

YING WA COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL

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Mentorship Scheme 2016

1. Background and objectives

First launched in 2009, the Mentorship Scheme has been a huge success in the past years, thanks to the support of committed alumni and students. In light of career and life planning education, it is important for secondary students to make early preparation for their further studies and future careers. Therefore, harnessing the valuable work and life experience of alumni, the Mentorship Scheme aims at:

- A. Helping students gain insights into career and life planning;
- B. Promoting the bond between current students and alumni, bringing Ying Wa boys of different times together; and
- C. Strengthening the Ying Wa Spirit.

2. Grouping

Participants of the scheme will be divided into groups:

- A. In each group, there are around 3 alumni mentors and 5-10 mentees from Secondary 5.
 Mentors and mentees are matched primarily according to the mentees' career interest. Their extra-curricular activities and personal interest will also be taken into account.
- B. Total number of groups: around 15





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3. Activities

A. Compulsory assignment for S.5 students

Students have to interview old boys and write up a career research report as a piece of English language homework.

B. Regular group gatherings

In order to strengthen the bond between mentees and mentors, they are recommended to hold activities on their initiative after the kick-off ceremony of the Mentorship Scheme. These activities are flexible by nature, which should fit the needs and interest of the group members.

The following are the suggested activities:

- i) Lunch/dinner gatherings
- ii) Visit to mentors' workplaces
- iii) Job shadowing/ short-term internship at mentors' workplaces
- iv) Activities held by the OBA

4. Conclusion

Friendship

Guidance

Understanding

Through the 3 stages as shown in the figure above – friendship, understanding and guidance, we do believe that mentors and mentees can establish a closer relationship and mentors can provide valuable guidance for mentees, helping the latter make important decisions in their life.