

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to all students for the start of the 2013-14 academic year. I trust that you had a wonderful summer break and looking forward to another exciting year at the College. To all new boys, I extend a special welcome.

On stage with me this morning we have the two VPs (Mr. Wong and Mr. Mak), the two AVPs (Mrs. Chung and Mr. Yuen), the new College Chaplain (Revd. Murphy) and the Head Prefect (Calvin Cheung 6F).

I extend a special greeting to our new members of staff and hope that they will gain pleasure and professional satisfaction from teaching at St. Paul's College.

- Revd. Philip Murphy College Chaplain
- Miss Wong Nga Ki Economics, BAFS & IH
- Mr. Wong Hei Yin Music
- Miss Tin Nim Yu Chinese Language/History & Putonghua
- Miss Chan Kit Ting Chemistry & IS
- Mr. Yeung Tsz Hin History, Liberal Studies & IH
- Mr. Chow Yat Lung Chinese Language/History & RS
- Miss Sameen Mazhar English Language

- Mr. Chan Pak Lai Teaching Assistant (RS)
- Miss So Mei Lun Teaching Assistant (Mathematics)
- Mr. Ng Ho Cheung Education Assistant (Careers, Guidance
& Discipline)

- Miss Fung Yuen Han Social Worker
- Mr. Li Kwok Ching Social Worker

I would like to notify you that Mrs. Ng has been appointed Head of Music (after the retirement of Mr. Fu), Miss Ngan has been appointed Head of Economics and BAFS (after the retirement of Mr. Ho) and Miss Wong the Head of History Department (after the departure of Miss Leung).

A large number of programmes and activities were held at the College and overseas over the summer break.

Staff and student activities included additional subject tests, supplementary lessons, supplementary examinations, Chinese debates, English drama rehearsals, Wayfarer Committee, Library Club, Prefects' Council, Mentorship Committee, Scouts, Red Cross, Music lessons, Students' Association and the

Christian Union Committee. The number of individual activities held at the College over the summer exceeded two hundred.

The Global Classroom programme held over the summer passed without incident with all tours being highly successful and thoroughly enjoyed by the boys. Six tours were held in July and August: English Language tour to London, Swimming and Table-Tennis training tour to Singapore, Geography tour to New Zealand, Music tour to Australia and the Leadership training tour to Washington.

Our boys participated once again in the annual Joint Schools Science Competition held in late August. The theme of the 46th year of the award was Nature Inspiration Science Exploration. The SPC team of four boys (team Leader: Jessman Lo (6F) and team members Ling Yuet Fung (6F), Tom Kwok (6F) and Edmund Wong (6C) entered an Electronic Mosquito Killer. The team's effort was well received and Edmund Wong won the category of Best Presenter.

The summer break was also used to upgrade some of the school's facilities. The Form 1 and Form 5 classrooms and the two Music rooms have been renovated. There is also a new Staff Room located on the 2nd floor of the East Wing and close to the table-tennis area. The campus is once again looking refreshed and I know that you will appreciate and hopefully respect the learning and teaching environment.

At the first Staff Meeting of the year held last week, I stressed that I shall be looking very carefully this year at your performance and attitude across all the activities held at this College. Foremost in my mind is the word Respect: how you respect yourself, your classmates, your teachers and your parents.

I encourage boys to make good use of the School Intranet this year. I shall use this portal as a means of making contact with you so it is important that you check your inbox on a regular.

I look forward to a successful year across the full range of activities that makes St. Paul's College so special.

Dr. J.R. Kennard