




Whole School Approach to Effective Communication

Effective Communication Across The Curriculum
NUS High School of Mathematics & Science

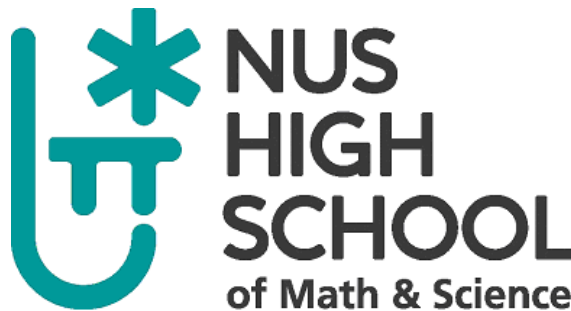


Presentation Overview

- **Programmes for Staff**
 - Workshops
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 - School-Wide: Language Games
 - Level-based: Spelling Bee and Public Speaking Challenge
 - Curriculum-based: Authentic Speaking Tasks and Enrichment Workshops
 - Cross-Department Collaboration: Public Speaking Competition and Science Presentations

About NUS High School

- An independent school that specialises in Math and Science
- 6-year Integrated Programme
- Affiliated to the NUS
- Students are awarded the NUS High School Diploma based on the modules taken



EXPERIMENT . EXPLORE . EXCEL



SCHOOL VISION

**To be a Wellspring of
Inspiration for
Math & Science
Education and Research**

MISSION

Nurture well-rounded and world-ready scientific minds to make distinguished contributions as **P**ioneers, **A**chievers, **T**hinkers & **H**umanitarians

TAKING THE **PATH**
LESS TRAVELLED...

What are the distinctive characteristics & qualities that NUS High School seeks to develop in our students?

Well-Rounded

- Pioneers
- Achievers
- Thinkers
- Humanitarians

World Ready

- Cultural Sensitivity
- Global Mindset
- Adaptability
- Sense of Humility

Scientific Minds

- Intellectual Curiosity
- Critical, Creative & Innovative Thinkers
- Zest & Tenacity in Learning

Programmes for Staff - Promotion

Promotion of Programmes

- Workshops for the year announced in January during contact time
- Voluntary sign up
- Targetted to cater to their working needs
- Based on feedback forms/ email/ verbal communication


Programmes for Staff

In-house Workshops

| Speaking | Writing |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| A Pronunciation Workshop | Get it Write! - A writing workshop |
| Communicating effectively Workshop | “Fix it” Workshop |
| Success with Presentation (by vendor) | Email Writing Workshop (by vendor) |
| | An advanced grammar & writing workshop |
| | Testimonial Writing for Year 6 Mentors |

Grammar/ Writing workshops

Get it Write!
A Writing Workshop
by the NUS High School English Department



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Conducted in 2011

Nitty Gritty Grammar
A Grammar Workshop
by the NUS High School English Department

verb
adverb
noun
pronoun
adjective
vowel
consonant

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Pronunciation workshops

{To-mah-toe} {To-mei-toe} A Pronunciation Workshop by the NUS High School English Language Department



/tə meɪtəʊ/ OR /tə mɑːtəʊ/

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CONNECTED SPEECH A Pronunciation Workshop by the NUS High School English Language Department



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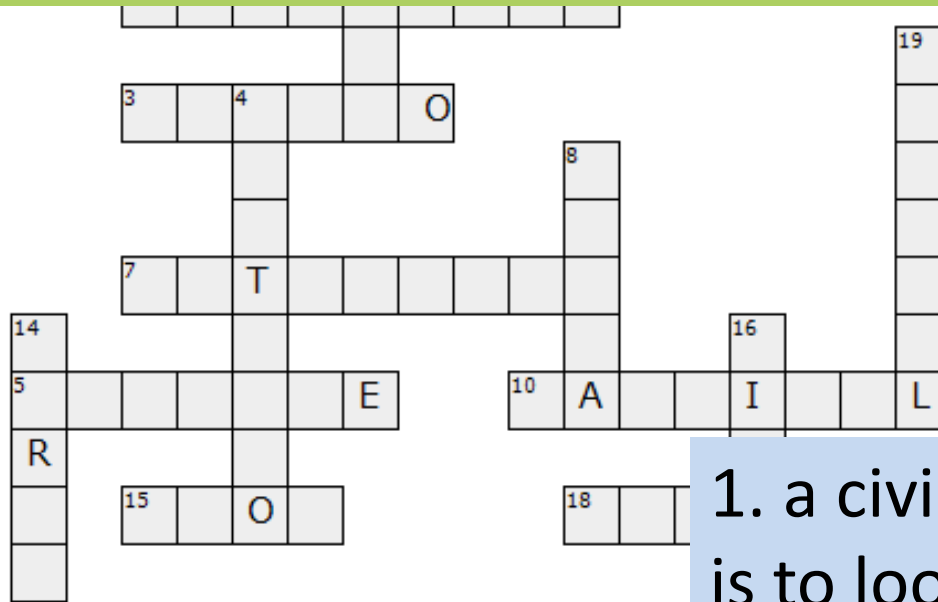
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Programmes for Staff

Language Games (2011 & 2012)

- InterLingua
- Word Play: Doublets
- Grammar Focus

EL Games



Across:

1. a civil servant whose duty is to look into complaints against abuse of power made against government officials
3. a hooded garment used to shelter one from the rain
5. something which best exemplifies a quality
6. to forcibly convert someone by means of propaganda
7. a watercraft
9. a small recessed part of a room
10. an organism which eats its own kind
12. masculine
15. berserk
18. characterized by sound thinking

Down:

2. a sheltered part of a building
4. master
8. reference to a coup d'état
11. used to describe the stock market
13. tangible currency
14. meat strips used to seal a wind
16. fast
17. rope-like fit
19. woolly fabric used to make towels
20. an error or malfunction

1. a civil servant whose duty is to look into complaints against abuse of power made against government officials

3. a hooded garment used to shelter one from the rain

EL Games

LUNGS to HEART in 8 moves

Doublets is a game where two words are proposed, and other words, each containing one letter from each word, are suggested. For example, the word 'head' may be suggested between 'head' and 'tail'.

Now do the same for

FUEL to CELL

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| C | E | L |

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These words: 'Two words together by interposing ... As an example, the words 'tell' and 'tall' are interposed between 'l' and 't'.

LUNGS to HEART in 8 moves

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Programmes for Students: School wide

Language Games (2011 & 2012)

- Word Play: Doublets
- Semantic Smackdown
- Crossword puzzles
- Copy for Commercials

EL Games

NOTICE

Mr. Decimal Point, Officer-in-charge of NUSHS Student Notices, will be away on medical leave till further notice.

The reason he is away is because of suspected food poisoning. A X-ray test will be done to determine if the artesian chocolates he had accidentally consumed are the cause of this

aviation safety

Please call us :
Airport Security

Programmes for Students: Level-based

Spelling Bee and Public Speaking Challenge

- **Years 1—3: Spelling Bee**
 - Preliminaries conducted in class (100% participation)
- **Years 4—6: Public Speaking Challenge**
 - Semi-finals: 1 representative from each class

Promotion of student programmes



THE ANNUAL NUS HIGH SCHOOL
SPELL-OFF

FINALS 9TH JULY 2012, 3PM
NUS HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Organized by The NUS High School English
Department and Library Committee

THE NUS HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

THE SENIOR HIGH

PUBLIC SPEAKING CHALLENGE

FINAL ROUND

13TH AUGUST | 3.00PM - 4.00PM | SCHOOL HALL

GUEST SPEAKERS

MR MURALI | MR CLIFTON SOH | MR LIM CHONG SHEN

JUDGES

MS LIM HUI WEN | MS BAY WEE WEN | MR ERIC VALLES



Programmes for Students: Curriculum-based

Authentic Speaking Tasks and Enrichment Workshops

- Post-examination enrichment workshops that tie in with module-based oral communication authentic assessments

| Authentic Assessment | Post-exam workshops (2012) |
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| Year 1: Show-and-tell; Story-telling | Story-telling |
| Year 2: Drama | Drama (run by module teachers) |
| Year 3: Debate; Commercial Production | Introduction to Debates |
| Year 4: Advocacy Speech | Public Speaking |
| Year 5 & 6: Research Project Presentation | Film Appreciation (run by module teachers) |

Student Programmes - Snapshots

Debate Workshop conducted by vendor

In-house Drama Workshop conducted by
module teachers

Programmes for Students: Cross-Department Collaboration

National Education Committee

- National Day Video-making competition 2011

Affective and Character Education (ACE) Department

- Topics for the Semi-finals of the Public Speaking Competition were based on the themes covered in ACE lessons e.g. Integrity

Programmes for Students: Cross-Department Collaboration

Research Department:

- Science Presentation module
- Core Module for all Year 2 students
- 2 hours/ Week
- 1 Science and 1 English Language Teacher to assess each presentation

Exemplar

How does it work?

- Genetically modified virus with instructions for nicotine antibodies is used to infect the liver.



Evaluation and Recommendation

Challenges faced – staff workshops

1) Timing

- rather difficult to organize workshops around school calendar; many teachers who indicated interest were unable to attend because of timing

2) Demanding

- Conducting in-house workshops are demanding as EL teachers are not trained to teach adults; EL teachers also have to put aside a lot of time to prepare and run these workshops

Evaluation and Recommendation

Challenges faced- student programmes

1) Appeal

- Coming up with suitable school-wide games which appeal to students of all age groups

2) Coordination

- Organising level wide competitions requires much coordination and it is also quite difficult to find the assembly slots to run these competitions

Plans for 2013

Staff

- Bite-size lunchtime learning moments
- Monthly bulletin (EL trivia and Games)

Students

- Junior High & Senior High Competitions
- Games

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