My name is Arina Arkhipova, but usually everybody just simply calls me Arina. I'm your exchange student from the cold Russia in this year.

This year was such an unforgettable experience. It was so wonderful to meet all of you in the school and share many memorable and colorful events such as Sport Day, School picnic, Christmas party and Chinese New Year.

It was such a pleasure for me to have an ability to study some subjects and curriculums with different forms. It gave me an opportunity to have more great memories from school. Each form was so kind and nice to me, so I never felt lonely with you. It is so nice to find so many good friends here.

Also, I wanted to say a few words to the whole F.4. I'm so thankful to study with you during this year. Your support and cheering words always helped me not to give up. With your company, this year was really wonderful and full of hilarious moments. I realize that it's the best class which I have ever had. I will miss all your jokes, noise, hilarious games and, of course, your hard work. It was so amazing to go into the classroom and join your group discussions. How many different opinions all of you have and how many great ideas are coming out of your mind! I will miss this class spirit! Also, all the effort our class teachers, Miss So and Mr. Yu, put to make us a real team filled us with care and support. Now, at the end of the year, we can see the progress that all of us have made

In addition, I got a lot of knowledge and wise advice from the teachers in HGC. You have taught me how to deal with difficulties, how to work hard and achieve goals and how to keep faith and hope in our hearts. Also, I wanted to thank our principal Mr. Lee for giving a chance to the foreign students to stay in Holm Glad and receive a cultural experience and an opportunity to become a part of Hong Kong and HGC family. It was such a pleasure, to be a host student here.

Moreover, without Ms. Cheung's coaching, it would have been extremely difficult to adapt to a new environment in a new school. It was so nice that I always could come to her and share some feelings about the exchange and receive help and warm support.

While you are reading it, I'm already in Russia: doing my daily routine stuff, preparing to school, meeting my friends, spending time with

my family. But at the same time, I also know that so many kilometers away. I have another school and friends, my second family and city which has stolen my heart with its beauty so many months in this year!

Thank you for everything, Holm Glad College! I will come back soon. Take care of a new student!

Much love







Group photo with Debate Team



### **Sports News**

#### **Political Dissent And Basketball Don't Mix In Turkey**

Enes Kanter is a professional basketball player with the Portland Trailblazers. But that is not all he is known for. In his home country of Turkey, he is known as an enemy of the state. Why is that? It is because he has been critical of the President of the country, Recep Erdogon, calling him the 'Hitler of our times.' Because of Kanter's political views, the Turkish government has issued a warrant for his arrest. Moreover, his family has been retaliated against, including his father losing his job as a university professor.

Regarding the current NBA playoffs, Turkey has refused to televise games of the Portland Trailblazers because they are afraid of giving Kanter an audience. Many Turkish fans are upset and actually blame Kanter for the ban. However he asserts that it is not





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## ENGLISH ASSEMBLY 2

Our annual English Assembly was held on 12 April, 2019. Both junior and senior forms students were thrilled and amazed about the output of different classes. Teachers rejoiced and were impressed by students' work! Stephanie Tam (5E), Rachel So (4A) and Kari Zeng (2E) will share with us in detail. Let's take a look.

### F.5. TV ads about **Teenage Problems**

As you know, the English Assembly is held every year and the theme of each English Assembly is different.

The aims of this year's English Assembly are to enhance students' awareness and appreciation of English and give students an opportunity to use English in a creative way via multimedia technology. Therefore, students were required to record their own videos in English to reflect what they have

There is no denving that the topics are really amusing and intriguing. The topic impressed me most is "Materialism". The experience of the main character Peter is tragic. Since Peter fell in love with buying brand products and showed himself off to draw attention from his classmates, he lost himself in the material world. After arguing with his friends, he not only found the meaning of his life but also decided to help as many people as he could. It's so inspiring that it teaches us to help people instead of being materialistic.

Furthermore, all contestants in this year's English Assembly are super to produce wonderful videos. I find it really enjoyable to watch them. The majority of the videos contained transition effects, various scenes and funny conversations. To me, it's eye-opening! I have learnt new phrases that I can use in daily conversation. Thankfully, the English Assembly enriches me to use English in daily life! by 5E (21)Tam Ching Yin, Stephanie









# F.2. Fashion Show

