

## **To Parents: Becoming a S. C. Gawer (青川人)**

John C. Maxwell once said,

*Your growth determines who you are.*

*Who you are determines who you attract.*

*Who you attract determines the success of your organization.'*



So, who are going to be attracted to TWGHs S. C. Gaw Memorial College? How would the students develop here? What are they going to achieve? In this article, we would like to address what we can do to our children and how we can provide a quality learning environment for them.

It is known that there are a lot of aspects in education: besides exploring students' talents and bring them knowledge through day-to-day teaching, we ought to help them to form good characters and cultivate virtues. However, in spite of its importance, it is so often overlooked in education. We have witnessed people who achieve great success in their field, but failed to manage the stress that comes along, and we believe that good characters would help us to deal with it, especially when we have to play different roles in different scenarios.

*Talent is a gift, but character is a choice.* When you support you kids to learn in TWGHs S. C. Gaw Memorial College, you are at the same time, making an agreement with the school, letting the school to guide your kids to develop. We would love to see you working with us towards this important goal.

According to Dr. Steven Berglas, experienced coach and management consultant from Harvard Medical School's Department of Psychiatry, also the author of *The Success Syndrome: Hitting Bottom When You Reach The Top* (Plenum, 1986), pointed out that arrogance (to a lesser extent, self-complacency & self-centered) is the one of the characters that hinder the healthy growth of teenagers. These characters determine whether a kid is willing to learn and also to be taught, and to overcome themselves when they have made mistakes. In TWGHs S. C. Gaw Memorial College, we encourage students to embrace their challenges as well as assume a positive attitude towards their mistakes, and be responsible for what they have committed to.

Through our “**Form-based Pastoral Care Invitational Education**”, we wish to help students to develop a healthy and positive living style, and to become young adults with self-discipline, confidence and a loving heart. Starting from two years ago, we have progressively integrated this essence into the “**LEAP --- Leadership Empowerment Programme**”. This year we will introduce a special session called ‘**Secondary One Induction Activity Programme cum Project of Compassion**’ for all JS1 students with “**Let’s Fly & Love**” as the yearly theme. This session will offer discipline and leadership training to our JS1 students, together with the assistance of our student leaders and parent mentors. By helping the new students getting adapted to the social life of the new learning environment, we wish to cultivate the culture of care, compassion & love among students of S. C. Gaw.

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