

# Get to know our new teacher, Ms Pamela Cheung

## Can you briefly introduce yourself?

I am Pamela Cheung. I was born in Hong Kong, packaged in Indonesia, shipped to Canada and then transferred back to Hong Kong. I am very happy to join the dedicated team at Holm Glad College, and I am a proud English teacher of Class 3C, 3D and 4C. They are my favourite classes this year.

## What would students be surprised to find out about you?

I prefer rap and jazz music to classical music. Strangely, my former students thought that I was a big fan of classical music. Lately, I've become a devoted fan of a K-pop group called BTS. RM ("Rap Monster") or Kim Nam-joon is totally my favourite member. I would recommend BTS's "Life Goes On" to you because the song is soothing with a positive message. I am also a big fan of Bollywood movies. My favourite Bollywood actor is Aamir Khan who has starred in several highest-grossing movies such as Three Idiots and Dungaal. They are great comedies with unique plots and empowering messages. I'm sure that these movies won't let you down because you'll be impressed by their well-written songs, upbeat dance sequences, funny dialogues and colourful scenes.

## What smartphone apps would you recommend to everyone who would like to improve their English?

I would recommend the BBC Learning English App because you can watch a lot of videos on numerous interesting topics for free. Not only this, you can learn some everyday English and sharpen your listening skills outside of classroom.

## Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by?

My personal motto is from one of my favorite American poets, Maya Angelou who said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

## What do you think of HGC so far?

I am glad and grateful to join HGC this year. All teachers and staff are extremely helpful and supportive. I'd like to thank everyone for their assistance and encouragement. I look forward to coming to school every day because I always feel "HomeGlad" in Holm Glad College.

Also, I want to give a shout-out to all my students this year for being so cooperative and adaptive. You people are AWESOME and we have managed to survive both online and face-to-face lessons together. You guys are my best teachers this year!



An amazing pic with Ms Castel and Mr Tommy. I miss them A LOT!



3C - calm and chilled with a sense of humour



Class 3D - a dozing and diligent bunch



Class 4C - a cool and collected class.

# English Riddles & Brain Teasers

- In a year there are 12 months. 7 months have 31 days. How many months have 28 days? 🤔
- You are a cyclist in a cross-country race. Just before the crossing finish line, you overtake the person in second place! What place did you finish in? 😊
- Jimmy's mother had 4 children. She named the first Monday. Named the second Tuesday. The third is named Wednesday. What is the name of the fourth child? 😄
- You are driving a bus. At the first stop, 2 women get on. The second stop, 3 men get on and 1 woman gets off. Third stop, 3 kids and their mom get on, and a man gets off. The bus is gray, and it is raining outside. What color is the bus driver's hair? 😊
- Which is heavier? A pound of feathers, or a pound of rocks? 😄
- What is full of holes but can still hold water? 🤔
- What are the next 3 letters in the following sequence? J, F, M, A, M, J, J, A, --- 🤔

1. All months have 28 days. 2. Second place. 3. Jimmy! 4. Whatever color your hair is. 5. You are the bus driver! 6. A sponge. 7. S.O.N. They are the first letters of the months September, October, November.

# Interview with Ms Nip, a long-service award winner

I am so glad today to have an interview with Ms Nip, who has been teaching English in Holm Glad College for a long time. Though you may not be her students, you must have heard of her name. Let's get to know her better in this interview.

B: Bella 6A01 N: Ms Nip

## B: When did you become a Holm Glad English teacher?

N: Well, I've been teaching in Holm Glad for about 30 years and I was given a long-service award a month ago. To be honest, at first, I didn't think I would teach for such a long period and can still survive. In fact, being a teacher in Holm Glad is definitely a valuable experience in my life.

## B: Great! What is your teaching motto?

N: My motto derives from a Bible verse, Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." I believe that a teacher should not only teach students how to attain outstanding grades, but also walk on the right way and more importantly, help them know God.



Joyful to celebrate Christmas with 4D (2020)



Love my cute student card taken on the 45th HGC anniversary (2014)



Having a fun picture with my beloved student!



Ms Nip and Ms Castel said, "We are PooH PooH fans!"



Being in a sweat in crazy ball game with 5D

## B: Excellent! What is your most unforgettable moment in English lessons?

N: Well, I felt excited when my students demonstrate their creativity and originality in their work. I remembered many years ago, I taught a Form 1 class and I gave them an assignment to design a dessert for the NET teacher who was going to leave. To my surprise, in addition to writing the recipes for her, some groups even made the desserts and brought them back for me to taste. I felt really amazed by what they had done.

## B: Ok then Ms Nip, what is the most grateful and touching moment about your students?

N: I really thank God that I've come across many wonderful students. I'm grateful that some were willing to share their happiness and sorrows with me. In fact, some have now become my friends and I feel touched when I see some students find their own paths and they try their best to achieve their dreams. Not to mention I won't forget all the birthday surprises and the crazy things we did together. I can say that the students kept me stay young because I can communicate with them. I get to know how to live a young life!



Enjoying my annual class picnic with 6E (2012)



What a birthday surprise from 6E! (2018)



A fantastic drawing done by my talented student.

## B: And finally, have you experienced any hard time in your teaching path? If yes, how did you deal with it?

N: Sure, actually like many teachers in Hong Kong, I've experienced ups and downs. The first thing was the heavy workloads and not having enough sleep which caused stress. The problem was I didn't realize that I was under stress until symptoms appeared. So, to deal with my health problem, I've started doing exercises to keep healthy, both physically and emotionally. Another difficulty is to arouse students' interest in learning English. So, what I do is to integrate some fun elements in the lessons to keep them motivated or willing to learn.

Throughout the interview, I could feel that Ms Nip is a nice and wonderful teacher. She did give me a bigger motivation to chase my dream to become a nursing teacher. Hope everyone can find their own ways to chase their dreams.

# CNET activities

## F.4

Whilst Form 3 got to experience a fun year doing Ms Caeti's favourite subject, Form 4 were treated to a fantastic business project taught by Mr Tommy! Students had to work in groups to create their very own business and a business proposal they presented to the classes. Ms Caeti and Mr Tommy really struggled to pick the winner from each class, but those that did win, "received investment" and a very special prize — notebooks with their logos they designed for their business!



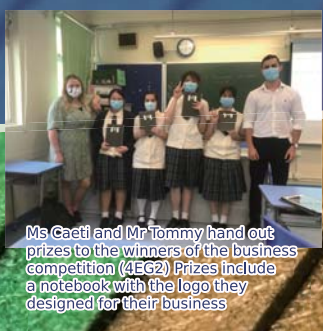
Mr Kevin, Mr Tommy and Ms Caeti celebrate Katy's birthday with her friends



4E G1 business project winners



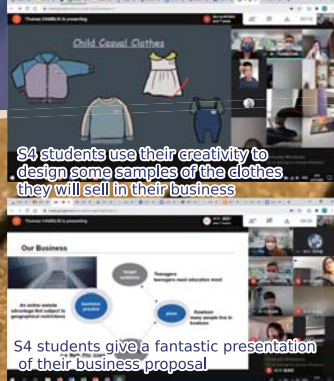
Mr Tommy puts his expertise to use and begins the business project with S4



Ms Caeti and Mr Tommy hand out prizes to the winners of the business competition (4EG2). Prizes include a notebook with the logo they designed for their business



Matthew (4A10) is under the spotlight during the circle game



S4 students use their creativity to design some samples of the clothes they will sell in their business

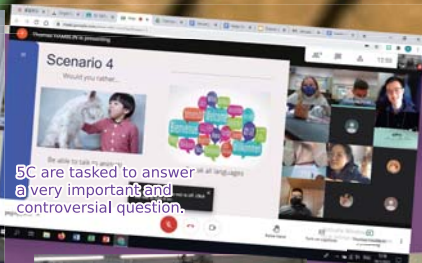
S4 students give a fantastic presentation of their business proposal

## F.5

As Form 5 edge closer and closer to leaving school life to enter the real world, Mr Tommy decided to equip them for the world outside as best he could. Semester 1 saw Form 5 students learning all about providing your own opinions, debating skills and good interview practices. Semester 2 began by looking at sustainable business practices and ended with the most important quiz of the year- all about Mr Tommy and Ms Caeti!



Mr Chan and Jackie (5E06) playing pink toe using Mr Tommy for when white hand was shouted.



5C are tasked to answer a very important and controversial question.



Mr Tommy teaches 5E G1 students what is sustainability, and why we should all strive to live a sustainable life!



Ms Caeti helping some 5B students come up with examples of good interview practices.



Mr Tommy helping 5B students with their discussion on what good interview practices are.

## F2

Form 2 spent semester 1 learning all about how to debate their classmates, the differences between true and false. In the second semester, they were tasked with creating their own character! Check out Vian 2A24's fantastic drawing.

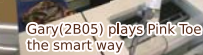


Vian 2A24 creates a fantastic character with an amazing drawing!

Name: V.Night  
the Next Queen of fallen angels  
Age: 19  
Family: Mother (Queen) & Father (past King)  
Friend(s): Light  
Pet(s): fox called Alle, she see it as her family  
Internal features: joyful, worried, hurtled, kinda numb sometimes, generous, determined, silly  
External features: pretty, thin, beautiful hair, cute smile, looked weak but strong  
Character traits: kind, lazy, funny, unselfish



2B G1 enjoy ending the year with the circle game!



Gary (2B05) plays Pink Toe the smart way



Ms Caeti and Juddy (2C03) play Pink Toe together

## Doing sports in the pandemic

Let's see how HG sports teams strive to live a healthy life in this pandemic. Mr. Tommy has interviewed some members of the HG sports teams. Let's see how they kept healthy during the pandemic.

### Questions:

1. Do you think we should be able to play sports in school during the pandemic?
2. How did you stay healthy during the restriction of not being able to play sports?
3. Did you do any new hobbies when you were not allowed to play sports?
4. Should we be able to play sports without a mask?
5. Why should people play sports?

Fenny 2B18 and Ella 2B06 Badminton



1. I think it is ok, it makes us happy.
2. We exercised, using the fit ring on the switch.
3. Cooking and basketball.
4. No, we have to wear one for safety.
5. Because it is healthy, interesting and very fun.

Hebe 3C04 Volleyball



1. Yes, I think so because playing sports makes us healthy.
2. I just played volleyball and hung out with friends. I usually book a sports ground to play volleyball.
3. I think I didn't, I just kept playing volleyball.
4. Maybe when running or hiking, we should take off the mask, but I think we are not moving that much when we play basketball or volleyball. So, we should keep wearing masks.
5. Get some fun or just keep healthy.

Juddy 2C03 Basketball



1. I think yes but not always. To keep me safe, I play sports on weekends.
2. I would do something like sit up and push up at home that I learned in PE.
3. I like dancing like K-POP dancing so I did that instead with friends.
4. Yes, when there are not many people, we don't wear masks but when there are many people, we wear mask for safety.
5. Playing sport can make me happy or meet some friends and can make myself healthy.

Anson 3D04 Football



1. No, because we need to wear masks at school. It is tiring and dangerous when we wear masks while doing sports.
2. I would eat a lot of McDonalds and junk food. I will do some workouts at home.
3. I skip at home.
4. No, it's dangerous, but if there is no one around, it should be ok.
5. Stay healthy. It is fun and we can play with friends.

Katie 3D25 Badminton



1. Yes, it is healthy and we need to improve our fitness level.
2. I would walk, not taking the bus.
3. I did more reading than normal.
4. If there are not many people, I will play badminton and running without a mask. But when I play basketball, I always wear a mask.
5. Sport is healthy and very fun. It makes you happy.

Benny 3C05 Table Tennis



1. No, we better do some sports at home.
2. I kept on playing more sports like basketball and table tennis.
3. Sometimes I read some comic books and play video games.
4. I don't wear masks when I play basketball and badminton but I do wear a mask when I play table tennis and do sit ups.
5. Playing sports can make our body healthier and stronger.

Kevin 3C11 (helped translate)