

# "I Speak English" challenge a big success

6 winners & 3 teachers share their feelings on the "I Speak English" challenge

The inter-class "I Speak English" challenge held in May and June 2012 was a successful event. Most students seemed to be having fun speaking to teachers.

We talked to the 6 winners who got the individual prizes for getting the most stickers.

"I'm very delighted and it is an honour to get the prize! It's really a great chance to improve English too!" the top speaker overall, Peggy Lee Hoi Ching from S4C said.

Besides, the second and the first prize of 'I Speak English' Senior section, Emily Ho Yan Ying and Tracy Choi Fung Yee from S4B also said the competition made them know more about our teachers' lives and they enjoyed listening to the experiences that they shared.

There were 3 top speakers in the Junior section, Tse Ching Ting, Ng Yin Yee and Yuen Ka Wai. They are all from S2D. It was coincidental that they all said the reasons why they had been enthusiastic in this competition was that they felt it can improve different English skills, like pronunciation and organization.

We also spoke to 3 teachers about their feelings regarding this Challenge. They are Mr. Chan Kin Man, Mr. Gareth Wong and Mr. Bernard Kwan.

"It is an excellent chance to let students communicate in English," Mr. Chan said, "and I get to speak more English too!" When we asked him what improvements could be made, he answered "The questions that students asked had become more and more stereotyped."

"It is a meaningful and wonderful event!" Mr. Gareth Wong said it with a big smile. "I think this event gave students an awesome learning environment and it is very important," he added. About the bad points, he also mentioned that the questions that students asked were stereotyped. Moreover, he found that some students did not have enough courage to speak to teachers. He emphasized that teachers were willing to chat with students.

Finally, we had Mr. Bernard Kwan. He had positive comments about this event. "I can see that students participated in this event eagerly," he said. "What I admired most is that students were very active to chat with teachers. Some students took it as a game and I am happy to see students learning from the game."

The "I Speak English" challenge ended with a lot of positive comments. The English department managed to greatly stimulate the students. Most of the students and teachers are looking forward to next year's English activities.



Tell us about your experiences, Mr. Ng!



Ms. Chow sharing about her life.



Look at how many stickers I've collected!



The corridor busy with 'I Speak English'.

By Yuki Tsang and Christy Lai in S4A



Senior section winners- Emily Ho, Peggy Lee, Tracy Choi



Junior section winners- all from S2D

## 訪問新老師



學生：您有什麼話想對東天的學生說呢？  
劉老師：給自己多些信心！有些學生可能會覺得自己以前也是這樣差，永遠不會有改善，但只要您們能堅持和努力，那樣必然會有進步的。

學生：您覺得這份工作很有意義嗎？  
劉老師：是的，因為能夠看到身邊不同的事物，重要的是能夠讓我更了解現今的青少年。

學生：在教東天前您有否教過其他學校？  
劉老師：沒有，因為這是我畢業後的第一份工作。

學生：那您為什麼會選擇老師這份職業？  
劉老師：其實原因是我比較有興趣從事一些經常與青少年接觸和相處的工作。我身邊朋友的工作都是經常對著文件或者客人的，多是商業工作，但我不想從事金錢為主的工，所以選擇了這份工。

## 劉寶瑩老師

學生：劉老師，請問您對我們學校的設施有什麼感覺呢？  
劉老師：因為我以前所讀的都是比較舊式一些學校，我第一次來到東天時，都覺得非常新穎，是一間千禧學校。所以覺得這裡的設施都十分新穎和足夠，例如課室、籃球場等。

## 陳朝光老師

學生：陳老師，請問您對我們學校的學生有什麼感覺呢？  
陳老師：一般來說，大部份學生都乖巧、有禮貌。當然，有小部份是比較頑皮的。

學生：那您在東天前有否曾經任教過其他學校？與東天有什麼不同的地方？  
陳老師：有教過其他學校的，但是天主教學校我是第一次任教的。特別的地方是因為天主教學校有較多的宗教活動，例如，祈禱儀式、四旬期等。而設施方面，東天也是一間標準的校舍，沒什麼特別。

學生：當老師之前，您從事過其他工作嗎？  
陳老師：有的，不過都是維持很短時間。我有從事過成衣的行業的職業。

學生：您有什麼話想對東天的學生說呢？  
陳老師：同學不要遇到困難時容易放棄，無論在學業方面、運動方面、比賽方面，盡量堅持著。雖然未必有好的成果，但只要盡力，那就是對自已有一個好的交代。

## 李耀章老師

學生：李老師，您覺得東天的學生和校風是怎樣的？  
李老師：學生們都非常活潑、有活力，而校風也尚算好。

學生：您第一份職業是當老師嗎？  
李老師：不是。

學生：那您之前是從事什麼職業？  
李老師：我從事過很多職業，例如，在大學當研究助理、在出版社出書，包括學校的教科書、試過賣花和送花等。

學生：您是否滿意現在這工作嗎？  
李老師：也尚算開心的。

學生：為什麼您會選擇這工作？

李老師：坦白說，是為了生計的。另外，我在大學是修讀中文系，所以我能夠在這份職業發揮，可以利用自己的知識去教導別人，那是很好的。

學生：您是否視這份為終身職業？

李老師：我也不知道的，有時得不到自己決定。

學生：最後，您有什麼話想對東天的學生說？  
李老師：吾口三言唔盡。

