

TSWETP 2024 Update

Started in 2015 by a group of 1971 WYHK alumni, the Tin Shui Wai English Tutorial Program has served over 2,600 under-privileged Form 2 to Form 5 secondary school students from 20 schools in Tin Shui Wai and Kwai Chung (after subsequent expansion) since its inception. Over the years, some 80 volunteer tutors from both WYHK and WYK have taken part in this program, with alumni in Hong Kong giving on-site tutorials on weekdays after school and Saturday mornings, and overseas alumni giving weekly on-line tutorials.

Although **the on-site tutorial program** suffered a hiatus during COVID 19, we continued to teach through online Zoom during that difficult period. We resumed normal on-site operation in the 2022/23 school year, and are currently serving 3 schools in Tin Shui Wai and 4 schools in Kwai Chung with close to 100 students benefitting. With the help of WYHKPSA, we also went through a new round of tutor recruitment in middle of 2023 and enrolled three new volunteer tutors.

The On-line Program has not only survived the Covid pandemic but is also going strong. Tutors hail from Singapore, Hong Kong, London, US and Canada with the students in Hong Kong or China (when they go back to their hometowns). We work with 2 schools, taking in about 25 to 30 students each school year with each tutor taking care of 3 or 4 students in a class. Quite a number of students have continued to stay in touch with their tutors even after "graduating" from the program and when they are in universities or new jobs. One former student even proudly extended to us an invitation to his commencement at Baptist University.

Even though we continue to hear of interest from other schools, the On-line program is limited by the number of tutors. We would love to hear from more volunteers.

After a lapse during Covid, we continued our **life planning** effort in late 2022. We organised a vocational visit for a Kwai Chung school to the MTRC Academy, where students were exposed to the operation of the MTRC through lectures and Augmented Reality (AR) training tool. The Academy then requested that we pooled several schools for future visits, which poses a challenge as schools have very different calendars as far as extracurricular activities are concerned, particularly when post-Covid activities flourish. We are in the process of contacting other enterprises for vocational visits, and plan to set possible visit dates at the beginning of the semester in 2024/25 for better coordination.

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https://tswetp.wahyanhk1971.org/?page_id=4

Then a TSW MC Pak Kau College student in 2018, now 2024 a teacher there.



On-site program leader Stephen Lam (WYHK75) at Tutor Recruitment Briefing in WYHK Heritage Room with interested alumni (middle 2023)



Helen Lok (九龍華仁兒童會), Life Planning leader visited an online shopping store for potential life planning activity (middle 2023)

Billy Lau (WYHK93) with his students of TSW JC Eduyoung School on their last lesson this May 2024



Maurice Chun (WYK72) with his students of Kwai Chung CNC School during the school year right before COVID19