



CSSAA

# Alumni Connect

Creative Secondary School  
Alumni Association Newsletter



# Welcome from the CSSAA Preparatory Committee

We are excited to announce that we have over 200 former CSS students registered as the Members of the CSSAA.

Upon the establishment of the CSSAA, the Preparatory Committee has submitted the application to the Hong Kong Police Force for registering the CSSAA as a Society under the Societies Ordinance (Cap. 151) in the HKSAR. Once the registration is completed, the next task for the Committee is to set up the bank account for the CSSAA. We are still looking for passionate alumni to join the Preparatory Committee and to develop the CSSAA together. If you are interested, do not hesitate to tell us.

As the Chinese New Year is arriving, we have organised the Poon Choi Dinner Gathering for the Alumni, the school and the PTA to celebrate together this traditional Chinese Festival.

Lastly but not the least, wishing you a Happy Year of the Dog! We do look forward to seeing you in the upcoming events.

CSSAA Preparatory Committee  
February 2018



## Vice Principal's Message

My final day at Creative Secondary School after eight years provides an ideal opportunity to reflect on what I have learnt since joining the staff team. Most importantly I have learnt that Creative really is a special place which encourages students to grow and find their place in the world. Principal Cheung and the early staff team created a wonderfully collaborative and caring atmosphere which helped to foster a real sense of belonging for students and staff. As Alumni I hope that you all have warm memories of your school days and that you try to keep in touch with school friends as the years pass. Resilience, kindness and optimism go a long way in life and I hope that the newly-formed Alumni Association will help support many future generations of Creative Students to also flourish and find their true place in the world.

*Richard is retiring as Vice Principal after 8 years of teaching at Creative.*



### Eric Chim, Election Officer

"It is my pleasure to be a member of the CSSAA Election Committee. It has been 6 years since I graduated from CSS. I have made lifelong friends here, and the values of the school shaped who I am. I am very grateful for the chance to contribute back to the CSS community."

*Eric studied at CSS between 2006-2012, and was the House Captain for Bauhinia. He was also the Concertmaster of the School Orchestra, one of the founding members in the Student Union Preparation Committee, and the Captain of the CSS football team. He went on to study at Durham University, and is currently a student at The Chinese University of Hong Kong.*



### Horatius Choy, Election Officer

"Following the establishment of the CSSAA, one of the most important issues is to launch the election for the formation of the first Executive Committee. This is a wonderful opportunity for me and the Election Committee to contribute to the CSSAA with our legal knowledge we learnt in our tertiary studies and from our working experiences. As the CSSAA is a new setup, our duty is to lay down the rules and procedures for the openness, impartiality and fairness of any election. Through the first Election, we hope this can provide a solid foundation for the CSSAA."

*Horatius Choy studied at CSS between 2006-2012, and was the House Captain of Cassia. He was also one of the Head Prefects, a Founding Member of the Student Union (formerly named as Student Council) acting as treasurer, and a member of the Graduation Committee in 2012. He went on to study at the University of Kent, and now working as a Court Liaison Officer.*



### Kathryn Wong, Election Officer

"This is my pleasure to be part of the Election Committee, that to draft and to enact the CSSAA Election rules. I believe this shall be a fascinating experience. Looking back to the time I spent in CSS, it was definitely memorable. Apart from developing critical thinking, creativity and analytical skills, I also learnt a lot of lifelong friends in CSS who are always being very supportive. Although we all went to different universities to pursue our career aspirations, we are still closely connected despite the geographical restriction. I wish CSSAA would serve as a platform to enhance the bonding between the school and the graduates."

*Kathryn studied at CSS between 2010-2013, and was a member of Bauhinia. She went on to study at the University of Kent, and now working as a Trade Support Analyst.*

## Message from Founding Members of CSS

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**Candice Chan, Head of Chinese Faculty**

給畢業生/校友的話：

每一年看到畢業學生回來母校，總有一份莫名的情緒流動，不只是慨嘆歲月催人老，不願意承認自己老了的事實，最大的感動來自於所有畢業生帶著最燦爛的笑靨，或給予你一個深深的擁抱，或一句親切而由衷的問候，談學習、說工作、述理想、論時事政治也有，天南地北，閒話家常，明白了自己留守多年的理由，是為有緣相聚於此的學生。祝賀啓思中學學友會成立，使師生、校友之間的聯繫更緊密，情誼更深厚！

*Candice is a founding member of the CSS teaching staff and is currently the Head of Chinese Faculty.*



**Cherry So, Head of Experiential Learning & Teacher of Physical Education**

“Hope all of you doing well. Haven’t seen some of you for a while.

Do you still remember your experiential learning trips at CSS? Experiential learning is a fantastic way to learn through first-hand experience and develop bonding between students and me. Through these activities, I know more about your strengths and how to further develop your ability.

Experiential learning programmes including co-curricular activities, exchange programmes and Creative Week not only bring many students happy memories, but also to teachers, including me.

I particularly enjoy hearing your trip sharing. They are so touching as I can see how you grow more maturely through these trips. I remember that some students experienced poverty by picking paper boxes and visiting roof top flats as well as planning to care for the poor with me. Sometimes, the younger you would surprise me with spontaneous acts. I tried to stop two energetic boys who tried to jump on a cable car in New Zealand. I can’t help smiling when I look back to my fun memories with my old students.

Here are some of the last words I want to share with you in this letter. Some of you may face challenges at times. If you encounter any problems, please tell yourself, “If you think you can, you can.” When the reality seems to be blocking your way, you can still change the way you think and deal with it. Be optimistic! You can learn and gain something when dealing with these challenges. Be a life-long learner. I really hope that every CSS alumni will find your stage to show your strengths in the world. Do come back to visit us. We are always happy to hear from you.”

*Cherry is a founding member of the CSS teaching staff and is currently the Head of Experiential Learning and Teacher of Physical Education.*



**Cassy Yu, Director of School Operations & Head of Technology Faculty**

“On the Open Day last November, it was amazing to have witnessed the establishment of the CSS Alumni Association. Having planned the event for a number of months with the Preparatory Committee, it was a fruitful day to see so many alumni who came back to visit the school from all graduated cohorts. The success of setting up of the association is primarily due to the keen contribution from alumni members including their time and effort. The network of alumni will continue to grow not just locally in Hong Kong but all around the world. It is hoped that the CSSAA will become the platform to unite all alumni together and remember that this place is where we all learn and grew. With the upcoming event in the Lunar New Year (Poon Choi Dinner) and other activities, we want to see more alumni giving back to CSS. One of the key ways is to contribute by becoming a member of the Executive Committee - more details will follow. Once again, congratulate to the CSSAA establishment and I am extremely happy that I am part of the committee as the Teacher Liaison.”

*Cassy is a founding member of the CSS teaching staff and is currently the Director of School Operations and Head of Technology Faculty.*

# Alumni Stories: Kendra Koh (2013 Cohort)

We are launching a new section in our newsletter, the ALUMNI STORIES where we will feature the unique stories from former CSS students. If you want to be featured in our coming newsletters, or perhaps you would like to tell us your story, don't hesitate to get in touch with us!

*Kendra studied at CSS between 2008-2013, and founded the C-Rivals as her Personal Project when she was in Form 4. She went on to study at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and now working as a Videographer at HYPEBEAST.*

"A few years back then, I wouldn't have imagined that my personal project had evolved into a tradition held annually in CSS. The C-Rivals all started as an idea of my personal project in Year 4 – a singing competition that provides a stage for talented individuals at school. It is almost absurd to call myself a founder, because I solely wanted to do something fun, and C-rivals came perfect in place. All in all, I am genuinely happy to see it become a tradition embraced by the entire school community.

There were certainly difficult times organizing a pioneer school event. It was a challenging task to encourage students in participating because they were not familiar with the contest. Since it was a "personal" project, I almost had to do everything from scratch on my own. This includes basic things like setting competition rules, designing posters to hosting the show etc. It was undeniably a lot of stress for a young 16-year old to handle. Fortunately, there were a lot of people who assisted me all along. To make C-rivals happen, I have to express my deepest gratitude to my personal project supervisor, Mr. Cassy Yu, as well as all the students who helped in the creative process. Under their guidance and support, I was able to consolidate a simple idea, organize and promote the event to the school community with ease. I also appreciate the efforts of each year's student council to establish its continuance.

I am excited to see how C-rivals would prolong in the history of CSS. I hope that students who organize and participate it would all share the same enjoyment I had six years ago. I am also looking forward to return CSS one day and witness the C-rivals happen all over again. I might be an old soul by then, but hope I am still welcomed."

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## Upcoming Events

### CSSAA Election & AGM\*

To be held during second half of 2018

\* Follow us on Facebook @creativessaa to get the updates on these events.



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## Membership Registration



### Why become a Member?

- To maintain connections with CSSAA and CSS;
- To join our events;
- To receive our newsletter 'Alumni Connect'.

If you are a former CSS student, please take a moment to fill in the Registration Form for applying the membership, which can be found at:

<http://www.css.edu.hk/index.php/school-life/alumni-association>



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