

Hong Kong Biennial Gifted Education Conference



Plenary Session 學校經驗分享暨論壇-基督教女青年會丘佐榮中學 School Experience Sharing Cum Forum – The YWCA Hioe Tjo Yoeng College

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Gifted Education at HTYC

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Let everyone fly ...

HTYC: Brief Profile

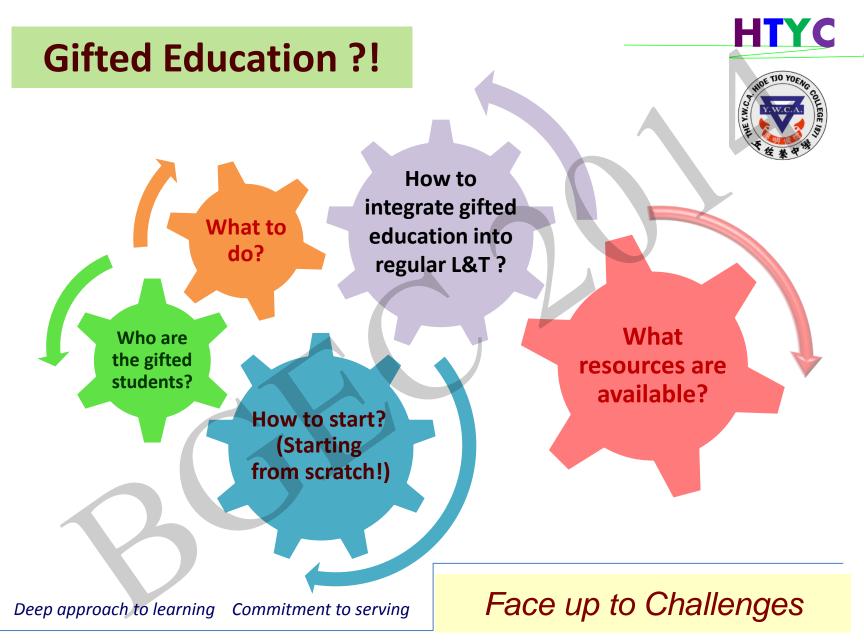
- Founded in 1971
- Christian Context
- EMI Co-educational Aided School
- 2012-2014: Over 90% continue tertiary education
 -average 53% in degree programmes
- Mainstream Grammar School
- No streaming classes
- Before 2009: 3 classes each level After 2009: 4 classes each level Current student population: ~800
- About 25% students: SES low
- Student intakes: from varied primary schools (basically CMI)

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2011 Oxford University Math in the City (Space Museum) Highly Commended

> 2011 HKU + K11 Ecology studies in Madagascar

3 representatives from HK



「中國語文菁英計量2011/2012」中學組書與金獎得目 王詠詩@基督教女青年會丘佐榮中里



2008-09 HK Budding
 Scientists – 2nd Runner-up

2011-12 HK Budding
 Scientists – 2nd Runner-up

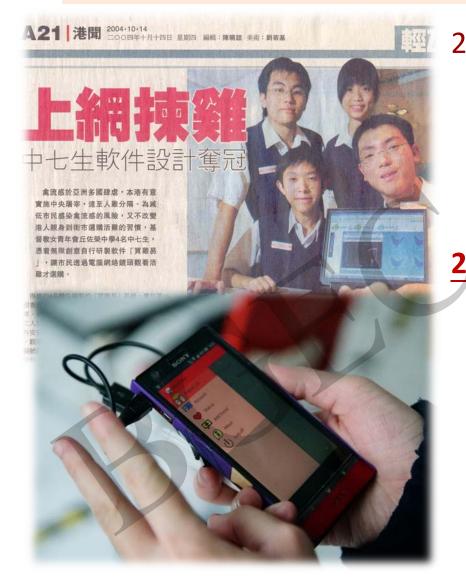
Chinese Elite Programme – GOLD AWARD (11-12)

Chinese Elite Programme –
 BRONZE AWARD (13-14)



YMCA Youth Leadership
Development Award
✓ 2014 Championship (7th time)
✓ Most Creative Presentation
✓ Best Cooperation Award





2004 <Easy-Buy Chicken> Asia Pacific Information & Communication Technology Awards - Winner (Sec School Projects)

2013 Android Applications Design Competition (HKUST) 2nd Runner-up Most Favoured Application, Best Presentation Best Application in Practice

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- NESTA-SCMP English **Debating Competition** Champions (in 4 heats), Best Debaters
- Hong Kong Secondary Schools **Debating Competition – Kowloon** Junior Champion, Kowloon & NT **Senior Champion**, & Best Debaters







- 2013 National Geographic Channel Photo Contest -- S.5 Wong SC : 1st Runner-up
- 2012 2nd「尋・影・自 然新角度」Hong Kong Students Video Clips Competition –
 2nd Runner-up (Senior)

National Geographic Channel Hong Kong 香港國家地理頻道 6月24日

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Who can jump the highest? 誰跳得最高? Photograph by Gabe Wong Wong Si Choi 王思趣



 2011「社企短片及徵 文」(Social Enterprise Video Contest) – 1st Runner-up



2013 "Let's Colour It" Dulux Hong Kong Schools Mural Competition -Champion







Food for Thoughts

Two different questions: Q1. Who are the gifted students? Q2. What is the giftedness of the student?

The wide spectrum of students' achievements assures us that Q2 would be more valid and more worth-pursuing...

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What to do? How to start?

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Key Milestones of Gifted Education Development in HTYC:

• Enrichment Programmes Unit

Recognition of diverse talents

Modeling & building aspirations

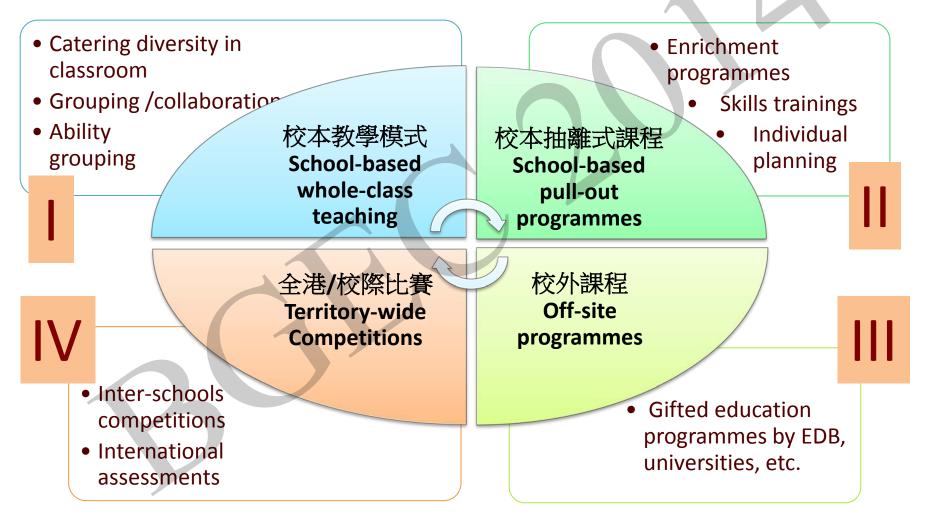
• From diversity to giftedness

Milestone I : Enrichment Programmes Unit



Enrichment programmes to promote advanced learning

4 Strategies to promote holistic whole school direction



Enrichment Programmes Unit (EP)

- Set up in 2010-2011 (a young unit with 6 members)
- Mission: To enrich HTYC students with good learning experiences to fully develop the students' giftedness, potentials, and to enhance the performance and competitiveness of ALL STUDENTS.
- Our main duties are to plan, promote, coordinate, support and implement enrichment programmes strategically and systematically. (initial stage: Strategy III & IV)

Enrichment programmes to promote advanced learning

Strategy 3: Off-site Programmes

Four domains: Humanities, Leadership, Mathematics and Sciences

- HKAGE Programmes
- HKU: Junior Science Institute
- HKUST Gifted Education Dual Programmes (Seed School)
- Study tours for student leaders
- Leadership training programmes
- EDB Web-based Learning Courses
- Fung Hon Chu Gifted Education Centre (poetry, science investigation, drama, forensic science, Math...)

Enrichment programmes to promote advanced learning

Strategy 3: Off-site Programmes

EDB Web-based Learning Courses

Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Participants	30	41	25	40	60
Performance	Level 2 : 3	Level 2 : 3	Level 1 : 1 Level 2 : 1 Level 3 : 2	Level 2 : 2	In progress

Still work on pull-out school-based programmes (only for some selected students) – initial attempts

A. Chinese Gifted Education Programme (2011)

(中國語文科抽離式資優培育計畫 -思維與時事評論)
A collaboration with EDB to develop high-quality
school-based Chinese gifted education programme



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- B. Enhancement Education Programmes (Path to Further Studies & Effective Study Skills) for S4 and S5 (2012-13)
 - 60 S4 S5 Elite Students with Outstanding Academic Performance / Leadership have completed the course in April 2013



Still work on pull-out school-based programmes (only for some selected students) – initial attempts

- S1 and S2 English Enhancement Classes
- S1 and S2 Mathematics Enhancement Classes
- S2 Mathematics Enrichment Programme
- S2 and S3 Mathematics Olympiad Training courses







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5Ps: Policy Place Program Process People

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Conflicts: Talents development & Academic achievements



VS

Talents development

- Linguistic
- Logical-Mathematical
- Musical
- Spatial
- Interpersonal
- Intrapersonal
- Bodily-Kinesthetic
- Naturalist

(Ref: Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences)

Note: The need to recognize diversity & plurality

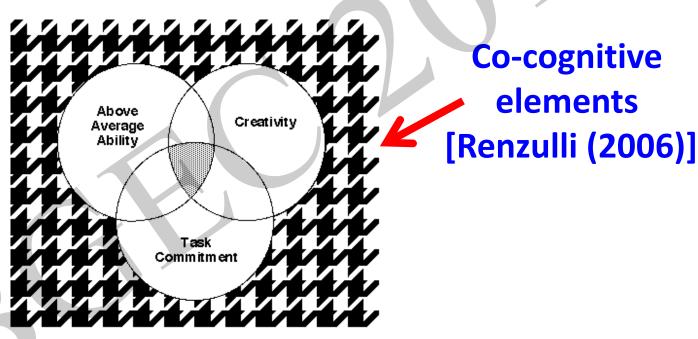
Academic

Expectations & long-standing conceptions The need for a nurturing environment to boost autonomous development of diverse talents

Renzulli (1978) Three-Ring Model of Giftedness



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Important supportive elements:



- Encouragement by important others (parents, close adults...) (A lot of research)
- Self-determination Theory (Deci & Ryan, 2002) motivation
 - ***** Competence **a**utonomy **r**elationship
- Intrapersonal & Environmental Catalysts: health, motivation, will power, self-esteem ... (Francoys Gagne, 1999)

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High Expectations with Love



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High Expectation: learning attitude Be **SMART** Serious in learning Meticulous at work **Appreciative of goodness R**eflective for improvement Tenacious in goal pursuit





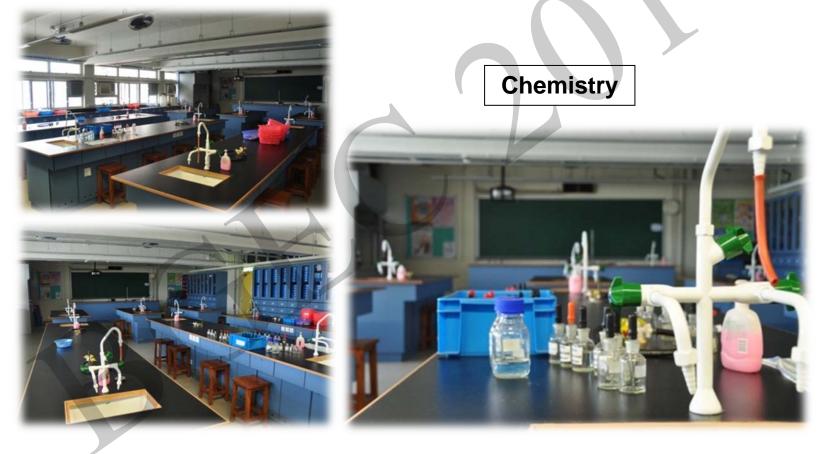
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Encourage investigation



All laboratories renovated



Encourage interactions



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From remedial work to enrichment From conflict to understanding

- Initially:
- ✓ Remedial Classes
- ✓ Enhancement
- ✓ Honour outstanding achievements
- ✓ Bright students working well on their own

*** multipronged efforts to anchor a conceptual change**

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Quantity change

Quality change

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Milestone II : Recognition of diverse talents

- ✓ No Streaming (Every student can fly)
- ✓ HTYC Balanced Development Award Scheme
- ✓ AD/PD policy / service policy
- ✓ Student of the Year
 - **Artist of the Year**
 - Athlete of the Year

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Recognize & Develop Talents in ALL students

Milestone III : Modeling & Building Aspiration

Recognition/Sharing/Modeling

Hong Kong Budding Scientists Award Winners (2011-12 - 2nd Runner-up)







Recognition/Sharing/Modeling

Elite Chinese Gifted Education Programme

Gold Award - Top 10 students out of all HK competitors

(2011-12 中國語文菁英計畫-菁英大賽:金獎)





Recognition/Sharing/Modeling

Madagascar

Recognition/Sharing/Modeling

Sharing with schoolmates experiences and exciting moments in a science creditbearing course at **HKBU** with merit



Recognition/Sharing/Modeling



Two elite girls shared in the School Hall on their challenging experiences in Earth Science Enrichment Programme EDB Web course on Earth Science

Progress:

- \rightarrow Level 1
- \rightarrow Level 2
- \rightarrow Level 3
- ightarrow Interview
- → Earth Science Enrichment Programme
- \rightarrow HKU experiences & field trips
- → Research Project (supervised by a professor at HKU)





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Face up to Challenges

Milestone IV : From diversity to giftedness

Strategy 1: School-based whole-class teaching

- Promote "<u>deep approach to learning</u>" (in School Development Plan) (e.g. challenging problem-solving exercises, effective questioning techniques, peer collaborations learning activities (pair work, peer book sharing, group discussion and project work)
- Integrate gifted education elements into the curriculum of regular classrooms for ALL students (e.g. higher-order thinking skills, creativity and personal-social competence)
- Ability Grouping arrangements (English, Chinese, Math)

Ability groupings (structural)

S.1	1A		1B				1C			1D
	Chinese ability grouping					Mathematics ability adjustment				
	Group 1	Group 2		Gr	oup 3	Gr	Group 1		Group 2	
S.2	2A			2B			2C		2D	
	English ability grouping					Mathematics ability grouping				
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S.3	3A			3B		3C			3D	
	English ability grouping									
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 \checkmark Ability Groupings in the lesson (pedagogical): 1. Collaborative groups 2. Mixed-ability groups 3. Ability-based groups Liberal Studies: 1,2,3 Physics: 2 and then 3 English: 1 and 2

✓ Differentiation:

- differentiated materials
- differentiated instructions
- (e.g. Math)

Note: <u>Lesson Observations</u> -Very constructive and motivating arrangements. Chan WK

Project Learning System (S.1-3...):
 S.1 project: (Gp) personal / community
 S.2 project: (Gp) career exploration
 S.3 project: (Gp) cross-subjects
 S.4 – IES / SBA / Others.....

inducing **mission** in future careers



Gifted Education – strength / talent development II: School-based pull-out programmes

ALL STUDENTS are welcome:

- S.1-3 Enrichment programmes on Eng / Math
- S.3 English workshops on language arts
- **S.3-5** Famous Chinese writer workshops (novels, poems)
- S.4-5 Applied Strategic Thinking
- S.4-5 Effective communication & presentation
- S.4-5 Effective study skills

Gifted Education – strength / talent development I/II: School-based pull-out programmes

For WHOLE FORM:

& fostering individual exploratory

S.1 Life planning programmes (I)
S.2 Careers exploration and Careers Expo
S.3 Life planning programmes (II)
S.4 Goal setting and strategic thinking

Supported by a prevailing self-reflection

culture.

An Overview Student-Centered Ability grouping Development -Differentiation **Policy Everyone Can Fly** Engagement policies..... Enrichment **Devoted Ethos** Programmes **High Expectations Teachers** with Love Unit **SMART** attitudes Sharing **Talents** WN **Environ-**Theory Gardner ment Renzulli Campus Gagne **Learning Spaces** Practice Hall of Fame Framework **Interactive Spots** 4 Strategies Approach

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Food for Thoughts

two points make a straight line

Note: Confirm the <u>core values</u>, set the <u>objectives</u>, and then "GO FOR IT".

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Face up to Challenges



What do we think / feel?



- Difficult at initial stage
- Workload is heavy, multiple roles and posts
- Limited resources and support – time, money, human
- Excessive administrative procedures and paper work

- Shared vision in EP
- Committed members
- Satisfaction from students' development and achievements
- Progressing smoothly

A small step by us, a giant leap for students....

In 2011, Wong MK completed a HKUJSI Biology course and selected as one of the **BEST THREE** senior secondary students

free 14-day field trip to study the ecology and biodiversity of Madagascar with academics in HKU-K11 Eco-Leaders Training Programmes



Opening a window, others may be opened thereafter....



Education of the Gifted Students

VS

✓ Gifted
 Education for
 ALL Students ...

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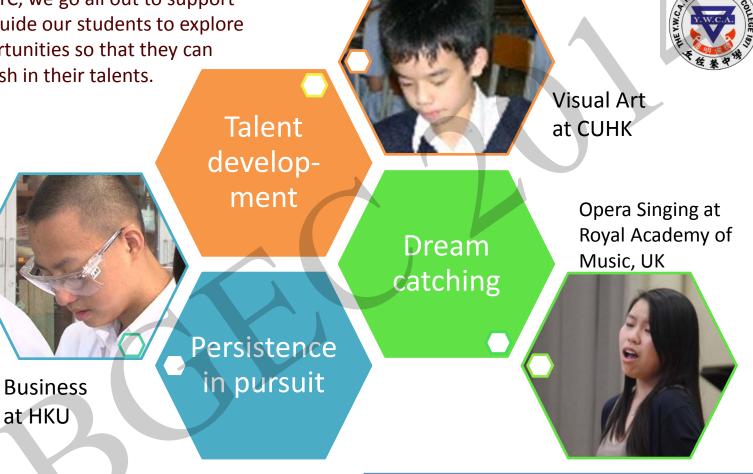
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