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Language Learning Support Section, EDB

Chinese and English language learning: To explore, discover and appreciate **Optimising the learning and** teaching of integrated skills within and beyond the classroom

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Exploratory journeys in

School background

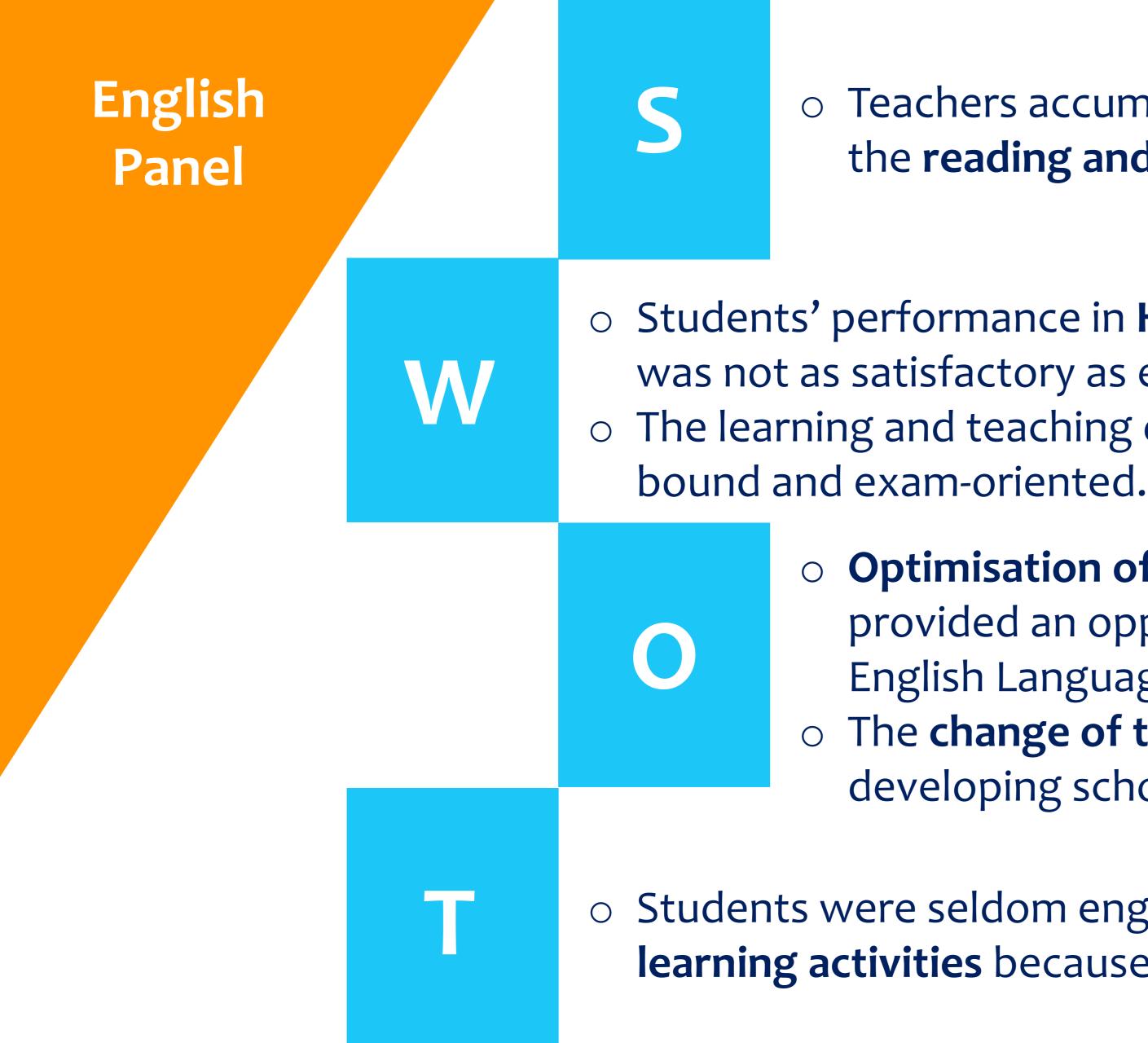
Location

School's major concerns (2021/22)

Lesson time released in response to optimisation

• Perth Street, Ho Man Tin

- To enhance teaching effectiveness through holistic curriculum planning and implementation
- To nurture good citizenship, empathy and law-abidingness
- Lesson time was released in S4 in 2021/22 to cater for students' learning abilities.



• Teachers accumulated some experience in refining the reading and writing curricular.

- Students' performance in HKDSE English Language Paper 3 was not as satisfactory as expected.
- The learning and teaching of **integrated skills** was textbook-
 - **Optimisation of the senior secondary curriculum** provided an opportunity to review and refine the English Language curriculum.
 - The change of textbooks provided impetus for developing school-based learning and teaching materials.
- Students were seldom engaged in collaborative or life-wide learning activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Optimisation

To cater for students' diverse needs

To review and refine the English Language curriculum

- **Reviewing** the learning and teaching elements of integrated skills Incorporating the Ο learning and teaching
 - of **integrated skills** into each module
- Integrating the previous 0 **Elective Part** into the **Compulsory Part**

- Fostering the academic use of English
- Fostering the 0 creative use of English
- Promoting Language across the Curriculum
- Engaging students in lifewide learning activities

Objectives and strategies adopted

To broaden students' learning experiences

• Fostering crosscurricular collaboration Making use of 0 learning time beyond the classroom

To foster students' whole-person development

• Using **community** resources to foster positive values • Engaging students in collaborative and

interactive tasks





Development of integrated skills in S4

Timeline

Module

Integrated skills

- Understanding the scenario
- Understanding the task requirements
- Understanding instructional language

- **Integrated skills** • Locating relevant information
- Presenting information using cohesive devices for different purposes
- Presenting information Ο paraphrasing (synonyms and word forms)

Module

2

Module

3

Module 4: Crosscurricular LWL activity

Integrated skills

Presenting 0 information – paraphrasing (tones and styles)

Integrated skills

- Presenting information
 - describing statistical data and trends

Cross-curricular LWL activity

- Kowloon City Adventure
- Language arts
- Poems





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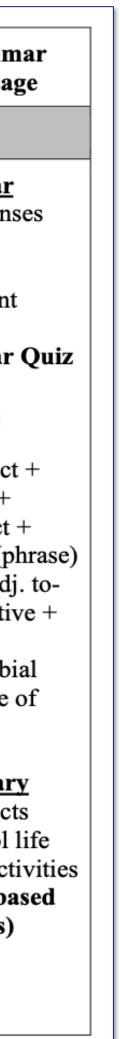
Theme

S4 Scheme of Wo

Cycles	Reading
Cycle 2 to 7 (13/9 - 17/11)	Unit 1 <u>Short texts</u> Text 1: Play the wrong tune in an exam Text 2: How to succeed Text 3: The colour run Text 4: Private tuition Text 5: Sara lee
	 <u>Reading skills</u> Skimming Thematic questions Identifying text types target audience purpose of writing style of the text
	Exam Practice Part A: For South Korea students, there aren't enough hours in the day Part B1: New day, new horizons Part B2: Old student, new beginnings
	HKDSE Past Papers 2012 A: Game boys get

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d s	 Descriptive writing <u>Text types</u> informal emails (p.30) Blog entry (p.32) Writing Skills Planning and outlining a piece of writing (using graphic organizers) HKDSE Past Papers 2013 Paper 2A Photo exhibition 'My memories' 2019 Paper 2A Year Book 2021 Paper 2B A security guard on duty at night Writing tasks 1. Short task: Informal email about a school hero (Describing 	 dates, times, understandin requirement School-based n List of comministructional words in the Exam Practice Part A Part B1 Task 5: Funding Task 6: Email (f Task 7: Blog Po Part B2 Task 8: Email of Task 9: Newslet announcement Task 10: Script speech	kills: keywords he Data File r specific (e.g. names, places) ng the task s naterials mon l/directive Data File g application formal) st (informal) st (informal) f invitation tter	2. Givin sugge with elabo (Gen	ing a ssion ng estions oration eral skills & WS) <u>ased</u> s ctivity <u>Exam</u> er ullying <u>Past</u>	Learning English through Poems and Songs Understanding moods and feeling in poems Learning English through Short Story Writing a reflective essay on the SOW story "Every cloud has a silver lining" (values education)	Grammar Unit 1 Tens Unit 8 Agreement Grammar Grammar Sentence Patterns 1. Subject Verb + Object - verb (pf 2. It is adj. infinitiv adj.+ adverbia phrase o time Vocabulary • Subjects • school 1 and acti (School-bas materials)







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Module 1

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Understanding the task requirements and instructional language

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				- 'discuss'





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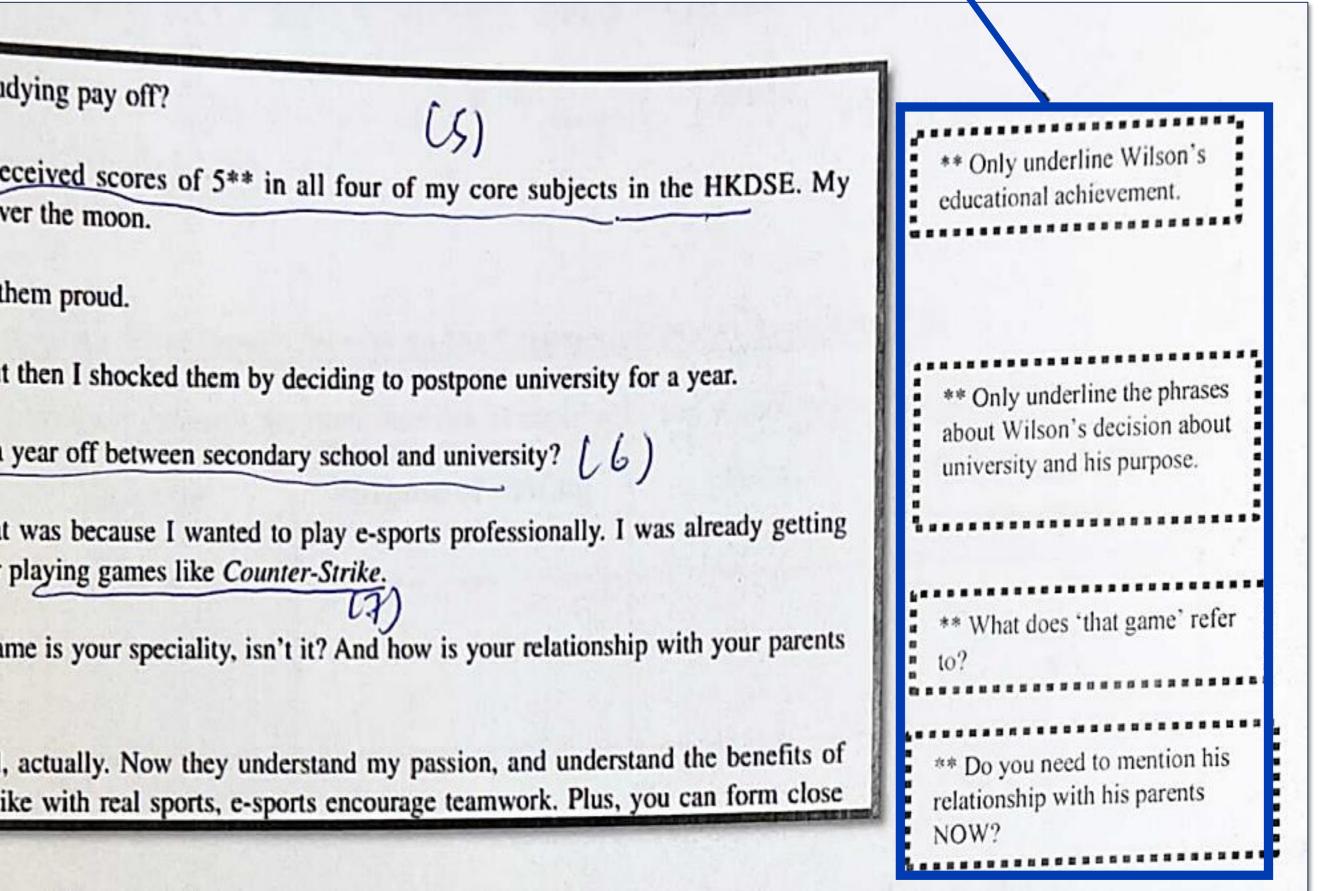
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Module 2

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WF:	I did, yes. That recognition for p
SW:	Ah yes, that gar now?
WF:	It's quite good, e-sports. Just lil

Locating relevant information

Using 'hint boxes' to cater for students' learning needs





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Academic English: synonyms and word forms

Using synonyms

Complete the following table with the synonyms that you can think of. One has been done for you as an example.

	Original word	Synonyms		
1.	beautiful	pretty	good-looking	breath-taking
2.	sick			
3.	advantages			
4.	disadvantages			
5.	convince			
6.	opinions			

*Please note that synonyms may not be able to replace the original word in different contexts.

Changing word form

Complete the following table with different parts of speech. One has been done for you as an example.

	Original word	Different parts of speech			
1.	regret (v. / n.)	regretful	(adj.)		
2.	severity (n.)		(adj.)	(adv.)	
3.	responsibility (n.)		(adj.)	(adv.)	
4.	apologise (v.)		(n.)	(adj.)	(adv.)
5.	preference (n.)		(v.)	(adj.)	(adv.)
6.	ill (adj.)		(n.)		

Presenting information – paraphrasing (synonyms and word forms)

Designing tasks of different levels of difficulty to cater for students' learning needs

Practice 1:

- Paraphrase the following sentences by completing the blanks using synonyms or different parts of speech.
- . The rest of the group will guess what the lie is.
- → Everyone ______ will guess what the lie is.

Each person will give a presentation for two minutes.

- → Each person will give a _____ presentation.
- 3. I don't know the reason for their arguments.
 - → I don't know _____ they _____

Practice 2:

Your teacher asked you to read a news report and summarise it <u>using your own words</u>. Fill in each blank with one word with reference to the clues in the news report. One has been done for you as an example.

(1) 12 hrs ago (2) A serial housebreaker has been jailed for four years and six months. Lau Wing (1) (3) Tai, 37, who pleaded guilty at the District Court to three counts of burglary, (4) broke into 30 housing estate flats between 23 November and 20 December last (5) year. The court was told that Lau, having gained access through windows while occupants were sleeping, had entered 29 flats and stolen cash. He had also entered a flat in Hung Hom with a key he had found under a doormat and stolen (6) some jewellery. Though he pleaded guilty, Lau showed little regret and refused to (9) apologize to the victims. 'It's their responsibility to safeguard their homes from (10)

crime,' he added. Due to the severity of Lau's habitual housebreaking activities, (12) he was sentenced to four and a half years in prison with no probation.

(Adapted from G&U p.85)

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(4)	23 November	20 December last year. Lau (5)
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Module 3

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Exercise Three:

Paraphrase the underlined informal phrases / instructions using formal language.

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	5.	" <u>As</u>

Presenting information – paraphrasing (tones and styles)

Academic English: tones and styles

3. Paraphrasing

> To set the right tone and show the awareness of text type and audience, we need to paraphrase. Very often, we have to change the informal phrases in the DF into formal phrases.

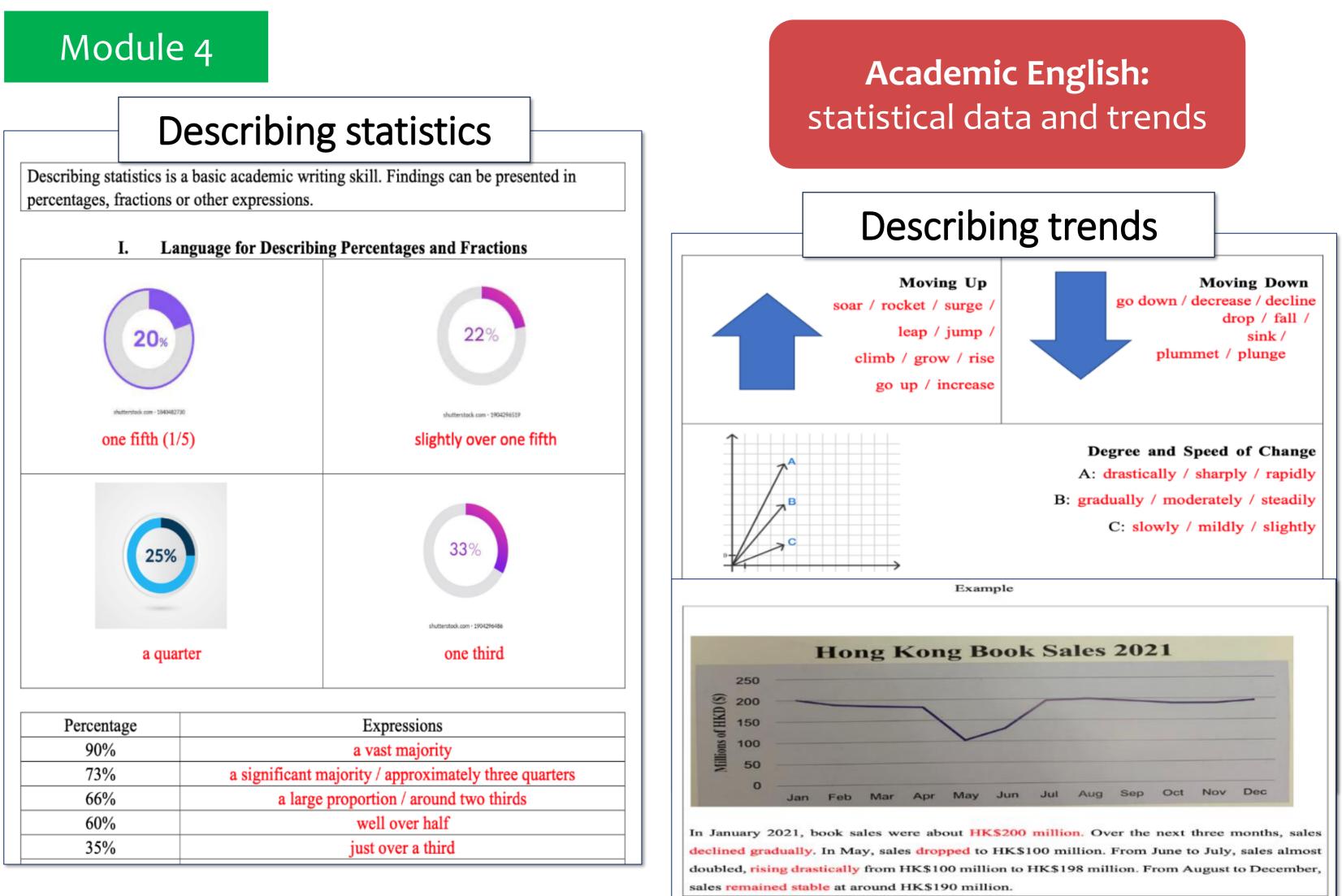
nal phrases / instructions in the DF	Formal language
or their permission to"	"I would like to <u>request your</u> permission to"
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oout our booking"	" our booking"
k them to <u>confirm the details</u> about"	"I would like to the details about"
1.5 hours <u>before</u> the event begins"	"one and a half hours the beginning of the event"
<u>k them to prepare</u> 400 chairs <u>for us</u> "	"We would be if you could400 chairs."



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	60%	
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Presenting information – describing statistical data and trends



Beyond the classroom

- Engaging students in life-wide learning activities
- Making use of **learning** time beyond the classroom

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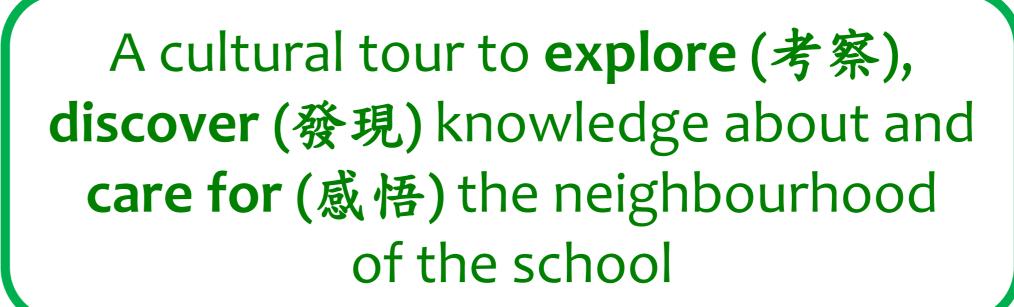
To broaden students' learning experiences Module 4



Enabling students to learn content knowledge and apply integrated skills in a cross-curricular life-wide learning activity













Beyond the classroom

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 life-wide learning
 activities
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Performing different tasks on an app for outdoor learning





EduVenture X

1. Kowloon Walled City Park

2. Hau Wong Temple

3. Stone Houses Family Garden

4. Tai Wo Tang Café

5. Chiu Chow Hop Shing Dessert

6. Kai Tak Road and Sa Po Road

Making use of e-learning to enable students to learn at their own pace

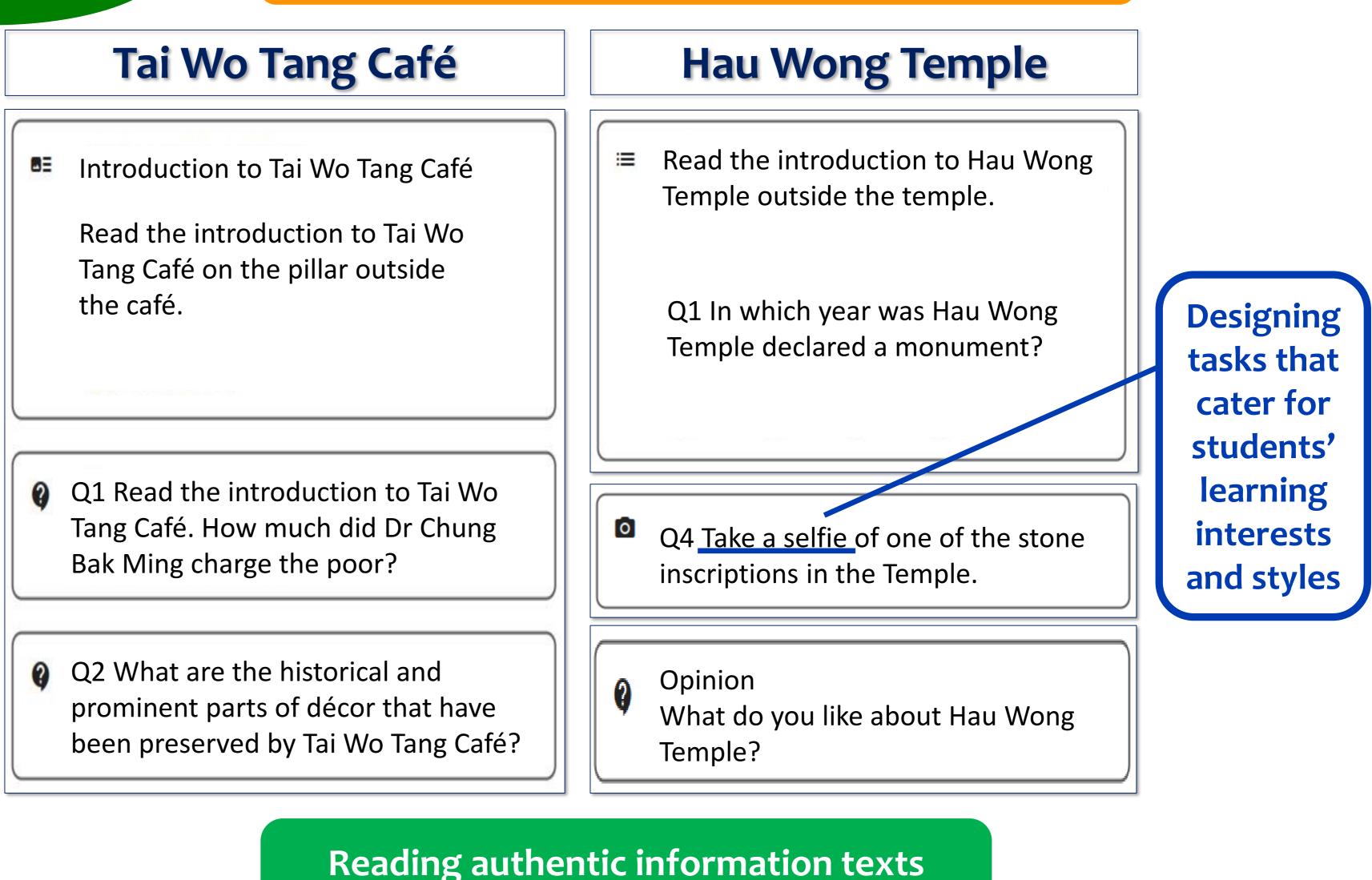


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Performing authentic tasks

Reading authentic information texts and answering a variety of questions Beyond the classroom



• Engaging students in collaborative and interactive tasks

To foster students' whole-person development

Chiu Chow Hop Shing Dessert

In which year was the shop opened? (You have to ask the shop owner.)

A. 1958 B. 1955 C. 1948 D. 1935

> Interviewing the shop owner

Performing authentic tasks



Writing a food review







Beyond the classroom



Promoting Language
 across the Curriculum

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To cater for students' diverse needs Geography teacher (Mr Fung)

"An **urban renewal project** will be carried out in the area bounded by **Kai Tak Road and Sha Po Road**. The objective of the project is to improve the living environment. Buildings as old as 40 to 50 years old will be demolished. Then buildings as high as 29 storeys will be built. In addition, **an underground pedestrian tunnel**, **an underground public vehicle park** and **an underground shopping street** will be constructed."

Learning content knowledge

"In Kowloon City, **mixed land use** is very common. We can see many buildings with shops on the ground floor and **residential apartments** on the upper floors. In fact, **the shoplined street** is a distinctive feature in Kowloon City."

Learning about Kowloon City and urban renewal





Beyond the classroom

- Promoting Language
 across the Curriculum
- Using community
 resources to foster
 positive values

Geography teacher (Mr Fung) "First, who will benefit from the redevelopment and how will they benefit? Second, who will suffer because of the redevelopment and how will they suffer?"

To cater for students' diverse needs

To foster students' whole-person development "Last, to most Hong Kong people, Kowloon City is famous for its various kinds of restaurants and delicious food. What will happen to this **distinctive feature** after the redevelopment project? **Will it be lost**?"

Empathy and care for the community

Learning content knowledge

Reflecting on the impact brought by urban renewal





Beyond the classroom

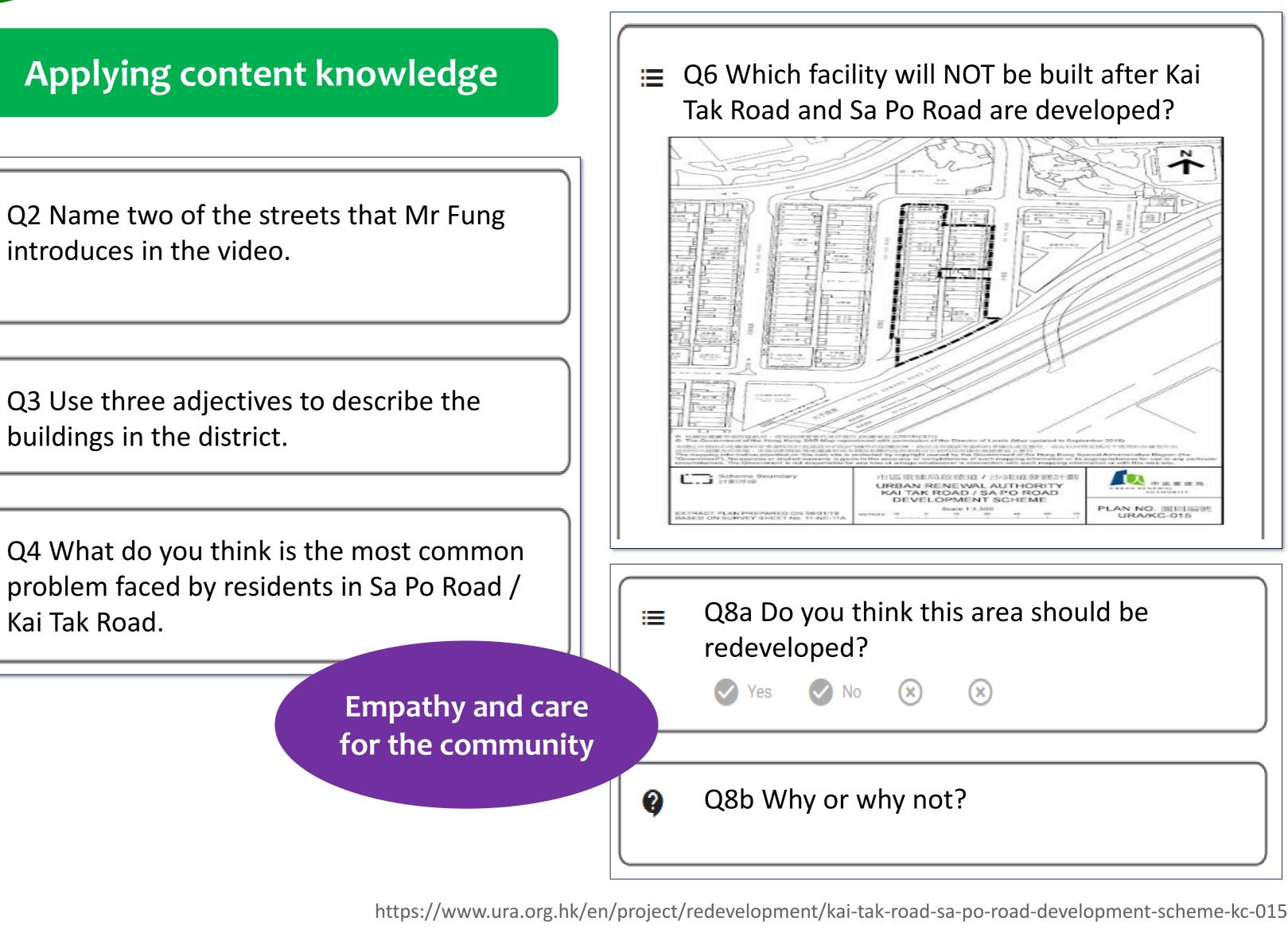
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- 2 buildings in the district.
- 2 Kai Tak Road.

Performing subject-specific tasks





- Promoting Language across the Curriculum
- Fostering the **academic** use of English

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To : (Your name)+³ From : Ms Kwok+³ Subject: Kowloon City Advente

I know you've just come back from a cultural tour to different places in Kowloon City and ge some information from there. Now, I'd like you to help me with the following tasks:-

First, write a post on Instagram or Facebook introducing a place in Kowloon City that you like best. You can talk about its history, your unforgettable moments there and the reason why you like it so much. You can refer to Aaron Wong's Instagram post. Don't forget your post should come with a suitable picture and some hashtags (like #swcculturaltour2022) © If you can't think of any place of your interest, you can refer to the Youtube video about Sam Evans

But if you don't feel like writing a social media post, you can choose to write a feature articl for the school magazine about Kowloon City Wet Market. I think your schoolmates would be interested in what's special about the wet market and what they can buy there. Moreover, I've heard that the government is planning to redevelop the whole municipal services building where the wet market is located. Can you also include some details (e.g. where and why) about this redevelopment plan?

Second, I would like you to write a report about the cultural tour to Kowloon City. You know this is the first year we organised this tour. Students' comments are highly valued and we believe they can help improve our future tours. In the report, please first state the purpose of the tour. Then present some findings about the most popular cultural attraction and the most popular eatery. We don't want the report to be too dense, so don't include the findings of ALL the five places you visited. In the last section (i.e. Conclusion & Recommendations), please say whether the tour was a success and offer some suggestions about what can be improved as well. On ninder: do NOT use real student names!

Last, write a letter to the editor of the Young Post about the Kai Tak Road / Sa Po Roa redevelopment plan. In the letter, include the purpose of the plan, what to build there and its year of completion. After the cultural tour to Kai Tak Road and Sa Po Road, your schoolmates shared their thoughts about the plan. Include the data and their reasons. I've also attached a blog entry for your reference. Include the tenants' concerns and how they can be addressed.

So much for now. If you need any assistance, please let me know.

Best,« Ms Kwoke

Data File – Authentic scenario

Replacing exam practices with authentic integrated tasks

Task 1:

"First, write a post on Instagram or **Facebook** introducing a place in Kowloon City that you like best ... But if you don't feel like writing a social media post, you can choose to write a feature article for _____ the school magazine about Kowloon City Wet Market."

Task 2:

"Second, I would like you to write a report about the cultural tour of Kowloon City."

Task 3:

"Last, write a letter to the editor of the Young Post about the Kai Tak Road / Sa Po Road redevelopment plan."

Providing students with choices to cater for their learning needs and interests

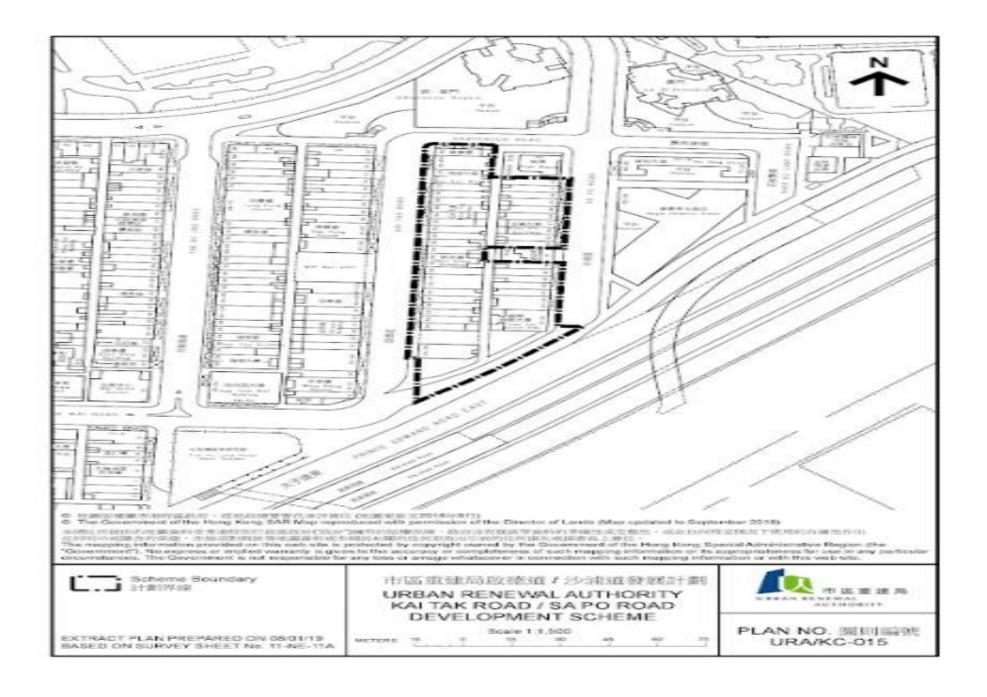




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Data File – **Authentic information texts**

https://www.ura.org.hk/en/project/redevelopment/kai-tak-road-sa-po-road-development-scheme-kc-015



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Survey results of the cultural tour of Kowloon City

Date: 23 – 24 May 2022 Time: 2:30 - 4:30pm Participants: All S4 students Special guest: Mr. Fung (Geography teacher)

Purposes:

A. How would you rate this attraction (out of 10)?

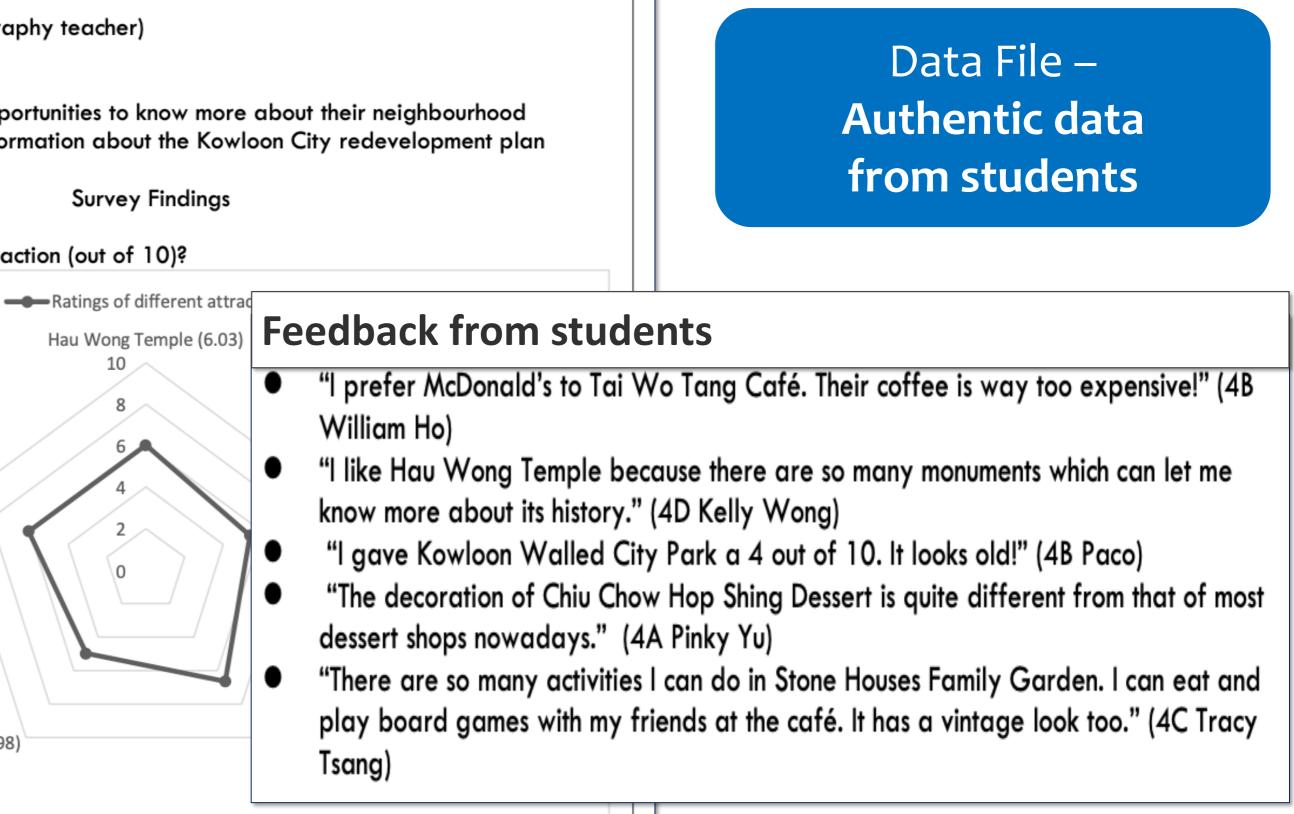
Chiu Chow Hop Shing Dessert (6.04)

Tai Wo Tang Café (4.98)

Replacing exam practices with authentic integrated tasks

Kowloon City Adventure

(1) To provide students with opportunities to know more about their neighbourhood (2) To provide students with information about the Kowloon City redevelopment plan



"Tai Wo Tang Café is one of the most famous cafés in Kowloon City. As you can see, it is a café, but before that, it was actually a Chinese pharmacy which had housed Chinese doctors of three generations since 1932. Moreover, it was preserved during the Sino-Japanese war ..."

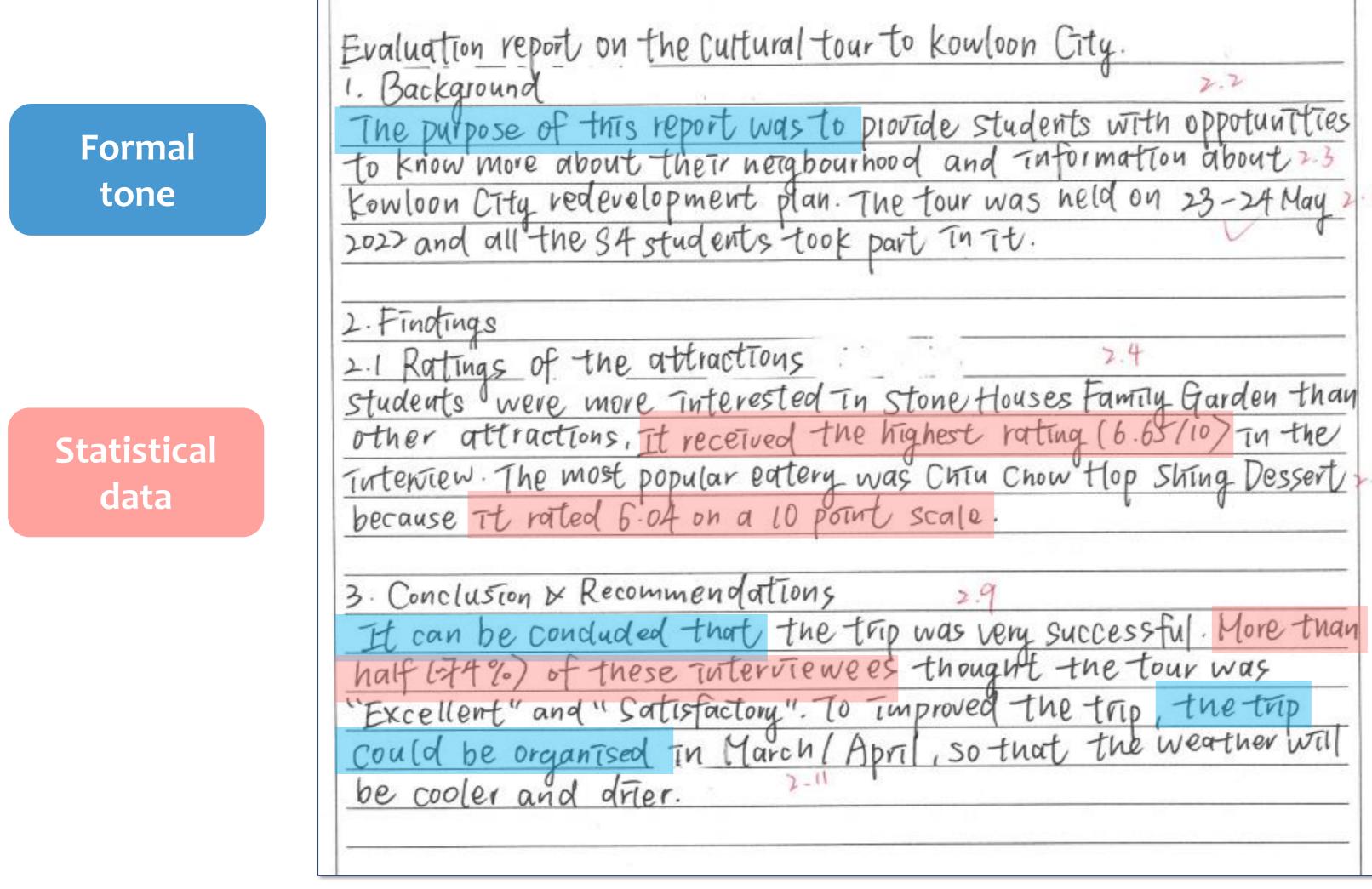
Task 1:

An Instagram post about a place in Kowloon City that students like best

Content knowledge

Empathy and care for the community





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Task 2: A report about the cultural tour of Kowloon City







Young Post

"... As part of a project at school, I went on a cultural tour of Kowloon City in May. My classmates and I also collected the opinions of F.4 students on the redevelopment plan.

When students were asked whether they would like to see Kai Tak Road and Sa Po Road redeveloped, most of them were in favour of the project. They claimed that the improved living environment and access to public spaces would eventually benefit residents and shop owners in the area ... "

Task 3: A letter to the Young Post about the Kai Tak Road / Sa Po Road redevelopment plan

Content knowledge

Academic English



Young Post

"However, there are still **concerns among** tenants and shop owners regarding the renewal plan. We interviewed some tenants on Kai Tak Road, and they pointed out that the renewal plan would require about 10 years to complete.

This timeline would cause shop owners to lose all of their regular customers, and since no amount of government compensation could make up for this, it would force small businesses into a tough spot."

Task 3: A letter to the Young Post about the Kai Tak Road / Sa Po Road redevelopment plan

Empathy and care for the community





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Module 4

Poem:

Kowloon City State of Mind by Cheng Tim Tim

Extended task: Appreciating a poem about Kowloon City

Identifying poetic devices

Q5 Read the poem again. Which phrase keeps repeating? (Repetition)

Reflecting on the poem

Q6(i) What is the reason why the above "better" things may not appear in the future? (Jamboard)

Q7 What message does the writer try to convey when she says "at least we're here together" in line 20? (Jamboard)



Refining the learning and teaching of integrated skills in S4 Before After

Heavy reliance on textbooks was observed.

Teachers mainly focused on task completion.

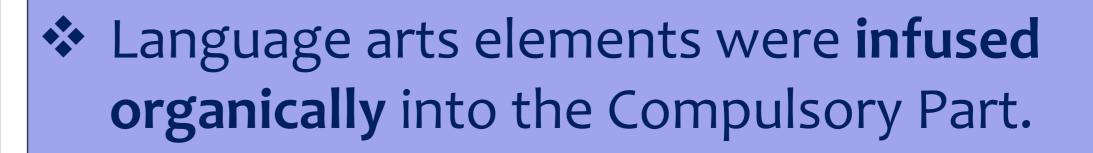
Over-emphasis on exam practices was observed.

Language arts elements were covered in isolation.



 Teachers focused more on skill development.

Authentic use of content knowledge and integrated skills was also emphasised.





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To broaden students' learning experiences

To foster students' whole-person development Students were equipped with useful integrated skills.

Students' awareness of the academic and creative uses of English was heightened.

Students' learning
 experiences were
 broadened through the
 cross-curricular LWL activity.

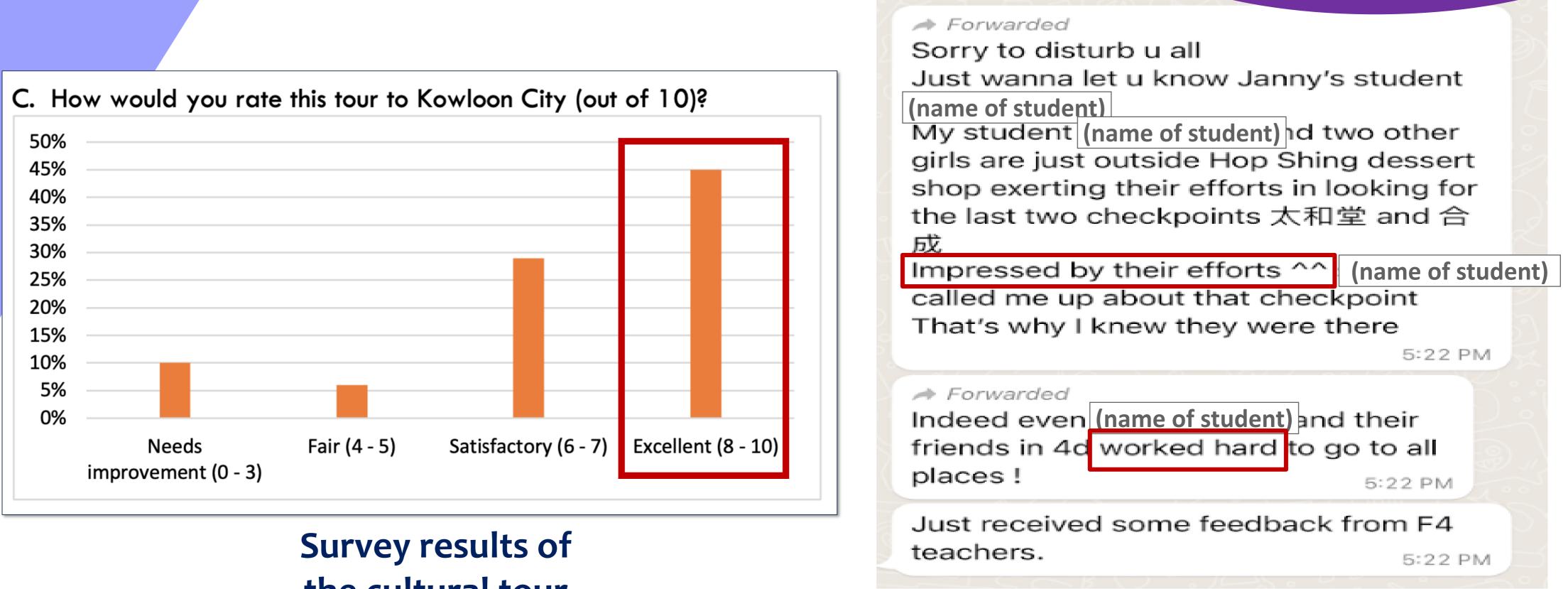
Students showed empathy and care for the neighbourhood of the school. Students' motivation to learn increased.

Students' collaboration and communication skills were enhanced.





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Survey results of the cultural tour of Kowloon City

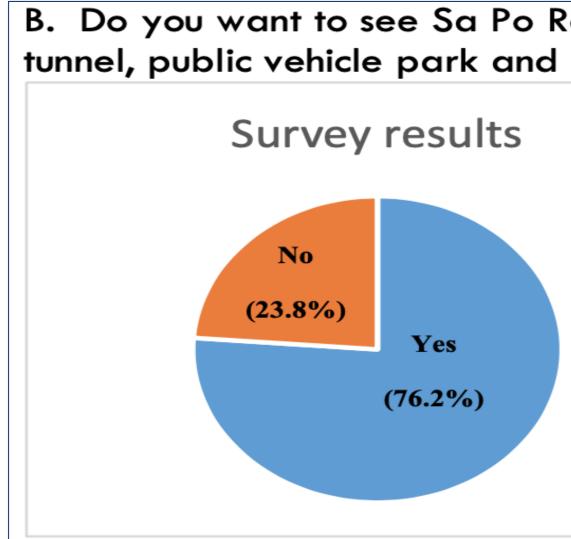
Students' motivation to learn increased.

Students' learning needs, interests and styles were catered for.

Teachers' observation (WhatsApp exchanges among teachers)



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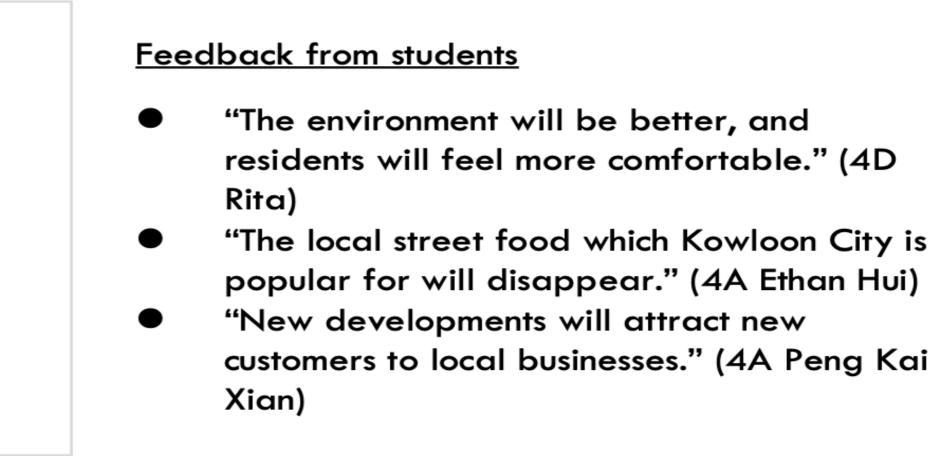
Survey results of the cultural tour of Kowloon City

Feedback from students:

- City." (4A Kristy Wong)
- know more about its history." (4D Kelly Wong)

Students showed empathy and care for the neighbourhood of the school.

B. Do you want to see Sa Po Road and Kai Tak Road re-developed so that a pedestrian tunnel, public vehicle park and a shopping street can be built underground?



"The tour provides a good chance for us to know more about the history of Kowloon

"I like Hau Wong Temple because there are so many monuments which can let me

To foster students' whole-person development

"I didn't realise students would have problems getting into groups or working with their group-mates. Maybe it's really because there's not been much group work since COVID." Students' collaboration and communication skills were enhanced.

"I was surprised that the students were **too shy to order food** in restaurants."

Teachers' observation "The cultural tour did provide students with an opportunity to improve their collaboration and comunication skills."



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Thank you

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