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I think "The Nun" is the best individual costume because the costume is very similar to the movie and the makeup is really scary.  
**G7, Ruby Lai**



I think this is the best picture because Ryan looks so "glamorous", and Ms. Ho looks like the evil version of Minnie Mouse from Disney.  
**G7 Emily Tsai**



Jerry is the perfect person to dress up as Sullivan from Monster Inc. It was not easy because it's 30° outside.  
**G12 Lexi Hsu**

**Jack Dong**, Grade 12

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"Trick or treat!" Halloween is undoubtedly one of the most celebrated events around the world every year. Halloween revelers would often make their own costumes or shop for some to dress up for the occasion. The same phenomenon also went viral at Hong Wen International School (HWIS).

HWIS students and its members of staff all participated in the annual Halloween fun with creative makeups and costumes. The four Houses of HWIS, namely Hercules, Wukong, Ixbalam and Setna, came up with their own costume themes this year. Hercules decided to be jokers, Wukong went for anime characters, Ixbalam voted for evil Disney characters, and Setna chose (urban) legends. School administrators and students contributed greatly to decorating the building and coordinating activities such as the HWIS Haunted House doll hunt in the basement as well as the Mystery Box challenge of horrors. In addition, the Media Design club members also invested a great deal to promote this celebration. They designed multiple Halloween posters and ads, decorated the halls and walls, and provided photography and filming support during the event.

HWIS students were appreciative for the school's arrangement for the day, and the fact that their teachers were able to come up with some of the fanciest outfits. This year's Halloween celebration would most certainly remain a spookily memorable experience for all HWIS folks. 🎃



I think Mr. Fritz has the best individual costume, because he looks normal in the front, but when you look at the back of his head, it has a clown's face.  
**G9 Joey Dong**



Mr. Su, I like Brook and I like the music he plays.  
**G11 Rick Lin**



**Hercules**



**Wukong**



**Ixbalam**



**Setna**



# HWIS Youth Volunteering Club

## The 'Save the Amazon' Project



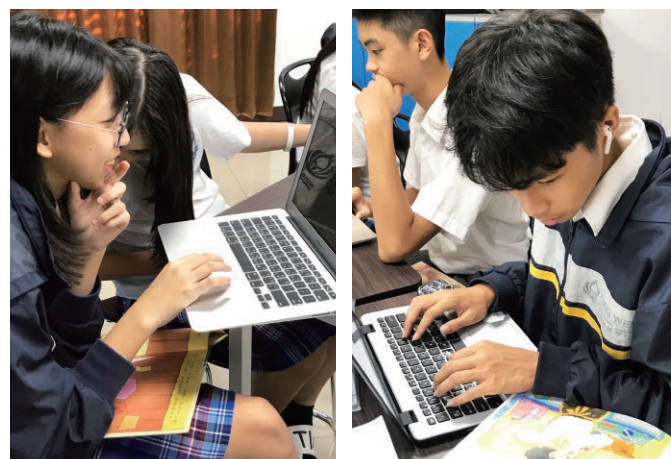
On Sunday, November 10th, HWIS teachers and students ran at the 2019 Taichung Supau Cup. The HWIS Youth Volunteering Club was also organizing a special event: Save the Amazon on the same day.

The Amazon wildfires in August 2019 set to cause irreversible damage to our planet, and our students are very concerned. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about environmental issues. Students wished to raise funds by completing the 9K run, and they had set a fund raising standard for this charitable event: NT\$5-10 for every kilometer completed. All funds raised for this cause will go to Rainforest Action Network. 🌿



## Children's Book Translation

One of the best ways to develop children's literacy is to encourage children to read at home. However, many children living in poverty in today's world have no books to read at all. CSI Taiwan (Children's Smile and Inspiration) is a non-profit organization that looks into children's benefit and supports the notion that every child has equal rights to physical and mental health. In this project, CSI Taiwan has compiled stacks of recycled children's books to promote children's literacy. HWIS gathered these books and translated all of them from Chinese to English. After completing the translation, students will cut out and paste all the translated sentences to the corresponding passages and pages of the original books. All translated books will be distributed by CSI Taiwan to reach young readers around the globe. 🌍



# “Are we there yet?”



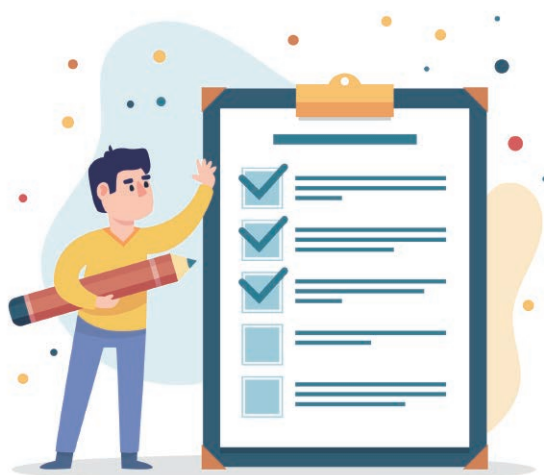
**Bryan Chen**, Academic Supervisor

We care about our students, very sincerely we do. On top of that, we want you to care about your academic performance as much as we do. “Higher, further, brighter”, this is our motto for the year, is it not?

One of my earliest conversations with Joe (you might know him better as the formidable Mr Peters) was about the academia<sup>[1]</sup> of our beloved school. The idea, if I was not terribly mistaken, was about getting more students to proactively make a collaborative effort to improve and share the drive for better academic performances. Students should see competition as an opportunity for self-growth, and learn to first be competitive with themselves instead of with their peers. The positivity that derives from healthy competition is contagious, and it has the potential to transform the way our students learn, and even how our teachers teach.



We aim at building a unique culture that puts a strong emphasis on striving for excellence, not necessarily perfection, across all grade levels. This, however, cannot be achieved by your school administrators and/or teachers alone. Dear HWIS students, make no mistake, you are at the very core of this ambitious institute. You breathe the HWIS culture and you live by it daily. We expect you to be go-getters, not slackers, in order to reach your fullest potential. As demanding and challenging as it may sound, you just need to get up and get started.



In order to help you reach that optimal status at HWIS, I have a few suggestions for you. Make yourself a good habit to pick up a book and read, ask questions when in doubt, find solutions to your problems, manage your time well and put in your best work. In time, you shall reap what you sow. Do not settle for mediocrity and slow down for no one. Just keep going because you know that you are not quite there yet.

We, as a school, are not there yet. 🌟

1. **academia** NOUN The environment or community concerned with the pursuit of research, education, and scholarship.



# Inter-House Sports Day

The four Houses of HWIS are Heracles (H), Wukong (W), Ixbalam (I), and Setna (S). Heracles represents strength, persistence, and might, whereas Wukong symbolizes cleverness, wit, and playfulness; Ixbalam stands for courage, practice, and creativity, while Setna exemplifies wisdom, knowledge, and motivation. We religiously promotes teamwork, good values, and citizenship by creating smaller communities within the larger community where students and teachers can strengthen bonds and connections. 🌐



## Field Trips

Field trips are the highlights of every semester here at HWIS. They bridge the gap between school education and real-life experience in extremely fun and exciting ways. Field trips are crucial for every student, through which they acquire new knowledge and experience diverse cultures and new lifestyles. Our students learn how to collaborate with their team members. Great memories are made and friendships are strengthened. 🌐

