

Partnerships

I am sorry that I was unable to attend Monday's assembly due to an urgent medical appointment. (I also apologise that this morning's guest speaker needed to travel to the USA unexpectedly and that my words to you this morning shall be briefer than usual as a consequence!). I was particularly disappointed to have missed Monday's assembly given that the new Prefects were presented to the College for the first time. This was an important day in the lives of these boys and I was sorry not to be able to share in their excitement. There can be fewer occasions in a student's time at SPC more important than being chosen to serve as Prefect. It indicates that a boy has displayed the necessary levels of maturity, self-discipline, leadership and determination to lead by example and to serve his fellow school-mates. This is also the time that each of you needs to play your part by following the instructions of the prefects and assisting them in their work. Prefects play an integral role in setting the tone around the College campus and maintaining good discipline. Listen to what they say and be prepared to follow their example.

Partnerships of this kind are essential in our College. I have been encouraged by the camaraderie of the latest group of music scholars. I am sure you will agree that their musical performances at last Friday's assembly showed why they were selected for such an accolade. The music scholars are required to set the example to other musicians in terms of their musicianship, willingness to represent the College at festivals and on official occasions, and preparedness to play at assembly. I trust that other musicians will strive to earn the honour of a scholarship during their time at the College. We have many talented boys, no more so than four younger boys who entertained the parents and teachers before the annual PTA meeting last Saturday afternoon. Their recitals were outstanding and it was a privilege to have been sitting in this Hall listening attentively to our younger boys' performances.

Another excellent example of partnership has been the 10th Hong Kong Scout Group's 90 years at the College. To celebrate their 90th anniversary the Scouts will be holding a major dinner in this hall on the 24th November called *Homecoming*. This will be a formal dinner with invited guests from the Hong Kong scout association along with distinguished scouts from years past. It promises to be a grand event. As will the Alumni Choir concert on the 4th November at Chai Wan. Called an *Ode to St. Paul's* the concert is a tribute to the Revd. Moses Wu, the music teacher who led the choir through years of success more than forty years ago.

As students at SPC you are blessed with so many opportunities to serve and to participate. Do not let those opportunities pass you by.

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