

# Student Development in focus

**“Be good at something.”** Students these days are really multi-talented, multi-skilled and can be multi-tasked. I am glad that through this interview with Vice Principal Mr. Newman Chan, we are able to go behind-the-scenes to see how so many thoughts and efforts the school has put in to help our children for their all- rounded development.

**Reflection by Becky Chow,  
Parent of Brett Tung (S3LT)**

To my particular interest, there is something unique about our ELA programme as compared to those in other secondary schools. It does not only provide huge varieties but also “flexibility”. Students can either choose and try on short-term courses (3 months for each round) or long-term courses (year-long). This enables our children to pick the activity according to their interests and at the same time allows them to explore or expose to a bigger variety of activities in five categories.

We all know youngsters have a huge capacity in learning. They are like smart phones where you can feed in a lot of Apps. But eventually, we all hope they will settle on a special interest, then work hard and stick to it. “Be good at something: it makes you valuable.” Here is my favourite quote by Randy Pausch:

“As a parent, we also learn from what our child is learning, this is a way to keep us all fresh and updated!”

**Reflection by Jane Ngan,  
Parent of Michael Southall (S1CH)**

I am very happy to be able to conduct the interview with Newman. Since my boy has just been in the College for less than 3 months; we still need to adapt to the new environment, as well as to get used to the new rules & regulations, and the way which things are get done. After the interview, I not only understand more (hopefully be more patient), but also appreciate what the College has laid out for each student, and to help the development of individual to be a WHOLE person.

Although there are still improvements to be made, the College is progressing steadily. I believe we’ve made the right decision.

The last but not the least, I would like to give my sincere THANKS to all of you in the College.

**By Michael Southall S1CH** I am really happy that I participated in this interview with the Vice Principal, Mr. Newman Chan, to understand more on the ‘Student Development’. There are always events or things that always seem to happen so easily or naturally around us. We never realize that some people need to work so hard to make things happen. The more I know, the more I appreciate them.

Here, I want to give special thanks to the College, especially for those who work in the back office.

**By Brett Tung, S3LT**

After the interview with Vice Principal Mr. Newman Chan, I figured out that being a teacher in HKUGA College is kind of harsh. Firstly they need to help us with our academic development. Secondly they need to guide our future, deal with behavioural issues, take care of over a hundred extra learning activities and so on. They have to work on five departments for students’ development, allow students with different characters to fit in, allow us to perform our talents, and help us do community services where we can learn more about morals.

I have witnessed students with certain physical problems being taken care of so that they can adapt to the environment more easily. I feel thankful being a student who doesn’t really need to do much but mostly just having fun. I’ve joined various ELA courses in the recent years. I love the flexibility and openness nature of the system (you can choose different activities in each round or you can pick the year- long courses). I will continue to explore more activities in the future to find the ‘ONE’ and I’m glad to be part of HKUGA College.

