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Foreword

Dear students,

By the time you see this fifth issue of Student's Voice, you will realise that Christmas is just around the corner. In this issue, you'll find out more about Christmas, how playing computer games may actually be useful to students and how technology can help students in learning. Share your experiences with your fellow schoolmates. Let Student's Voice be a bond between you and your fellow students in building a caring and cohesive student community at BCAA.

Let April tell you what she thinks of Christmas

Christmas and I



The Christmas event is a once-a-year celebration and is a time of get-together for families and friends. No matter how far people may be away from each other, they will try to return to their homes to celebrate this important occasion with their loved ones.

If we think about Christmas, we think about the Christmas tree and its decorations, which are symbols of the Xmas celebration. But do you know Christmas is also about fashion? Nowadays, trendy young people wear boots, jeans and sweaters to match the Christmas mood. Even the weather plays its part. It is usually raining and wet which gives us the feeling of a 'winter' Xmas in Singapore.

I am studying in Singapore so I will celebrate Christmas here. I am getting ready to do my Christmas shopping. What about you? Are you ready to celebrate Christmas with your friends and family? Start shopping for your loved ones today.

Zin April Aung - DME 1B



Wan Lei wants to tell you about the life of a Singaporean student.

Life as a Singaporean student



The life of a Singapore student is certainly not a bed of roses. We work just as hard as our fellow international students to compete in academic performance. Like all students, we are confronted with a number of subjects which are designed to help us achieve our course objectives. Despite the heavy schedule in school, we still find time for play.

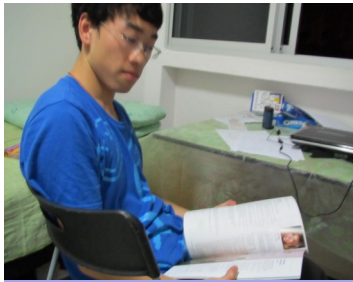
I enjoy my leisure very much; it not only rejuvenates my flagging spirits after a tiring day at school, but also helps me to bond with my fellow students. I remembered a trip to a resort with my schoolmates during the last term break. Despite our different backgrounds, we relaxed with nature as we enjoyed each other's company. I treasured the friendship we had built on the trip and the memorable moments which we shared. At the end of the trip, I also had a better understanding of my foreign classmates.

Shi Wan Lei – DCE2B



Let's find out how Ming Xing manages his time.

How well do you manage your time?



Nowadays, computers and the Internet are supposed to make life easier for us by helping us in our work and study. However, some students have become so obsessed with surfing the Internet that they did not manage their time properly. Good time management helps us to study efficiently. For me, I always create a schedule or to-do list and write down the things which I need to do. I also prioritise what I need to do; that means I

do the most important things first. A good schedule makes us study more efficiently by managing our time better.

Once I have drawn up the list, I try to follow. That way, I make sure the tasks get done. But remember to leave some time for sports and recreation. Striking a balance between study and play helps us learn better. Come on, let's do it! **Wu Ying Xing – DCE 2B**



Don't be surprised when Micky tells you playing computer games is useful.

Playing computer games is ok



In this age of technology, playing computer games has become a common way of relaxation and recreation for students. Speaking for myself, I do enjoy playing computer games. Throughout the academic years since my childhood, I have been studying hard, exercising regularly and playing computer games within the limit.

I feel playing computer games has greatly benefited me. Yes, computer games have an educational value: playing computer games has dramatically improved my vocabulary as well as my communication skills. It has also shown me the value of teamwork and given me a wide range of knowledge beyond my reach in real life. Last but not least, playing computer memory games has improved my memory skills. My favorite game is "DOTA" – a teamwork based game. As playing computer games has its pros and cons, it is a controversial issue. However, I can say you that if you game within the limit, the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. **Micky Toe Aung - DCE 1B**



Xiao Tong will tell you that her Ipod Touch is a great daily companion.

My Ipod Touch and I



Actually, I didn't want to buy the gadget at first, but after the sales person had introduced it to me, I changed my mind.

The Ipod Touch can perform many functions and is also fashionable. It is slim and is a portable media player. Like most young people, I love listening to music so the Ipod Touch is just the thing for me.

On my way home or going to school, the songs in my Ipod Touch entertain me and keep me company. I have countless of songs in my Ipod Touch. I m very happy that I have chosen this product which has become my daily companion.

Dou Xiao Tong - DSFM2



Let Chris tell you how playing football bonds him with fellow students.

Bonding through playing football



When I stepped into BCA Academy compound, I saw the famous ZEB building. Then I noticed the football court. It later became the place for my schoolmates and me to play football.

Since my friends and I are very fond of playing football, we had a game every evening. Some of my classmates are Chinese and we become friends through playing football. After studying in class for 1 or 2 hours, we are all anxious to get out and play. Our football team is named "Hexa" and I am one of the players. Our seniors also have their own football teams. I love to play football with the senior students as I can get to know them better.

I do really love to play football at school. I think playing football not only helps to improve our health but it also bonds us with our school mates. Playing football also helps to relax our mind and it is a good form of physical exercise. **Chris Aye Min Win - DDIL 1G**



Let's find out from Vulcan how globalisation affects our lives.

Globalisation and its effects



Every day, we hear about it on the news, read it in the newspapers or overhear people talking about it. So, what is globalisation about? Is it good for us?

In my opinion, the core value of globalisation is economic growth. In recent years, more economic activities take place between people who live in different countries. International trade, growth of import and export, foreign investments, foreign loans and bonds, and many others are related to globalisation. For example, nowadays, many Chinese students study overseas. They use American brand of handphone, wear Italian clothes and eat Korean food. Economic globalisation has different consequences on businesses all over the world and influences our lives very much.

We are now more fully involved in a global economic system than our parents or grandparents in their time. Many people work overseas and have become familiar with the different cultures of the countries they work in. Globalisation has helped cross-border economic ties as people accept and learn from the cultures of others. **Vulcan Wang Yu Chao - DDIL12B**



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