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Foreword

Dear students,
In the third issue of Student's Voice, you will find out that student life in BCA Academy is never dull. Among other things, you will learn that there is a strong spirit of friendship among students in BCAA. You'll also find out why handphones are so important to students in the academy. Let Student's Voice be a bond between you and your fellow students in building a caring and cohesive student community at BCAA.

Let's hear how students gain a wider English vocabulary through the Pictionary Contest organised by Learning Dept in Student Council.

Learning through play - Pictionary Contest



On 13th August, the English Society of the Learning Department held an English competition – Rock The Board. Students from the DSFM programme also helped out in this activity.

The main purposes of this competition were to improve students' English skills and enhance interaction among students of different nationalities. Students took their initiative to learn more English words, using their creative imagination to draw and guess the meaning of the words.

Students from different programmes participated in the competition. Members of each group worked hard for their own group and cooperated well with each other. On the whole, this event ran smoothly and was quite interesting. The most important thing was that through this game, we learnt new words and we also had a chance to interact with fellow students from the other programmes.

Suki Ye Yi Han – DDIL 2B



Jason wants to tell you that there is a strong spirit of friendship at BCA Academy.

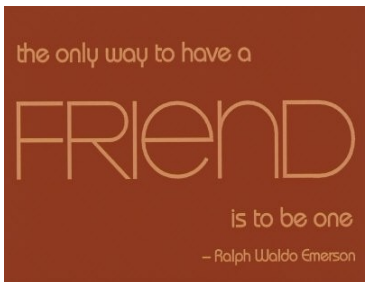
Friendship across cultures



It has been over a year since I have been studying in BCA Academy. It is a good place to study and students from BCAA are generally friendly, helpful and they respect each other. In our school, most of the students are from China and Myanmar with some from Malaysia. There are also some local students and a few from Indonesia. It is an international school.

My schoolmates are playful but hardworking. Regardless of our different nationalities, we get along quite well though sometimes, we disagree and quarrel. But, we make up fairly quickly. Our lecturers are qualified and most are friendly. They guide us and show concern about our well-being. The Academy is like a big family.

I have made some good friends since my EPC days and enjoy studying in BCA Academy. **Jason Myat Tun Lin – DME 2B**



Want to hear why Yuxi enjoys watching 'Inception' so much?

My favourite movie



What's the best movie you have ever watched? If you ask me, I would say it is 'Inception'.

It is an interesting movie which shows a world where people can enter other people's dreams. Cobb, the character is acted by Leonardo DiCaprio, who illegally gets into dreams to steal information. He does this by a portable device, which is like an injection into the person's bloodstream. In one scene, Cobb's team enters a person's dream while on an airplane.

The movie is well shot and it has a magical effect. Yes, it is not easy to understand the movie sometimes.

So what are you waiting for? Get the DVD and watch this movie at home with your friends. Enjoy the visual shock that it brings to you. If you have watched and enjoyed 'Titanic', then you will like this movie too. It is equally thrilling. **Ma Yuxi - DDIL 1B**



Do you know why handphones are so important to BCAA students?

My handphone and I



Do you have a handphone? Very likely, you have one. At BCAA, many students have handphones. Why are handphones so important to us? Well, my handphone allows me to get in touch with my friends. We send each other text messages, even pictures!

I cannot live without my handphone. Why, you may ask? It contains all my friends' personal information such as their telephone numbers, pictures and also important text messages. If I need to talk to my friends or schoolmates, I just need to call or SMS them. It is so convenient because of technology. Without my handphone, I can't keep in touch with my friends

and I will feel bored and lost.

My handphone may not be expensive but it is very useful to me. I use it every day. What about you? **Wang Mian - DDIL2A**



How much do you know about AgroResin?

Eco-friendly solution



Do you know AgroResin is the first molded fibre composite packaging material that is made from plant fibre? It is developed by a local firm, GRENIDEA. This series of renewable food packaging material covers a wide range, from plates and cups to cutlery. This fantastic product is produced from sustainable cellulose fibres of corn, bamboo shoots, rice wheat, etc.

AgroResin is eco-friendly in terms of its recyclability. The product shows there is no need for petroleum dependency and hence, it helps the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emission. AgroResin is also easily-molded using industrial technologies i.e.,

wet forming, thermal drying or press-curing.

This food packaging material is also grease-resistant, heat-proof and lastly, it is microwaveable. This product is already available in local supermarkets. Why not try using AgroResin now? I am sure it will be a good dining alternative besides being environmentally friendly too. **Jason Chan Fu Xiang - DDIL 3B**



Xinan wants to introduce her hometown, Xi'an to you.

About Xi'an - My hometown



Xi'an is the capital city of Shanxi province. In ancient times, this historical city was called Chang'an. It is one of the oldest cities in the world with a rich history and culture. The most famous site is the Terracotta Army, which was said to protect Emperor Qin Shi Huang.

Visitors to Xi'an must do two things: One is to see the clay figures of the terracotta warriors and horses which are housed in the Mausoleum; the other is to taste the local delicacies.

You must try *Yang Rou Pao Mo*, a soup dish that involves breaking wheat flour flat bread into a bowl and adding a delicious mutton stock. When the steaming hot meal is brought in, the waiter will also offer you crisp pickled garlic, coriander, and hot pepper sauce. This dish is simply delicious!

Another famous Xi'an snack is *Qinzheng Liang Pi* which has more than 200 years of history. This dish is made of rice flour and is also a favourite with many visitors. Welcome to Xi'an, my hometown. Come and experience the place and its unique culture. **Xinan – DCE 3A**



Want to find out about Ma Qing's love for comic animation characters?

My love affair with animation characters



Though I have become an adult, I am still a fan of animation characters, especially those in Japanese comic books. I still remember Ninja Turtles and Sailor Moon. You can say I grew up with these comics and animation characters.

I recalled how after school, I would pack my bag as fast as I could and rushed home so that I would not miss my favourite animation programme. Why do I like such animation characters? Well, reading these comic books or watching such animation shows help me to relax. In books and on television, these animation characters resemble real-life heroes. They face lots of difficulties and yet never give up.

Reading comics and watching television animation encourage me a lot, so I hope it will also do the same for you. **Ma Qing – DME 2B**



Students, stay 'tuned' to the *Student's Voice* to hear what your schoolmates have to say. You will discover more about them and their cultures.

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