung Wing Sze, and I am very grateful to be one of the members of SEK in this new academic fall. I am the new teacher responsible for Life and Society, Geography and Citizenship and Social Development. I am a graduate of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, majoring in sociology, and pursue my master's degree in London. I hope everyone can find my lessons enjoyable and meaningful.



I am a "travel lover" indeed. Travelling, in my view, can be regarded as an explorable yet intriguing way to break myself out of the box and broaden my horizon. A glimpse of the natives' unique culture, including customs, languages, and foods, allows me to think differently and learn how to be respectful to others. As citizens living in a globalized world, we must learn to be open-minded to different things and bravely step out of our comfort zone to face the unknown. Learning can also be treated as an inspiring journey to uncover the miracles of our society, country, and the world. I look forward to being a "fellow traveller" with you all to unveil and explore the mysteries in the coming year!

Mr. Ali Malik Adnan, Urdu Language and Geography teacher



Hello, everyone. I am Mr. Ali Malik Adnan, a new Urdu language and Geography teacher this year. I am so pleased to be a member of SEKSS (WK). This school is the starting point of my teaching career in Hong Kong. As a teacher, I try my best to help students have more interest and motivation to learn Urdu and Urdu history.

My favorite game is Cricket and I am assistant i/c of Cricket Team in SEKSS.

Mr. Lo Wai Hung Physics, STEAM teacher

Hello students of SEK,

I am Mr. Lo Wai Hung. I am so proud to join SEKSS (WK) family in this year. I am the new teacher responsible for Physics, STEAM student development. I am also the Class Teacher for S2D.

I am a graduate of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, majoring in Physics, and am pursuing my master's degree in Material Sciences.

As for my hobby, I like hiking and running. I would like to give a message to students: It's okay not to be perfect on the first try, but you need to continue to improve gradually, and you will be surprised by your progress when you look back.



Love Your Country

If you have passion or love for your country, it can help you to learn about your nation's history and become a better member of your national community. Once you develop a sense of what it means to live in your country, you can start displaying your patriotism by flying the national flag, celebrating national holidays, and devoting yourself to making your country the best place to be!

Loving your country is like loving your family, why? because you love your home, you love and value what you have achieved, you are loving it because you have the freedom to live!

Our country gives us a great platform to represent ourselves. It gives an identity to show that we belong to this particular nation. We should respect our identity in this whole world.

The last and very important message:

Don't love your country so much that it makes you hate other countries. Each and every country on this planet is great in its own right. So we should respect and cherish the country that we call home.



Mr. Prasad Manoj Kumar (PTA i/c)

Mr. Wong Chun-san, BAFS teacher



Hello everyone! I am Mr. Wong Chun-san, Sam. It is my pleasure to join SEKSS(WK) as a BAFS teacher. I am a graduate of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, majoring in Global Business and Finance.

My ambition is to pass my knowledge as well as life experience to my students. I grew up in public housing and in my second year of university, I moved out to rent a subdivided flat for more space for self-reflection and independence. After years of hard work in acquiring professional knowledge and trial and error, my life has improved a lot.

Life is not easy when you need to strike a balance between your expectations and reality, especially for those with very limited resources. Fortunately, SEKSS(WK) is undoubtedly the most resourceful place to cultivate talents not only in the area of students' academic achievements, but also their personal values, interests and career ambitions. I hope that you can grasp every opportunity to empower yourself to become a better person and I commit to devoting my utmost to help.

Mr. Wong Tsz-ho, Chemistry teacher

Hello students of SEK,

I have dreamt of being a teacher for so long. By doing so, it is my pleasure to become one of the esteemed members of SEKSS(WK).

While working for just two months, I have faced several challenges, be it the challenge of cross cultural understanding or the challenge of handling different learning needs of the students. Learning has no borderline. It depends on how much effort and devotion is put into education. I am a teacher with great enthusiasm. Yet, I still have much to learn.

As I am a Chemistry teacher, I would not let my dream shatter and my heart wither while teaching the subject. A teacher who teaches also learns. By far, I have learnt a lot in handling issues and learning discrepancies, and I would like to thank Sir EK for giving me the opportunity to learn from the school community including the students. To be honest, the learning environment here is much more harmonious and freer than what an outsider would imagine. I hope to have more time to cooperate with the school in the future! XD.

