

CoP Head Start:
Star Talks & Lesson Demonstrations
 (Semester 2, AY2017–2018)



From HKBU to stardom (1): An evening with teacher alumni (Venue: AAB206)

This is the **first** of our **teacher alumni series** intended for path-finders in their transition to work.

Life is a series of seemings. The delightful evening commences with a career talk on ‘*My path, your path*’: *Why is teaching not for me?* Mr Vincent Ip, who took a turn from English language education to the legal field, recollects his ardent journey of making while waiting in the wings. This confession that ‘teaching is not for everyone’ will be suitably counteracted by an aspiring teacher, Ms Jane Lo, who joins hands with a hopeful teacher-learner, Ms Jessica Cheuk, to activate English learning through popular culture and songs in two Hong Kong classrooms. The lesson demonstrations lead to discussions on **what to adopt and to adapt to make learning click...**

Date	Time	Theme of interest	Speaker
27 February 2018 (Tuesday)	1830 – 2045	<u>Star talk:</u> ‘My path, your path’: Why is teaching not for me?	Mr IP, T F Vincent Former paralegal, Linklaters
		<u>Lesson demonstration:</u> ‘Appetite for more’ – English activation through popular culture	Ms LO, W C Jane Teacher of English, Diocesan Girls’ School
		<u>Lesson demonstration:</u> ‘Tale as old as time’ – English activation through songs	Ms CHEUK, H N Jessica Double-degree finalist, HKBU

From HKBU to stardom (2): An evening with teacher alumni (Venue: AAB206)

This is the **second** of our **teacher alumni series** featuring three stand-out stars communing by chance and change.

‘Sometimes a teacher plants a seed and a sprout shoots within a fortnight; for others, it may take years, only to grow a shy little leaf.’ (Mr Patrick Lam)

‘It takes time for learners to mature; and when they have not reached that stage, it seems nothing could be sowed out of hard soil.’ (Mr Tinnok Ng)

‘I am the master of all I survey.’ (Mr Ivan Au)

No heartfelt words of appreciation; no crowning outcomes for gratification – *what, then, has teaching in store for educators?* To usher in the vernal equinox, the star talks and lesson demonstration promise to cheer the audience with a bouquet of joy, a flavour of school encounters, and **a fuller appreciation of struggling learners...**

Date	Time	Theme of interest	Speaker
20 March 2018 (Tuesday)	1830 – 2045	<u>Star talk:</u> ‘My path, your path’: What has teaching in store for me?	Mr LAM, Patrick Head of English, CCC Kung Lee College
		<u>Star talk special:</u> ‘The school is a stage’ – English activation through drama	Mr NG, Z S Tinnok Teacher of English, Diocesan Boys’ School
		<u>Lesson demonstration:</u> ‘From hell to heaven’ – English activation in Hell’s Kitchen	Mr AU, K H Ivan Project assistant, HKBU

From HKBU to stardom (3): An evening with teacher alumni (Venue: AAB206)

This is the **third** of our **teacher alumni series** intended for practitioners to contemplate the hits and misses in school education.

‘Who’ll show a child as it is? Who’ll place it within its constellation, with the measure of distance in its hand?’ (R M Rilke)

These contemplative questions infuse a sense of possibility through the energising efforts of Ms Vally Choi and Ms Joyce Kwok in their communicative and inclusive classrooms, as well as through the consultancy work of Mr Frank Chu in strengths-based character building. The audience would come away with the anticipation that *there is something beyond teaching in the fullness of time...*

Date	Time	Theme of interest	Speaker
10 April 2018 (Tuesday)	1830 – 2045	<u>Lesson demonstration:</u> ‘Welcome Minions’ – English activation in a communicative classroom	Ms CHOI, W L Vally Teacher of English, Tak Nga Primary School
		<u>Lesson demonstration:</u> ‘We are getting there’ – English activation through differentiated instruction	Ms KWOK, Joyce T T Teacher of English, San Wui Commercial Society School
		<u>Star talk:</u> ‘My path, your path’: What is there beyond teaching?	Mr CHU, W Y Frank Education counsellor, GRTalent Consulting Limited

About the speakers



Mr IP, T F Vincent holds a BA degree in English Language & Literature and a BEd degree in English Language Teaching from Hong Kong Baptist University (class of 2010), as well as a Graduate Diploma in English and Hong Kong Law (Common Professional Examination) (with Distinction) and an LLB (First Class Honours, ranked second) from Manchester Metropolitan University. He is now studying full-time for his Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) at the University of Hong Kong. He previously worked as a pitch adviser and a paralegal in Linklaters, a leading international law firm headquartered in London, and will further his legal career as a trainee solicitor with a high-profile boutique law firm in August 2018. With his passionate belief in giving back to the society, Vincent is also dedicated to pro bono work and charitable music events. He received an award for his outstanding contribution to Linklaters' strategic volunteering programmes in 2016. His public recitals have been reported in the media on many occasions.

Ms LO, W C Jane holds a BA degree in English Literature and Religious Studies from the University of British Columbia (class of 2008). She was awarded a full scholarship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to continue reading Religious Studies at the graduate level, and earned an MA degree in Near and Eastern Civilizations from the University of Toronto (class of 2010). Jane is a proud graduate of the Postgraduate Diploma in Education programme at Hong Kong Baptist University (class of 2014; with a merit for her teaching practicum), and is deeply appreciative of the knowledge and skills she gained here. She is now teaching English Language and Religious Studies at Diocesan Girls' School, where she has been a teacher for the past eight years.

Ms CHEUK, H N Jessica is a finalist of the BA in English Language & Literature and BEd in English Language Teaching programme at Hong Kong Baptist University. During her undergraduate career, she worked an intern at the NET section of the Education Bureau, assisting with the development of language arts resources for e-learning. Her interest in multiple disciplines has led her to adopt interdisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning.

Mr LAM, Patrick received a scholarship for prospective teachers of English from the Education Bureau in 2010, and earned a BA degree in English Language & Literature and a BEd degree in English Language Teaching from Hong Kong Baptist University (class of 2014). Since graduation, he has been working at CCC Kung Lee College, where he is currently Head of English. With a drive for teacher professional learning, Patrick furthered his studies at the University of Hong Kong, where he gained an MEd degree in English Language Education (class of 2017). His research interests include curriculum planning for diverse learning needs and classroom code-switching.

Mr NG, Z S Tinnok holds a BSc degree in Communication with a specialisation in Advertising from Boston University (class of 2008), and an MA degree in Applied Linguistics from the University of Hong Kong (class of 2013). He received his Postgraduate Diploma in Education from Hong Kong Baptist University (class of 2011). Following his earlier careers in advertising companies and in secondary schools of different calibres, Tinnok finds his niche as a teacher at Diocesan Boys' School, his alma mater. He is pursuing a Master's degree in Educational Administration and Management at the University of Hong Kong.

Mr AU, K H Ivan received his double Bachelor's degree and teacher certification from Hong Kong Baptist University (class of 2016; with a merit for his teaching practicum and an outstanding student leader award). He was later admitted to University College London where he was awarded an MA degree in Linguistics (class of 2017; with High Merit). He has had teaching and research experiences in Hong Kong and London, where he gained useful insights into English language teaching, psycholinguistics and developmental research. He is currently a senior research assistant for a Community of Practice project based at the Department of Education Studies of Hong Kong Baptist University.

Ms CHOI, W L Vally holds a BSocSc degree from Lingnan University and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from Hong Kong Baptist University (class of 2017; with a merit for her teaching practicum). Following her earlier career in the banking industry, Vally joined Tak Nga Primary School, where she is esteemed as an effective teacher of English.

Ms KWOK, Joyce T T holds a BA degree in English Studies (Creative Stream) from City University of Hong Kong (class of 2012) and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from Hong Kong Baptist University (class of 2016; with a merit for her teaching practicum). Upon graduation, she joined San Wui Commercial Society School, a well-established inclusive school in Sheung Wan. She is committed to differentiated instruction through creative curriculum designs. Her ceaseless effort to enable her diverse young learners to flourish at their own pace drives her teaching career forward.

Mr CHU, W Y Frank holds a BA degree in English Language & Literature and a BEd degree in English Language Teaching from Hong Kong Baptist University (class of 2011). He won the Lei Yue Mun Hoi Bun Scholarship in 2011 in recognition of his excellent performance in Education Studies. Upon graduation, he taught English at a secondary school for two years. This was followed by job offers as an overseas education consultant, advising parents on their children's education pathways and strengths-based character building. His career development has led him to pursue a Master's degree in Counselling at the University of Hong Kong.

