

# Feature




## Fung Kai's High Flyers in a Tête-à-tête with Reporters

Student Reporters: Stefan Cheng (4A) and Janice Cheung (4B)

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Our avid school reporters interviewed Cisy Lam Sze Yan, Kara Cheng Ki Wai and Paul Luk Chun Man, who achieved remarkable results in this year's HKDSE. They share with us tips on studying, and give us an insight into what can bring us closer to academic success.

### 1. What is your favourite subject?

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
		
English	Geography	Chinese and Chemistry

### 2. What is your least favourite subject?

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
/	Mathematics Module 1	English

### 3. On average, how many hours did you spend on studying and doing homework every day?

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
4 hours	5 hours	4-5 hours

### 4. What motivated you to work so hard?

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
A determination to make my dream come true.	On-going family support.	

### 5. Were your exam results better or worse than you expected?

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
Better		Similar

**6. What did you do when you felt stressed during the busier times of the school year?**

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
Chat with friends, especially during lunchtime. We had lots of laughter which really took the pressure away.	I would exercise regularly. I did a lot of running which helped a lot.	I would often play basketball with my friends.

**7. Would you share your study strategies with us?**

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
First, change the way you see exams. Instead of feeling anxious, try to look forward to the opportunity to test your ability. Second, I believe a thorough understanding of a subject's content matter is the most important thing for success. Third, good exam techniques are also one of the keys to good results, especially in Chinese, English and LS exams.	I think understanding each subject is very important. Don't be afraid to ask your teachers questions when you don't understand something.	You need to know your own strengths and weaknesses, and then use strategies and techniques that are best suited to your needs and abilities.

**8. How did you prepare for the Chinese, English and Liberal Studies exams?**

	Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
<b>Chinese</b>	I borrowed supplementary exercise books from Ms Lui and studied about 20 classical Chinese reading passages two months before the HKDSE. First I read the common sentence patterns. Second, when I came across words I did not know, I would look them up in a dictionary and note them down. Before long, I became familiar with the commonly used vocabulary and styles. I also used the APP called '粵音字庫'.	I did a lot of exercises, such as past papers and noted down the common question types. Then I became familiar with the common formats and questions.	Taking the Chinese exam is like playing a game with the HKEAA. One needs to know the rules of the game first. I read a lot of model essays of narratives to get an idea of the standard required, and I also categorised the types of exam questions asked.

<b>English</b>	I did lots of mock papers and studied them closely afterwards. If there were mistakes, I would find out why I made them and how I could prevent making the same mistakes next time. I would also write essays regularly which would then be marked by our teacher Mr Tsang. Gradually, I learnt how to express myself better.	I regularly wrote essays as practice. Mr Tsang would mark them and predict the level I might attain. I also read some model essays and jotted down new or difficult vocabulary.	I listened to some recordings of spoken English on the Internet ( <a href="http://www.ello.org">www.ello.org</a> ) for about 30 minutes every day to practice my listening skills. Then I wrote down what I had heard, and compared my version with the actual transcripts.
<b>Liberal Studies</b>	I think the Independent Enquiry Study (IES) is crucial; it carries 20% of your result for Liberal Studies, so it should be approached very seriously. I read newspapers every day. I prefer <i>Ming Pao Daily</i> as the editorials cover controversial issues such as politics. The study notes prepared by our school were excellent. For example, some topics for discussion in class were almost the same as those in the DSE this year.	I think reading newspapers is very important. When I missed the news on TV, I would at least watch it on YouTube. This helped me think about issues from different perspectives. Moreover, taking part in the activities during lessons, such as the debates, can help us remember things better. For example, we had discussed filibuster in class and it turned out to be one of the topics in this year's DSE.	When you first start studying Liberal Studies, writing practice is essential.

**9. Did you attend any tutorial classes outside LMST?**

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
No, I didn't. The exercises given in school were already enough. I would rather learn at my own pace than sit in a tutorial class.	No.	No, I didn't, but I had a private tutor to assist me with English. The difference between tutorial classes and a private tutor is that a private tutor can tailor-make a course to cater for your individual strengths and weaknesses.

**10. Do you have a personal motto for academic success?**

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
<i>Where there's a will, there's a way.</i>	<i>I decide my fate.</i>	<i>Take full responsibility for your own decisions.</i>

**11. What would you like to say to LMST students?**

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
F.6 schoolmates should be more careful about ranking their choices in the JUPAS, and should prepare well for their interviews.	Students should believe in themselves. Even if someone says you won't succeed, don't doubt yourself.	Pupils should know what they want, and make a realistic plan to achieve their goal. Not every one of my classmates enrolled in a degree programme; several were very happy with a higher diploma or associate degree course because that's what they <i>really</i> wanted.

**12. What are you going to study at university?**

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
I am going to study Medicine at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.	Business Administration at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.	I have enrolled in Engineering at the City University of Hong Kong.

**13. What is your ambition? What career do you want to pursue?**

Cisy Lam	Kara Cheng	Paul Luk
After completing my course, I wish to be a caring doctor, and also do research in the medical field if I get the opportunity.	I hope to work for big companies like China Light and Power Co. Ltd. I want to help maintain a balance between economic development and environmental protection by changing some company policies.	I would like to become a civil engineer. In addition to this, I want to continue writing and have my own column in a newspaper or magazine one day.