

TWGHs Sun Hoi Directors' College

School Language Policy

Our school aims to nurture our students to be biliterate and trilingual, with great emphasis on enhancing students' English proficiency. In junior forms, besides the Chinese subjects and some cultural subjects, English is adopted as the medium of instruction across the curriculum. Classes at all levels adopt English as the medium of instruction in the learning of the subject of Mathematics while some History classes adopt English as the medium of instruction. To expose students to the use of English as a tool for the learning of subject matter, English extended learning activities are organized in most Chinese medium subjects so as to develop students' ability to use English later in their study pathways.

To expose students to an English-rich learning environment, we have put in place the following measures:

(1) To enhance teaching effectiveness, S1 to S6 split-class English language teaching has been adopted. Different ability groups of students are split into smaller groups so as to cater for learner diversity. Oral/Language Arts classes in junior forms and whole-school English activities are conducted by our Native English-speaking teacher in order to enhance listening and speaking skills.

(2) To foster a pleasure reading environment and an English reading habit, all students have to take part in the English sessions of Morning Reading Session every Friday during which students are required to read books or materials in English. Tuesday Morning assemblies are conducted in English so as to enhance students' exposure to the use of daily English.

(3) An S1 Orientation Programme focusing on Language across the Curriculum (LaC) is arranged for S.1 new comers while subject-based vocabulary lists including key vocabulary and phrases of all LaC subjects and other non-English subjects are designed and distributed in hope of facilitating the learning of content subjects in English.

(4) A variety of inter-school and intra-school English activities / competitions for students all year round is held:

Intra-school activities/competitions

- (a) English Days
- (b) RadioSun81/Music Tuesdays
- (c) LaC activities
- (d) Movie appreciation
- (e) Magasun publication

Inter-school activities/competitions

- (a) Speech Festivals
- (b) Inter-school Debate Contest
- (c) Inter-school Drama Competitions
- (d) Public Speaking Competitions
- (e) Writing Competitions

(5) To cater for individual needs, various remedial classes in learning English are organized throughout the year.

(6) The setting up of 'SHDC English World' website allows students easy access to the latest English activities.