## DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL (HIP WO)

## 地利亞修女紀念學校(協和)

STRIVING FOR ADVANCEMENT DESPITE ADVERSITY

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#### DHW NEWSLETTER

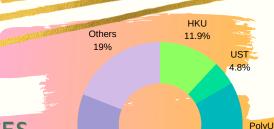
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Our school offers scholarships to students who achieve outstanding results in HKDSE each year. The amounts of scholarships are as follows:

The 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	HK\$40,000
The 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> place	HK\$30,000
UGC degree programme recipients	HK\$20,000

Graduates of Class 2020 have earned JUPAS Offers



7.1%

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**Distribution of University Offers** 



## STORIES OF OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

**CLASS 2020** 

#### VU DUC MANH 毛德明

Bachelor of Business Administration, The University of Hong Kong

Manh attended the Initiation Programme for the Newly Arrived Children when he came to our school in 2014. 'When I first moved to Hong Kong from Vietnam, I could hardly speak any Cantonese and my English foundation was weak.' Manh said.

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He expressed his gratitude to the school because they offered him a lot of opportunities to get involved within the school community through various activities. 'I joined the Language Enhancement Ambassador Programme (LEAP) organized by our school and it was a significant boost to my English proficiency.' Manh said. During his studies at Hip Wo, he frequently toured around Hong Kong to not only immerse himself in the culture but to become more familiar with the local language.

Manh received a lot of motivation from his classmates as they encouraged one another to work hard to achieve their goals. He said, 'My classmates often motivated me to improve myself."





When asked what his biggest obstacle was, Manh said that it was the language barrier. English was difficult but with persistence and the help of his classmates practicing English with him, he found his confidence grew and his language ability improved. He received both academic and moral support from his teachers and classmates which further assisted his language learning.

On the non-academic side, he was the Head Prefect and the Vicechairman of the House Committee. Manh said that these experiences have honed his leadership and communication skills. The study tip that he gave to his schoolmates is to practice examination papers often though it may seem a daunting task at times. Manh believes wholeheartedly in the phrase, "Practice makes perfect."



## WONG KA SHUN 王嘉迅

Bachelor of Business and Management, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

What Chris treasures most are the vibrant learning experiences he had when he was studying at our school. 'The school offers numerous opportunities for students to broaden their horizons outside the classroom.' he said.

Chris' experiences from Credit Suisse x TFHK Mentorship Program ignited his interests in the business sector, which inspired him to get into the business school of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Apart from a number of study trips to the mainland China, Chris also earned an opportunity to attend a six-week summer English immersion programme in Canada through the LEAP programme organized by the school. His confidence in speaking English grew that summer; he scored 5\* in the English language speaking paper. He recalled that he enjoyed learning English as his English teachers nurtured his interest in the subject . 'I am also grateful for the English-speaking environment at our school.' he said.

Chris recalled that the prolonged class suspension was a hurdle for him to overcome. 'I found it harder to concentrate on my studies at home.' he explained. Knowing that self-discipline is the key to success, he prioritized his time wisely and managed to achieve exceptional results in DSE amid the unexpected challenges.

#### LIN GUANCHENG 林冠呈

Bachelor of Engineering

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Living with severe hemophilia since a young age, Felix has always worked diligently to not only maintain his grades, but also to remain resilient despite juggling with frequent doctor appointments and school work.

During his years at Hip Wo, Felix was well supported by the school. He was one of the students who participated in a 6-week summer English immersion programme in Canada, which was sponsored by the school. Also, he said that his English has improved drastically since joining the LEAP Programme, where he received a chance to study abroad and after-school '1-on-1' academic support from his English teachers at Hip Wo.

Thanks to the multicultural environment at school, Felix was able to interact with schoolmates and teachers across different cultures. This experience has widened my social circle and fostered my confidence in making friends with English speakers.









As a Science enthusiast, Felix shared his study tips in learning Science subjects. 'I find note-taking extremely helpful.' he said. Moreover, he advised students to seek help from teachers as they are the most important assets one can have at school.



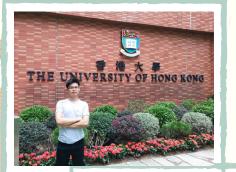
#### CHENG MING HO 鄭明浩

Bachelor of Computational Finance and Financial Technology
The City University of Hong Kong

Alex came to our school to study as a newly arrived student from the Mainland China. 'When I came to Hong Kong from Sichuan, I did not know any Cantonese and my English was also very weak.' Alex reflected.

Alex expressed his gratitude to the school for providing him opportunities to widen his horizons over the years. 'I have visited places outside Hong Kong and taken part in many activities. *My English has improved because of my teachers and the rich English language environment at school.*' he said.

Alex also appreciated the multicultural environment in Delia Hip Wo where he has learnt more about different cultures. Lastly, he shared that frequent drilling of past examination papers is the key to his success in DSE.



#### KAN KIN WAH 簡健華

Bachelor of Science, The University of Hong Kong

Kin Wah moved to Hong Kong with his older brother 5 years ago for an opportunity of quality education while his parents stayed in Fiji to work. Despite difficulties, Kin Wah always strived for academic excellence because of his loving parents. "I simply cannot let them down because they have given me all they have to give me a chance to study in Hong Kong." he said.

Looking back, Kin Wah felt that his years at Delia (Hip Wo) had enriched his life through taking part in various school activities and external competitions. "These experiences have shaped me in many ways, I have become more confident and outgoing. The multicultural diversity at school is what makes Hip Wo unique and the perfect school for me." he recalled.

Kin Wah is currently pursuing a degree in Science at the University of Hong Kong. He encourages his fellow Delians to make good use of the homework diary to prioritize learning tasks. "It is a bit old-fashioned, but it is really helpful when you can see all the to-dos at a glance." he said beamingly.



#### MOHAMMAD NASER

Bachelor of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Naser originally hails from a multiracial family with parents from Pakistan and the Philippines. He was charmed by Hip Wo's vibrant and multicultural environment even before coming here as affirmed by his closed ones. "The school was catering for ethnic minorities and had a diverse, multicultural community. Both of my elder brothers graduated from Hip Wo, and my friends mentioned that being a student in Hip Wo would be fun and exciting." he said. Talking about his motivation for HKDSE, he credited his parents for amazing results as they invested a lot of time and effort to financially support his studies and he is hoping to provide for them in the future.





However, he faced a few hurdles on the way towards getting into the Hong Kong University. His biggest obstacle was coping with all the slackness and uncertainty about HKDSE because of the social unrest amidst a pandemic situation in Hong Kong. However, he overcame this through constant support from his peers and teachers. He also acknowledged Hip Wo in his journey to success as the school provided numerous opportunities such as various extra-curricular activities, exchange programs and internships to prepare students for the future by fostering an all-rounded development.

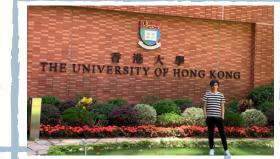
On a lighter note, the current HKU Social Sciences student regards his Taiwan trip the most memorable among his 4 overseas trips with the school. These trips allowed him to enhance his communication skills and facilitate his understanding of different cultures especially the food. He suggested Hip Worriers to seek help from our supportive teachers without any hesitation and make full use of the school resources.

## OLANDO JAMES DANIEL CUBILLAS

Bachelor of Engineering, The University of Hong Kong

'Hip Wo is like a family.' Reminiscing his good old days in his secondary school life, James is particularly grateful that he received much help and support from our passionate, charming and humorous teachers. He is also thankful that he and his classmates supported one another and built a strong bond between themselves.

'Any help you can get, get it.' James advises fellow Hip Warriors to reach out for help and fully utilize the school resources available to them. He also strongly encourages fellow Delians to strike a balance between study and enjoying other aspects of school life. He believes that exposing oneself to different domains of knowledge and experience is the essence of being an all-rounded and versatile individual in the 21st century.





# SOME OF THE JUPAS OFFERS RECEIVED BY GRADUATES OF CLASS 2020

Student's name	University	Degree programme
Vu Duc Manh	The University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Business Administration
Hicks Tommy Daniel		Bachelor of Science
Kan Kin Wah		Bachelor of Science
Olano James Daniel Cubillas		Bachelor of Engineering
Mohammad Naser		Bachelor of Social Sciences
Lin Guancheng	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	BS (Hons) of Engineering
Wong Ka Shun		BBA (Hons) Business and Management
Tseung Sze Wing	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	BSc (Hons) in Mental Health Nursing
Cheng Ming Ho	City University of Hong Kong	BSc Computational Finance and Financial
		Technology
Gurung Dreisty		BA (Hons) Creative Media

#### CHAMPIONS WINNERS IN THE 71ST SPEECH FESTIVAL

Over the years, Hipwoers who have participated in the highly anticipated Speech Festival benefit by improving their English standard and increasing their learning motivation in English literature. In addition to that, we have seen their confidence level and sense of achievement gradually enhance. Particularly, Kimberly Nietes won a double championship in both prose and solo verse. Aside from her exceptional achievements, there were also 11 other champions from a variety of categories.



## DELIA'S SINGING SENSATION





### HIP WO CROWNED CHAMPION

Once again, Hipworriers were crowned Champions for Grade A Inter-school Basketball Competition, Kowloon Division 2. Our boys showed their sportsmanship and hipworrior spirit in winning against Hong Kong Taoist Association Ching Chung Secondary School (former Division 1 Team). Now, let's see our boys weave their magic in the Elite Championship games.





Johnna Pakit got a Champion for Junior Secondary Youth Vocal Competition organized by Hong Kong Music Development Association and Denice, Zhania, Gwyneth and Rhea getting Merit Award. Congratulations to all!

