



Latest news

∞ *Our students attained excellent results in academic and sports arenas:*

- Congratulations to LO Kwun Yu of 5A who won the Championship in the International Category of the National Danish Science Fair 2013 held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 25 April to 1 May 2013 with his project entitled "Algination: a versatile way to environmental protection". [For more...](#)
- Six of our S.3 & S.4 students joined the Hong Kong Physics Olympiad 2013 organized by the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education Foundation and won the Best School Award in the Senior Level. [For more...](#)
- A team of S.4 & S.5 students investigated the effectiveness of utilization of fruit dyes in harvesting the solar energy and converting them into electricity. They were awarded the Championship and the Visitors' Most Favourite Award in the Senior Investigation Division of the Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition 2012-2013. [For more...](#)
- Three S.4 students attained the second runner up in the "Lightning Detector Design Competition" organized by the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Observatory and the Hong Kong Meteorological Society. [For more...](#)
- Three S.5 students were awarded the Harvard Book Prizes offered by the Harvard Club of Hong Kong to recognize their remarkable performance in academic pursuits and service as student librarians. [For more...](#)
- Seven S.4 & S.5 students won the 3rd place in the Hong Kong Odyssey of the Mind Competition organized by the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups. Students were required to design and build a structure by using balsa wood and glue only and tested it by adding Olympic-size weights until it broke. [For more...](#)
- Big congratulations to our athletes! Our Badminton Team and Basketball Team won the Boys Overall Champion in the Inter-School Badminton Competition - Division Two (Hong Kong Island) [For more...](#) and the Inter-School Basketball Competition - Division Two (Hong Kong Island) respectively. [For more...](#)

∞ *Games Day*

The King's community gathered together for a joyous Games Day on 4 May 2013. Blessed by the sunny weather, alumni, parents, students, teachers and their families enjoyed a day of reunion and lively activities organized by the School, the KCPTA and the KCOBA. [For more...](#)

➤ *High-table Dinner*

19 students from S2 to S6 were invited to attend the High-table Dinner hosted by King's College Old Boys' Association on 5 July 2013 in the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, with the aim of expanding students' horizons and enhancing their sense of belonging to the School through personal reflection and sharing by guest speakers.

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☞ *So Long, Farewell, It's Time To Say Goodbye..... Goodbye!*

- Miss TAM Yuk Bing (English Panel Chairperson) and Mr LUI Sui Hoi (Laboratory Technician I) will start their bountiful retiring life in this September. Surely, all of us will miss them very much!
- Mr LEE Hon Bon (Physics Panel Chairperson), Ms KOO Wing Fun (Chemistry Panel Chairperson), Mr LEE Christopher (English teacher), Miss TANG Siu Hing (Chinese & Putonghua teacher), Miss NG Sze Man (Chinese teacher), Mr MOK Siu Hang (Liberal Studies teacher), Miss CHAN Lily (Physics & Mathematics teacher) and Mr IP Ting Wa (Mathematics teacher) will leave our King's family. We wish them all the best in the years to come!

☞ *Latest Development of Our Beloved Fig Tree*

On 17 April 2013, the school invited a professional agent to conduct a thorough examination of the conditions of our fig tree. The risk assessment report was received. We would highlight descriptions of the report on the fig tree for your information.

The tree is in average health with a serious condition of decay affecting the base of the tree. Decay has been developing over a long period of time, and adaptive growth of new tree trunk and root tissues appear to have compensated for some measure of strength loss. **Despite the condition of advanced decay, the vitality of the tree suggests that the tree could be reasonably retained, provided the tree is intensively managed into the future.** Reduction pruning of the crown by 25% is recommended to reduce mass and wind loading, with additional reduction pruning likely in subsequent years.

Over time, a management plan should intend to reduce the spread of the crown, whilst also allowing interior and low branching to grow and develop. The growth of low and interior branching will increase tree stability, and will also permit further reduction pruning in the long term. Maintenance of this tree will require a high degree of care for the duration of the life of the tree. Continued monitoring of the tree and the condition of decay at the base will be necessary and tree removal may be recommended. The likelihood of failure at this time was rated medium and the target rating is constant. **It is not expected that conditions of this tree will improve, but favourable conditions of growth together with regular management could allow the tree and its benefits to be reasonably retained as an asset to the property.**

The report also suggested "For elimination of all risks posed by the tree would require complete removal of the tree". In other words, there are risks. We are doing our best to reduce risks.

- ✧ An agent was invited to prune the tree on 3 June 2013 and the crown was significantly pruned. After a few rainstorms and the strong typhoon, no significant changes or cracks are observed.
- ✧ The CEO of the Conservancy Association, Mr. Ken SO was invited to lead a group of biology students to study on the possibility of seed propagation of our fig tree. They dissected the fig and observed under microscope. It was concluded that it is a male tree and seed propagation is not a possible alternative.

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Upcoming events

- *An invaluable opportunity to serve your Alma Mater: King's College Mentorship Scheme*
 - King's College and KCOBA are going to organize a Mentorship Scheme in the coming academic year. The scheme aims at creating supportive relationship between mentors and mentees so as to enhance the holistic development of our students through positive communication. We hope that not only the alumni can transfer their experience and knowledge to their fellow Kingsians, but the linkage between alumni and their Alma Mater can also be further strengthened.
 - We are glad to have Dr. Ernest Chui Wing-tak from the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of HKU who took the initiative to coordinate alumni from HKU to support this meaningful event. We would like to extend the invitation to other alumni from all walks of life. If you are interested to contribute as a mentor, please send your contact information to Miss Joza Kot at kings@edb.gov.hk.

The Golden Bond: Alma Mater and You!

Make the most of the opportunities that are available to maintain your continued connection with the School, through its alumni initiatives.

✧ **Would you like to celebrate your important moments at your Alma Mater?**

You could ...

- *celebrate your graduation anniversary with your fellow schoolmates; or*
- *organize a reunion with your class.*

✧ **Would you like to support the work of your Alma Mater?**

You could ...

- *share life experience*
- *deliver a career talk or arrange a career visit to your company*
- *help with mentoring*
- *sponsor school events, e.g. the exchange programme, etc.*

We would welcome any of your initiatives as we believe that alumni play a key role in helping King's College to climb to new heights in the ever-changing 21st Century.

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