

Ebenezer School

Annual School Plan

2015/16



Our School Mission

The Gospel of Christ lays the foundation of our school. Based on our educational ideals of "Education without discrimination" and "Teaching according to Learners' Abilities", we are committed to providing an allround quality education to children and youths with visual impairment. We strive to provide our students with an environment of positiveness, cheerfulness, trust, solidarity as well as mutual help and care for them to learn and grow. We help students to overcome the limitations of visual impairment, and to develop their own potentials and talents. Growing up as confident and independent persons, our students will contribute to the school, families, society and nation.

Our School Objectives

1. To nurture students' interest in acquisition of knowledge, their appreciation of music, arts and culture, keenness on physical well being, diligence and sociability, and to get to know the gospel of Christ.

2. To comprehensively apply today's information technology to overcome limitations of visual impairment.

3. To strengthen students' abilities in receptive, expressive and social communication, and their development in multiple intelligences.

4. To create a cheerful learning environment for the students. Students' understanding of the importance of discipline in social living is also stressed.

Our School Motto

Ever Strive to be Strong

Major Concerns:

Major Concern 1: Developing self-directed learning skills

<u>Major Concern 2:</u> Promoting assistive technology

Major Concern 3: Strengthening self-management abilities

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Major Concern 1: Developing self-directed learning skills

	Task	Schedule	Success Criteria	Evaluation Method	Coordinator	Required Resources
1.1	Developing self-directed	d learning	skills			
1.1.1	 Developing self- directed learning and self-management skills: Upper-primary and lower-secondary students are taught note-taking skills Students are required to prepare for the next day's lessons 	Whole year	 Upper-primary and lower- secondary students are able to apply the note-taking skills in Chinese, General Studies and Integrated Humanities subjects. 80% of the students prepare for lessons every day. 	 Students' notes are reviewed by teachers Teachers examine how well students have prepared through questioning in the lesson. 	 Teachers of Chinese, General Studies and Integrated Humanities All subject teachers 	 All teachers House parents
1.1.2	Teaching mind-map skills to enhance conceptual and organisational thinking - Primary: Simple mind-map - Secondary – Concept map	Whole year	 All subject teachers teach students mind- map skills Students effectively use mind-map skills in learning 	 Students' mind-maps are collected Teaching techniques of mind-map skills are collected from 	 Curriculum Development team All subject teachers Teachers of Chinese, General 	• All teachers

			General Studies and Integrated Humanities		teachers		Studies and Integrated Humanities		
1.1.3	Developing student learning portfolios to encourage students to take initiative and responsibility for learning.	Whole year	 All upper- primary and secondary students can make good use of their free time, complete their own learning portfolio, make long-term and short-term learning goals and reflect upon their learning. 	•	Students completing their learning portfolio Students completing a Music subject learning profile	•	Class teachers All subject teachers	•	All teachers House parents
1.1.4	 Guiding students to carry out self and peer assessment and to reflect upon their learning: Students carry out self-assessment and peer-assessment Reflective learning: Lower Primary (Language subjects); Upper 	Whole year	 Students are able to self-assess and peer-assess their learning in all subjects. Students are able to write reflections of their learning of each chapter in Chinese, General Studies and 	•	Verbal self- assessment and peer- assessment Self- assessment and peer- assessment forms Learning reflection worksheets	•	All subject teachers Teachers of Chinese, General Studies and Integrated Humanities	•	All teachers

1.1.5	Primary (General Studies); Secondary (Integrated Humanities) Adopting inquiry-based learning - Students learn through participating in planting activities	Whole year	 Integrated Humanities subjects. 90% of the students can complete all learning activities at the Ebenezer Farm 	 Students' attendance Students' duty list Teaching schedule 	 Teaching & Learning Committee Curriculum Development team 	 All teachers Hong Kong Green Power Tutors from Good Family Farm
	 in our new Ebenezer Farm Inquiry-based learning is adopted in General Studies, Science, Visual Art and Maths subjects. 		 Students visit the plants and take care of them on a daily basis At least 3 inquiry-based learning activities are carried out by General Studies, Science, Visual Art and Mathematics subjects each year. 	• Assignment inspection	• Subject panel heads	
1.2	Improving course struc learning	ture, teach		egies to provide more	e opportunities for	self-directed
1.2.1	Developing a school-	Whole	• Collecting	• A record of	• Teaching &	• Subject
	based course on 'understanding	year	information on the application of	information collected	Learning Committee	teachersRehabilitation

	dimensions' to improve visually impaired students' understanding of shapes and objects.		shapes and objects in different subjects to inform course design.		• Curriculum Development team	training teachersAll teachers							
1.2.2	Reviewing the school- based I.T. course to better meet the needs of our students and include more opportunities for self- directed learning.	Whole year	• Completing the review of the school-based I.T. course and include more opportunities for self-directed learning.	• School-based I.T. course Curriculum	 Curriculum Development team ICT Panel Head 	ICT teachersAll teachers							
1.3	Using information and assistive technology to improve teaching and learning for students to become more able												
1.3.1	self-directed learners Using tablet computers in learning	Whole year	 80% of our students can use tablet computers as learning tool in Low Vision training. Upper-primary students can listen to stories with tablet computer in Putonghua lessons. 	 Training reports Assessment records 	 Teaching & Learning Committee Putonghua Panel Head 	 Low Vision training teachers Putonghua teachers 							
1.3.2	Subject teachers explore the use of I.T. and A.T. in teaching	Whole year	 All subject teachers teach students to use 	 Teaching schedule Record of use of 	• Teaching & Learning Committee	All teachers							

and learning	tablet computers in learning at least 3 times each term	I.T. and A.T. items	 Curriculum Development team All subject
			teachers

Major Concern 2: Promoting assistive technology

	Task	Schedule	Success Criteria	Evaluation Method	Coordinator	Required
						Resources
2.1	Improving I.T. equipme	nt for teacl	ning and encouraging the	use of A.T. in teaching	and learning	
2.1.1	Participating in 'Support Scheme for e-Learning in Schools', improving Wi-Fi system at school, purchasing laptop computers, A.T. equipment and teaching applications (apps)	Whole year	 Installing 16 receivers in classrooms and special rooms. Purchasing 25 tablet computers for students and teachers. Purchasing apps upon request 	 Students and staff's feedback Record of use Panel meeting minutes User report 	 ICT team All subject teachers 	 All teachers House parents Wi-Fi 900 scheme
2.2	Facilitating teachers, so	cial worker	s and boarding staff in ca	atering for students' lea	rning needs	
2.2.1	Building a database for students' learning portfolio	Whole year	 Taking reference from other organizations and adapting their model for use. Determining the content and other uses of the database. 	Meeting minutes	 School Affairs team Subject panel and teachers 	 All teachers House parents
2.3	Enriching teaching staff	's knowled	ge in e-learning			
2.3.1	Organizing training and sharing workshops to inform teachers of how to apply e-learning	Whole year	 Organizing workshops (at least 2 per term). Compiling user manuals for all A.T. tools. 	Meeting minutesQuestionnaires	 School Affairs team ICT team 	 All teachers House parents

2.4	Planning of the set-up of an A.T. Resource Centre for staff members, students, parents and the public to learn									
	about A.T. for the visual	ly impaire	d.	_	_					
2.4.1	 Gathering resources for the set-up. Purchasing A.T. equipment for demonstration Compiling guidelines on the management of the A.T. Centre 	Whole year	 Stock-checking of existing A.T. equipment and completing the budget planning of the set-up. Deciding on items to be purchased. Deciding on the use of A.T tools and human resources 	 Annual plan Meeting minutes 	• ICT team	• To be confirmed				

Major Concern 3: Improving self-management skills

	Task	Schedule	Success Criteria	Evaluation Method	Coordinator	Required								
						Resources								
3.1	Students developing a	Students developing a good habit of being organized												
3.1.1	Get-organized days: Students spend the Guidance lessons (dates listed) to get their desks and belongings organized.	Guidance lessons: 20/11/2015 6/5/2016	 Lower primary students learn to organize their belongings on their own. Upper primary students are able to organize their belonging. Secondary students can keep their desks 	 Class teachers' observation OLE group members' observation report Students' peer- assessment and self-assessment records 	• OLE team	• Class teachers								

Everyone gets involved: Students assess each other's level of cleanliness. One class will win a Cleanliness award by the end of term.	Guidance lessons: 30/10/2015 15/1/2016 17/6/2016	•	organized. 95% of the students can keep their desks clean and tidy on get- organized days. Elaborating the criteria for the Cleanliness award Students are able to share how to keep organized. Students are able to carry our self- and peer-assessment objectively.	•	Students peer- assessment and self-assessment records		OLE team		Class teachers
Students on duty: One student is put on duty each week to maintain and monitor cleanliness of the classroom.	Assessment dates: 23/11/2015 26/2/2016 20/5/2016	•	Students on-duty are able to monitor the cleanliness of the classroom. All classrooms are kept clean on 70% of the school days. Guidance teachers assess cleanliness of each classroom on the selected dates and 90% of the students can keep their desks and belongings tidy.	•	observation	•	Guidance & Support team	•	Class teachers
Cleanliness-themed	1/3/2016 -	•	Students feel	•	The photography	•	Leadership	•	To be

	photography competition Students' Union organizes a photography competition of photos of clean places in the classroom.	24/3/2016	•	appreciated when they are regarded as clean and organized. Students are able to find 20 clean places in the classroom		competition		Training Team	confirmed
3.2	Students tidy up their desks and put away all books and chairs after AAT. Students looking clear	Assessment dates: 23/11/2015 26/2/2016 20/5/2016	•	85% of the students tidy up their desks after AAT. Classrooms are kept clean and tidy on 70% of the school days.	•	House parents' report Class teachers' observation	•	Boarding team	House parents Class teachers
3.2.1	Uniform inspection: Prefects inspect students' uniform 10 minutes before the morning assembly on the dates listed.	Before assembly: 21/9/15 Lower- primary 26/10/15 Upper- primary 30/11/15 Secondary 29/2/16 Lower- primary 21/3/16	•	All students understand the uniform requirements The 6 inspections show 98% students can meet the uniform requirements.	•	Prefects' report Guidance & Support group's observation	•	Guidance &Support team	All teachers House parents

Personal grooming workshops: Professionals are invited to teach Upper-primary and secondary students how to maintain a clean and presentable look and meet the dress codes of different occasions.	Higher- primary 25/4/16 Secondary 13/5/2016 and 20/5/2016 Guidance lessons Post-exam period	• Three workshops are held and 90% of the students are able to look presentable at all times	 Teachers' report on the personal grooming workshops Teachers' feedback 	• Career & Life Planning team	 All teachers House parents
Keeping dining tables clean: Students keep dining tables clean while eating and clean up after themselves.	Assessment dates: 23/11/2015 26/2/2016 20/5/2016	keep the dining tables	 House parents' observation report The 3 assessment reports 	• Boarding section	• House parents
Achievement scheme: Students set personal goals to maintain cleanliness and teachers assess	Assessment dates: 2/11/2015 4/1/2016 11/4/2016	 Collecting students' set goals. 85% of the students can reach their goals and satisfy the 	• Achievement scheme	• Guidance & Support team	Class teachers

students and provide	30/5/2016	requirement of the		
feedback to students		achievement scheme		
in the Guidance				
lessons.				