

An Authentic English Environment for EMI Learning & Teaching at SCGMC!

'Building an English-speaking Environment for EMI' has always been the major objective of English learning in SCGMC. Learning English in our School must be a very *exciting* experience for all! You have selected this School because of a number of reasons and certainly one of the main reasons is that though we are a school, English is strictly adopted as the medium of instruction in all English lessons and most of the subjects in both Junior and Senior Secondary are taught in English.

It is your aspiration that graduates of SCGMC will be able to read, write, listen to and of course, speak English proficiently. To achieve the objective, one of the important criteria is to have a team of well-trained and qualified English teachers. In the current academic year, we have 3 natives and 13 local English teachers. All of them have reached the standard of Language Proficiency Assessment. We are going to have more natives in the coming school year.

Aside from your putting in a lot of hard work during lessons, there is no better way to do it than through a lot of *exposure* and *fun*! We are continuing to launch a series of measures and activities to ensure that English learning goes on effectively and students are learning in an EMI environment. *Major English activities* held every two months will bring a lot of fun to students. English can be learnt through Drama and at the end of the year there will be the *Inter-class Drama Competition*. English is used in the making of *morning school announcements* and *Useful Vocabulary & Phrases* for at least 2 days in a week. Apart from this, we have *English Speaking Days*, *English Games Day*, *Surprise*, *Choral Speaking Performance*, *Monthly Blockbuster*, the *Chinese New Year English Booth* in the New Year Fair and *English Musical* at the Speech Day as well as the *Daily English Storyland* and *The English Café*.

The *English Corner*, within the Student Activity Centre, will continue to be the place for activity based and interactive lessons for English and Language Arts. At the same time, it provides a place for students to participate in English activities during lunch. This includes chatting with teachers on duty and among students and playing of board and other games. Some of the competitions will be held there. Of course, whoever is in the room is required to speak in English! *Posters*, *Quotable quotes*, *Vocabulary* will be posted around school to increase exposure to English to students. An *English Board* will include news items, articles of interest, jokes and games.

How can there be a dull moment around the campus with all the above going on!

We hope to see an enjoyable and successful academic year and look forward to your active participation --- Boosts Your English & Gives You a Winning Edge!

From
Principal, Ms. Agnes Tang