

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of Week 5 in our first term of the academic year, I am amazed at how quickly time has passed – it seems that a lot has happened in such a short period of time! I am very happy to be writing this introduction to our second newsletter of the term and I trust you find it useful and full of informative news.

Unfortunately, we have had to deal with one or two issues since the start of the school year, such as the recent 'flu outbreak and a typhoon, although thankfully we have been able to minimize the impact on students' learning during the period of suspended classes. With regard to the e-learning programmes that we activated whilst the students were at home, you will soon be receiving an on-line survey which we will use to gain more objective information on the effectiveness of our methods. Please try to complete the simple questionnaire for us as the information will help us to plan for the future.

Concerning the 'flu outbreak and cases of H1N1, I am pleased to report that the number of student absences due to 'flu symptoms has significantly reduced following the week's suspension of classes and so it seems that the directions from the Centre of Health Protection and Education Bureau were indeed effective. Unfortunately, it seems that a number of other schools around Hong Kong have now been asked to suspend classes but we are hopeful that Sha Tin College is over the worst, at least for the current outbreak.

Within the body of this newsletter there are details of a number events and key dates. I would, however, like to point out a very important date for your diaries – the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held at the College on Wednesday 28th October from 7pm. Please do try to come along to this important meeting and support the PTA committee which works so hard on behalf of the students and the school.

Best wishes

John Nixon MBE,

Principal – Sha Tin College