



東華三院吳祥川紀念中學

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School Mission

Our mission in education is to provide comprehensive and multifarious services to children and young people to enable them to exert their full potentialities and, eventually, to serve the community. We are committed to achieving an all-round development in younger generation through the provision of a congenial learning environment, equipping young people with the necessary skills and knowledge, and nurturing them to become good citizens with a willing commitment to worthy causes and a genuine concern for social affairs.

School Information

Supervisor / Chairman of School Management Committee	Mr. Sze Wing Hang	
Principal (with qualifications / experiences)	Dr. Jack Wong (Bachelor of Science, Postgraduate Certificate in Education, Master of Science, Doctor of Education)	
School Type	Aided	Co-ed
School Motto	Diligence, Frugality, Loyalty, Faithfulness	
Name of Sponsoring Body	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	
Area Occupied by the School	About 4750 Sq. M	Religion
Parent-Teacher Association	Yes	Past Students' Association / School Alumni Association
Incorporated Management Committee	Established	Percentage of school supervisor and managers fulfilling the training targets

Teaching Staff Information (including School Head) in the 2023/2024 School Year

Number of Teaching Posts in the Approved Establishment	54	
Total Number of Teachers in the School	56	
Qualifications and Professional Training (% of Teaching staff)		
Teacher's Certificate / Diploma in Education	91%	
Bachelor Degree	100%	
Master / Doctorate Degree or above	46%	
Special Education Training	38%	
Years of Experience (% of Teaching staff)		
0 - 4 years	5 - 9 years	>= 10 years
30%	6%	64%

Subjects Offered in the 2023/2024 School Year

S.1 - S.3	Chinese as the medium of instruction	Chinese Language, Mathematics*, Life and Society, Chinese History, Computer Literacy, Physical Education, Visual Arts, Music, Design and Technology, Home Economics, Putonghua, STEM
	English as the medium of instruction	English Language (Life-wide English and English Library Period), Science, Integrated Humanities
	Adopt a different medium of instruction by class or by group / school-based curriculum	-
S.4 - S.6	Chinese as the medium of instruction	Chinese Language, Citizenship and Social Development (S4-S6), Chinese History, Tourism and Hospitality Studies, Health Management and Social Care, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Music
	English as the medium of instruction	English Language (English Library Period), Mathematics, Mathematics Extended Part Module 2, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Economics, Business, Accounting & Financial Studies, Information & Communication Technology
	Adopt a different medium of instruction by class or by group / school-based curriculum	NSS Other Languages (Japanese)

* Subjects with extended learning activities (ELA) in English

Subjects to be Offered in the 2024/2025 School Year

S.1 – S.3	Chinese as the medium of instruction	Chinese Language, Mathematics*, Life and Society, Chinese History, Computer Literacy, Physical Education, Visual Arts, Music, Design and Technology, Home Economics, Putonghua, STEM
	English as the medium of instruction	English Language (Life-wide English & English Library Period), Science, Integrated Humanities
	Adopt different medium of instruction by class or by group / school-based curriculum	-
S.4 – S.6	Chinese as the medium of instruction	Chinese Language, Citizenship and Social Development, Chinese History, Tourism and Hospitality Studies, Health Management and Social Care, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Music
	English as the medium of instruction	English Language (English Library Period), Mathematics, Mathematics Extended Part Module 2, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Economics, Business, Accounting & Financial Studies, Information & Communication Technology
	Adopt different medium of instruction by class or by group / school-based curriculum	NSS Other Languages (Japanese)

Class Structure & Chargeable Fees (2023/2024)

* Subjects with extended learning activities (ELA) in English

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
No. of classes	4	4	4	4	4	4
School Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tong Fai	-	-	-	\$340	\$340	\$340
Parent-Teacher Association Fee	\$40					
Student Union / Association Fee	\$10					
Approved Charges for Non-standard items	-					
Other Charges / Fees	-					

Remarks

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S.1 Admission, Orientation Activities & Healthy School Life

<p>Secondary One Admission</p> <p>Our school will accept discretionary places. Our school will participate in the Secondary School Places Allocation System through central allocation stage (Applicable for admission to S.1 in September 2024).</p> <p>Selection criteria for S.1 Discretionary Places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Academic attainment & conduct 45% - Interview performance 15% - Extra-curricular activities 10% - EDB Rank Order List 30%.
<p>Orientation Activities and Healthy Life</p> <p>To assist the newly admitted Form 1 students in adapting to their new school environment; and to enhance their self-esteem and self-confidence, our school has organized a series of multiple intelligences activities aimed at helping our students cultivate their potential in the field of physical and arts education during the summer vacation. Our school emphasizes the importance of English Language learning so the P.6 promoting to Form 1 students have to take part in an English Bridging Programme supported by online learning materials aimed at helping them get accustomed to the subjects which use English as the medium of instruction (EMI) before the commencement of their secondary life.</p> <p>Our school also places emphasis on the importance of healthy eating. To maintain a healthy lifestyle, our students will be required to have their meals at school provided by our designated Green Kitchen and it is hoped that our students will have a balanced diet and proper meals. All students are encouraged to exercise regularly in order to make sure that they have a strong and robust physique.</p>

School Characteristics
School Management
School's Major Concerns: 1. Embracing English learning environment. 2. Utilizing IT to consolidate student's learning. 3. Cultivating values of excellence.
School Management Organisation: We have already established our Incorporated Management Committee. The school managers are professionals from various fields. They are familiar with the local community and the development of our school. The School Management and Improvement Team, which formulates school policies, consists of the Principal, Vice-principals, senior teachers and all teaching staff. Decisions made by the School Management and Improvement Team are to be coordinated and implemented by the school's four working committees namely the Board of Administration, Studies, Student Support and Student & General Affairs.
Incorporated Management Committee / School Management Committee / Management Committee: Our Incorporated Management Committee was set up in 2006. The committee members include Supervisor, Sponsoring School Body Managers, Principal, Teacher Managers, Parent Managers, Alumni Manager and Independent Manager. Managers are responsible for formulating school policies and monitoring school performance in the quest for quality education.
School Green Policy: We promote green education through participation by all. We believe that students should develop daily habits of conservation. Recycling bins are placed in all classrooms and on school campus. The Green & Health Education Department, the Geography Club and the Green & Health Club are all committed to helping raise students' awareness of a green living style and implementing food waste recycling programs to reduce food waste in our school. Furthermore, we have installed new green facilities and promoted green meals.
Learning and Teaching Plan
Whole-school Language Policy: We are committed to developing students' bi-literate and tri-lingual competence. We pay special attention to our students' English proficiency. In response to the fine-tuning of our teaching medium of instruction, we have introduced the Cross-curricular Language Enhancement Scheme. Integrated Humanities (an integration of Social Studies, Geography and Finance Fundamentals) and Integrated Science (including Physics, Chemistry, Biology and General Science) for S.1-S.3 are taught in English and we have introduced Life-wide Learning / Life-wide English, cross-curricular Extended English courses, English Library Periods, After-school Great English Movies and SolidMemory Learning Platform to help our students build up a strong language foundation. There are approximately twenty core and elective subjects we offer in NSS, all of which are taught in English, with the exception of Chinese Language, Citizenship and Social Development, Chinese History, Tourism and Hospitality Studies, Health Management and Social Care and Visual Arts. Cross-curricular language learning and English mathematics supplementary programmes are used to prepare junior form students for the HKDSE curriculum.
Learning and Teaching Strategies: We aim at enhancing students' ability in "Learning to Learn" through various programmes, including "Reading to Learn" and "Project Learning". Quality Assignment Design, Enhancement, Sustainable Support and Remedial Classes, Careers & Life Planning, Multiple Intelligences & Gifted Education and Learning Summer Revision Courses are designed to enhance the students' learning effectiveness. We aim at all-rounded and balanced development of students. The school provides necessary resources and creates capacity for quality education. We have established various uniformed groups and sports teams to help develop students' self-discipline, cooperation and self-esteem. In addition, reading schemes are implemented in the subjects of Chinese and English in a sense of Content Area Reading in collaboration with the Library lesson.
School-based curriculum: 1. Electives: 2X and 3X. Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Chinese History, Geography, Economics, Visual Arts, Information and Communication Technology, Mathematics Extended Modules, Business, Accounting and Financial Studies, Tourism and Hospitality Studies, Health Management and Social Care. 2. Curriculum highlights: To better prepare our students for STEM education, we introduced the STEM Laboratory in 2017-2018 to allow teachers to organize various STEM teaching and learning activities. STEM lessons in S.2 level are designed to teach students to use Micro:bit to learn coding. To cater for students' diverse needs, the school inquiry-based Integrated Science curriculum has been developed for our S.3 students. All subjects stress the importance of interactive learning, autonomous learning, "tablet-based online learning" and elearning, experiential learning, service learning, arts education, and life planning in their curriculum.
Major Renewed Emphases in the School Curriculum: 1. Our Read to Learn Policy is carried out in the following ways: (a) Regular Library Lessons promote reading among students. There are book recommendations, online reading, book fairs and Reading Club activities in which students can share the joy of reading through online reading. Besides, the Reading Award Scheme has also been well-received by students. (b) The Content Area Reading materials and books of various subjects are uploaded to the school's website or intranet for students to read in their spare time. (c) Students will be reading passages of different themes in the morning reading lessons. This reading activity aims at enhancing students affective learning through reflections. (d) We have library lessons which teach students how to collect, verify, select and integrate data. They aim at raising students' digital competence. 2. We encourage and facilitate students' lesson preparation and self-learning by uploading notes, subject-based learning kits, assignments and tests on e-class and Google Classroom. 3. Project Learning enables students to acquire generic skills in issue-based & inquiry-based learning through life events analysis. 4. We have the Moral and Civic Education Committee to formulate and coordinate work on moral and civic education. All departments, subject panels and school clubs will integrate the themes according to health, environmental friendliness and values education into Morning Assemblies, After-school Periods, Post-examination Periods, Homeroom Periods, and Summer Learning.
Life Planning Education: The school has made full use of its resources to promote Life Planning. All teams and departments have strengthened the dissemination of information concerning careers and further education like tertiary education in Mainland China and Taiwan to the students. The school has used community resources to stimulate the students to explore their own strengths and weaknesses in making choices. For senior forms, a continuous adoption of individual careers counselling programmes are used to analyze the characters and self-concepts of each individual student. Different departments sustain the careers-related seminars, the job placement programme, and apprenticeships to widen the horizons of students.
Student Support
Whole School Approach to Catering for Learner Diversity: We adapted the Whole School Approach to Integrated Education Scheme in September 2008. Some of our teachers have completed the necessary training as required. In addition, the school has adopted the three-tiers mechanism to cultivate our talented and gifted students and assist their learning progress with after-school enhancement support and tutorial classes.
Whole School Approach to Integrated Education: Our Student Support Team consists of the Vice Principal, SENCO, guidance teacher, Chinese, English or Mathematics teachers, the School Social Worker, Teaching Assistant, Speech Therapists and Educational Psychologist. Besides conducting assessments of the students, the Educational Psychologist (EP) has also attended the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) Meeting with the Parents, so as to formulate and evaluate the effectiveness of the IEP. The EP also conducts Parents workshops to help them master effective caring and teaching skills. In addition to the professional development training program provided by the EP, teachers are also encouraged to attend the training course provided by the tertiary Institute, so as to strengthen the competence of the teachers to take care of the students with Special Educational Needs. Our school uses the Learning Support Grant and other resources to employ 2 teaching assistants and to buy professional services including an attention training programme, learning difficulties training programme and school-based speech therapy services etc., to give interdisciplinary cooperation support to the students, so as to raise the students' academic achievement. To allow the students to recognize the presence of people of different needs in society, and cultivate an inclusive campus, we organize various activities such as sharings by guests with special needs education background. Furthermore, this encourages students to take part in inclusive experiential activities. Our school also strives to enhance cooperation with parents, members of student support team will communicate with the parents from time to time and the speech therapist also give professional advice to the parents.
Education Support for Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students: Our school provides additional support for NCS students to facilitate their learning of Chinese: providing after-school support programmes in learning Chinese; and organising activities to create an inclusive learning environment in the school. The schools' academic circulars include an English version. Parents will be further informed of students' learning progress on Parent's Day.

Measures to provide adaptation for learning and assessment:

Besides Uniform Tests and Examinations, we have adopted continuous assessments to evaluate students' performance. Continuous assessments will include on-line exercises, book reviews and projects. Project Learning is introduced from S.1 to S.3 as one of the components of continuous assessment and for S.4 to S.6, there is the SBA.

Home-School Co-operation and School Ethos
<p>Home-School Co-operation:</p> <p>The Parent-Teacher Association of our school is the major link between the school and parents. It offers valuable support to the healthy development of our students, helps to organize activities, both educational and recreational, to strengthen the communication and understanding among all key stakeholders. The Parent-Teacher Association has also organized seminars and workshops related to child education. As for professional development, educational visits to China have been organized. Outings and cooking classes are organized every year to promote good family connections and home-school cooperation. To provide quality education for our students, our PTA believes that the school, teachers and parents should collaborate closely to help our students excel and grow.</p>
<p>School Ethos:</p> <p>We emphasize the cultivation of moral values, positive attitudes and firm discipline of our students. We aim at educating our students to be good citizens who are self-reflective, self-disciplined and self-reliant. We will organize activities to cultivate positive life values among students. Apart from these, more support services are available, such as the school social workers and education psychologists who offer counseling service and timely support to students in need.</p>
Future Development
<p>School Development Plan:</p> <p>Our school endeavours to promote students' healthy and balanced development as well as excellent academic attainments through a diversified curriculum, a wide repertoire of extra-curricular activities and enriched learning experience. To arouse students' awareness in environmental protection, a green campus will be built. To cherish Tung Wah's goal of "all-round education", we provide our students with a quality learning environment where they can realize and unleash their potential. We are strongly committed to preparing our students to become good citizens with knowledge and skills, the ability to think independently, readiness to shoulder responsibilities and concern for community affairs.</p>
<p>Teacher Professional Training and Development:</p> <p>To uplift team morale and professional growth of the staff, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals strongly supports teachers' professional development and training. Seminars and workshops, which are organized by Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, are well-received by our teachers. Teachers show enthusiasm in taking part in the activities and courses organized by the EDB and other institutions.</p>
<p>Life-wide Learning (Including Five Essential Learning Experiences to be provided through Key Learning Areas, extra-curricular activities, co-curricular activities, etc.)</p> <p>Activity-based learning and Chinese Martial Arts are incorporated into the school curriculum. There are more than forty academic, aesthetics, sports, service and interests clubs. There are also moral and civic education thematic events, environmental education activities, project learning, life-wide learning activities, excursions, Marching Band performances and community service, etc. Every year, we have a Swimming Gala, Athletics Meet, outings and study trips.</p>
School Facilities
Number of Classroom(s): 26
<p>School Facilities:</p> <p>Classrooms and special rooms are networked and fully equipped with Multi-media IT facilities. Apart from the standard rooms provided, there are two computer rooms equipped with more than 40 computers each, one Project Room, 4 small group-teaching rooms as well as iPads for Library reading and different subjects to use. Also, the school has numerous recreational facilities including the covered playground, the podium area, the basketball court, the volleyball court, badminton court, the Chinese Garden, the Nature Education Trail, the Young Achievers' Gallery, the i-cafe Information Kiosk, the Lecture Theatre, Creative Media Centre and a roof-top flower bed.</p>
<p>Facility(ies) for Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs:</p> <p>Ramp, Accessible lift, Accessible toilet, tactile guide path and visual fire alarm system.</p>
Others
<p>Our sponsoring body, TWGHs, has provided numerous scholarships (more than 15 types) to the students for apply to according to their academic performance, ECA capabilities, gifted abilities and potential, character, attitude and family socio-economic background. The school makes every attempt to help each student apply for external scholarships so that they are able to have abundant resources to broaden their horizons.</p> <p>The school emphasizes the importance of all round education and all students are encouraged to engage in different local and international competitions. On average, we receive around one thousand five hundred awards and prizes annually. We are so proud of the performance of the students in Latin Dance. Within a short period of several years, our Latin dancers have participated in a number of renowned competitions in Britain, Korea, Italy, China and Malaysia with countless commendations and recognition granted. In 2015, our Latin Dance Team represented Hong Kong to take part in the Blackpool Dancesports Competition and we were awarded Second Place at the international level. Also, our Chinese Dance Team and the Marching Band have outperformed other teams in Hong Kong and their performances are encouraging.</p> <p>The school places high emphases on the importance of exchange programmes since students will thereby be exposed to multicultural education. Annually, we have organised around 10 excursions and trips to different Chinese cities and foreign nations.</p>
Direct public transportation to School
<p>Bus: 41A, 41M, 42C, X42C, 43B, 44, 44M, 49X, 241X, 243M, 948, E32; Mini-Bus: 88, 88A, 401, 413.</p>