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Dear Parent,

## **An update on school policy - Let's Fly Higher**

Last September I wrote to all parents (Letter to parents reference 2004/05-12 dated 28 September 2004) to highlight a number of policy changes we were going to adopt. These included changes to examination procedures, homework accountability and other things such as streaming and failing in examination. With the parents' help I am pleased to report that most of these policy changes have proved to be effective in educating young Wahyanites to be more responsible and accountable without jeopardizing their much-valued freedom. The aim of this letter is to update you on a number of further changes to policy and to ask you for your continued support so that Wahyanites can "Fly Higher".

To enhance the theme of our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration "Altius Volemus" meaning "Let's Fly Higher", which is the school's direction for the coming years, we will work closely with all parties of the Wah Yan Family motivating our students, fully developing their potential in academic achievements, creating timeless bonding among Wahyanites, and cultivating their sense of belonging and appreciation of the Wah Yan Spirit.

While we have not changed our view on pass and fail results and how they will be ranked in their class or their form, a new ranking system together with the marks achieved in the examinations will be introduced in reporting students' performance in individual subjects. Continuous assessment, homework accountability and streaming will continue with only minor modification.

The Test Week will however only take place in the second term from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2006 and will account for between 10% and 15% of the term's grade depending on the subject.

The following measures will also be enforced together with the changes made last year. These, I stress are designed not to restrict freedom but hopefully enhance our students' sense of responsibility and equip them to "Fly Higher".

**Discipline – Late for school.** We have been particularly concerned about being punctual for school in the morning and afternoon and we have put in place stricter controls over school gate opening and closing times. These measures have already reduced tardiness dramatically, and teachers report that class disruption for the first period is now greatly improved. Parents are asked to support the school and ensure that their sons leave home early so that they do not get caught in the last minute rush on the school drive. The school handbook clearly defines the bell timings within the guidelines. Students are responsible for adhering to them. They must arrive at school before 8:10a.m. in the morning and before 1:50p.m. in the afternoon.

**Discipline – Attendance.** Although this has been our policy for several years, I feel I should remind parents and students that all students MUST have an attendance record of more than 85% school days. Attendance lower than 85% could result in a student not being permitted to sit mid-year, final or mock examinations or not being promoted at the end of the academic year. Thus students with low attendance may be given an F grade for the year. It is also possible that F.5 & F.7 students receive no graduation certificate. This will also be clearly stated in any other testimonials or reports.

**Cultural Subjects – Religious Studies (RS) and Putonghua (PTH).** To raise the status of RS and PTH especially in Form 1, 2 and 3, these subjects will carry 100 marks each in both the mid-term and final examinations. They will not be linked with other cultural studies such as Physical Education, Art and Music, which will carry 50 marks each.

**English Medium of Instruction (EMI).** A cornerstone of the school’s curriculum is our EMI policy. To ensure that we provide an “English Rich Environment” at Wah Yan, the school runs a large number of English related activities such as interviews and editorial work, Speech Festival, the Trinity Examinations, English Corner, drama, split classes, seminars, debating, English language competitions as well as extra courses after school. These activities will remain but the onus is still on the students to take up these opportunities when they are announced in the school circular or on the school web site. My view is that the weaker students, namely the very students who need them the most, frequently overlook these opportunities. Parents are, therefore, strongly advised to encourage their sons to participate in these activities.

**Conclusion.** The school slogan “Let’s Fly Higher” will remain this year. A steering committee chaired by Mr. Simon Chan, the president of the PTA and the vice-chairman of the PSA, has been set up to co-ordinate the many other measures and activities that are organized in collaboration with different parties of the Wah Yan Family including the Past Students Association, the Parent-teacher Association, the Students of the Year Society, the Junior Alumni Council and the Students Association. I do hope that we can help our students achieve even higher standards so that they are equipped for a fulfilling future when they leave Wah Yan. With the continued support of the parents and past students, I am sure we can achieve this noble goal.

Yours sincerely

Tam Siu Ping, George  
Principal

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### **Reply slip**

Please hand in the reply slip to Mr Tong of the Office through the class monitor on or before Monday, 3rd October 2005.

The Principal,  
Wah Yan College Hong Kong

I acknowledge the receipt of the letter **An Update on school policy - Let’s Fly Higher** on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

Name of Student:\_\_\_\_\_ Class:\_\_\_\_\_ Class No.:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s/Guardian’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Signature:\_\_\_\_\_



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各位親愛的家長：

## 學校教學政策更新

### 「見賢思齊，奮翅高飛」

去年九月，本人嘗致函 閣下，交代學校即將推行的一系列措施。這包括了考試程序的更變、功課審查以至分流教學和如何釐訂考試合格等問題。由於得到 閣下的幫助，本人很高興總結上述的措施，都是行而有效的；而且深信上列措施既不損華仁子弟擁有的寶貴自由，卻令他們變得更加信賴和懂得承擔責任。本函的目的，除提供有關學校的更新的措施外，亦請 閣下能繼續支持我們，令華仁子弟能夠「見賢思齊，奮翅高飛」。

為強化學校八十五周年所訂——「見賢思齊，奮翅高飛」這未來的辦學目標，我們會與屬於華仁家庭的組織緊密合作，持續推動學生全面發展與華仁同窗連繫的網絡，灌育他們建立對學校精神的一份歸屬感。

雖然學校對如何評定學生考試合格與否，以至 貴子弟就讀級別的名次安排，所取標準與前並無改變。但在成績表上，今年學校會將學生每科的得分，按其該科在全級的整體表現，增給了一個等次。此外，關於校內的持續評估、功課審查及分流教學，則會繼續執行，只稍作修訂而已。

本學年的測驗周只會在下學期——即二零零六年三月二十七日至三月三十一日這段期間舉行。本人強調以上的考查，不在於妨礙學生的自由，只望能藉此增強學生的責任心，同時鍛鍊他們飛得更高而已。

**校規對遲到的指引：**學校對學生準時在早上及午膳後回校極表關注，我們也因此加緊了對校園閘門開關時間的監控。以上措施有助緩減學生遲到，而老師亦認為有利改善第一節課的混亂秩序。懇請 閣下協助學校，明令 貴子弟早些出門，以免他們為了趕回學校，要在最後時刻沿校內的行車徑奔走。學生手冊早已列明了打鐘時間，學生應能自覺。他們必須於早上八時十分前返抵校園，同時也應在午膳後的一時五十分，回到學校上課。

**校規對出席率指引：**雖然這已行之有年，本人仍須提醒 閣下和 貴子弟，學校全體學生都必須有85%的出席率，若學生出席率低於此數，他將不會准許參與校內的中期或結業試，而且還可能需要留級。學生若出席率偏低，學校會給予他們 F 評級，再者，中五及中七的學生可能不獲學校頒授畢業證書，他們曠課的紀錄亦會列於推薦書或成績表內。

**文化科－聖經和普通話：**爲了提高同學對聖經科和普通話科的重視，特別是在中一至中三年級，上述兩科在中期和結業試的成績，將以 100 分來計算。它們會從其他只佔 50 分的文化科目如：體育、美術和音樂科劃分開來。

**英語爲教學語言：**以英語作爲教學語言是學校課程的堅實部分。爲了強化這點，我們在學校推行了「優化英語環境計劃」。學校舉辦了大量與英語相關的活動，包括：訪問和編輯工作，參加朗誦節，英語會話考試、「英語角」、話劇，推動分流教學、辦工作坊、辯論、英語作文比賽及課餘補習等。這些活動會持續不斷，但主要仍是學生能透過校內通告和網頁，抓緊這些學習機會。

**總結：**「見賢思賢，奮翅高飛」將是學校未來一年的口號。我們的家長教師會會長兼舊生會副主席陳玉強先生，將成爲小組負責人，與不同的華仁團體，包括：舊生會、家長教師會、傑出學生會、新晉校友團、學生會等通力合作，統籌各項活動。本人充心期盼我們能幫助學生提升學習水平，好讓他們裝備自己，應付未來。閣下和舊生的鼎力支持，本人深信必能達此高遠的目標。

香港華仁書院校長

譚兆炳謹啓

二零零五年九月二十八日

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## 回條

請將回條填妥後，在十月三日（星期一）或以前，由班長轉交校務處唐先生收。

致 香港華仁書院校長：

本人已閱九月二十八日：學校教學政策通告更新 - 「見賢思齊，奮翅高飛」。

學生姓名：\_\_\_\_\_

班別：\_\_\_\_\_ 班號：\_\_\_\_\_

家長姓名：\_\_\_\_\_

家長簽署：\_\_\_\_\_

日期：\_\_\_\_\_