

## Principal's Message (16 October 2009)

As we complete the first half term here at Sha Tin College I am amazed at how fast the time has gone and at how much has happened over the past couple of months. As I write this message I have just returned from my first Sha Tin College swimming gala and I am delighted to report that it was an impressive event with the students and staff displaying great team, house and school spirit. I would like to congratulate all participants and we hope to report on the gala at the next opportunity.

Another most impressive series of events, projects and trips happened over CAS Week where the whole school of 1200 students and over 100 staff were engaged in a fantastic array of activities linked to Creativity, Action and Service. We had a total of 10 overseas trips in the region and as far as New Zealand, a number of Hong Kong based activities and various projects running in the school. I was personally able to get round some of the groups in Hong Kong as well as observing the school-based project work. The range and quality of the student experiences during CAS Week is truly remarkable, with an astonishing array of objectives. All students I talked to have clearly gained much from their experiences and I have received very positive comments regarding the attitude and positive natures of our students – they are great ambassadors for our school.

The students have been busy supporting a number of charitable activities over the past week or so in order to raise funds for some very worthy causes. Pink Week is dedicated to raising awareness of breast cancer and we are also supporting a water borehole project in South Africa. You can read about some of the great fund raising activities that took place in our school in later sections of this newsletter. Both of these charities were supported by the Rock Star Concert on Thursday.

I would like to wish our families and teaching staff a happy half term break and, finally, would like to remind everyone that the PTA AGM will be held at the school on Wednesday 28th October at 7pm. Please come along if you are able.

Best wishes

John Nixon MBE,

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