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## Congratulations

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Congratulations to the Form 6 on their achievements in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE). SUM Hiu Fung (6G) achieved the maximum score of 49 or 7 x 5\*\*, one of 4 boys in Hong Kong to do so. The College also had a significant increase in the number of boys awarded 5, 5\* or 5\*\*. Pleasing to note also was the improvement in achievement in Chinese Language which the College sought with only a small number of boys not attaining the necessary level 3.

Pictured are top achievers for 2013:

SUM Hiu Fung, LAI Pok Yin, TSE Ka Yin,

POON Henry Arthur, WONG Ka Yung, CHIU Chun Hei



## Reminders

### Edmonton

#### Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Aug 2, 2013 (every first Friday)  
Time noon  
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓

#### Summer BBQ

Date Sep 7, 2013  
Time 5pm – 9pm  
Contact [billshwong@shaw.ca](mailto:billshwong@shaw.ca)

### San Francisco Bay Area

#### Bimonthly Lunch gathering

Date Aug 3, 2013 (1st Sat of every other month)  
Time 1:00 pm- 3:00pm  
Venue ABC Seafood Restaurant  
973 E Hillsdale Blvd,  
Foster City, CA 94404.  
Contact [sf@lscoba.com](mailto:sf@lscoba.com)

### Southern California

#### Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date every first Sunday  
Time noon to 2 pm  
Venue Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant  
111 N. Atlantic Blvd., 3/F, Monterey Park

## About this newsletter

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## Chapter News

### Toronto Chapter

#### 2013 Brother Thomas Cup Golf Tournament

“Fore! “ - The 2013 Tournament took place on July 20 at the Station Creek North Course, a Cluklink facility in the Stouffville area, located to the north of Toronto. 12 La Salle old boys and 11 guests teed-off on a perfect Saturday afternoon – sunny, temperature in the mid-20’s with a slight breeze. This perfect golf weather came after a week’s heat wave in the Toronto area with a violent thunderstorm on the day before the tournament. It appears someone upstairs was looking after us.

Last year’s Thomas Cup winner, Robert Cheng came back and successfully defended his title – well done, Robert!

This year’s results:

	Men’s	Women’s	Guests’
Low Net Winner	John Yeung	Edith Wong (Good Hope)	Lawrence Cheung
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Miguel Rzorio		Stephen Law
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Philip Wong		
Longest Drive	Teddy Chan	Lizzie Der (Good Hope)	
Closest to Pin	Sing-Gin Louie	Cassie Chu (Good Hope)	
Low Gross	Teddy Chan (Score of 79)		

Brother Thomas Club Winner     Robert Cheng (Score of 79)

Philip Wong (1967)



Albert Ho (52) kept track the food quality of our presentation dinner and Chris Fong (94) staffed the registration desk



Title Winners Group Photo



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Following the tournament, golfers and guests enjoyed a delicious Chinese-style dinner at the Mandarin Golf & Country Club.

I would like to thank the organizing committee of John Yeung and Kevin Kwok for their time and commitment. Special thanks to Chris Fong in staffing the registration desk and looking after payments and Kevin Kwok who acted as MC for prize presentation and event photographer. We hope to see everyone back next year.

Our next golfing event will be the Joint School Golf Tournament on September 22 at Station Creek South course. For those interested, please contact Kevin Kwok, Chris Fong or John Yeung.



L-R: Philip Wong (67), President, Robert Cheng (76),  
Brother Thomas Club Winner, John Yeung, Vice President (73)



L-R: Dr. William Chan (69) presented  
the trophy to our president, Philip Wong (67)

## Vancouver Chapter

### New Board of Directors and Officers

**Victor Leung (1977)**

President	YIP, Ralph (1962)	
Vice President	Domingo, Nick (1963)	
Vice President / Webmaster	LEUNG, Victor (1977)	
Secretary	<i>currently vacant (This role will be rotated among the president and VPs until filled.)</i>	
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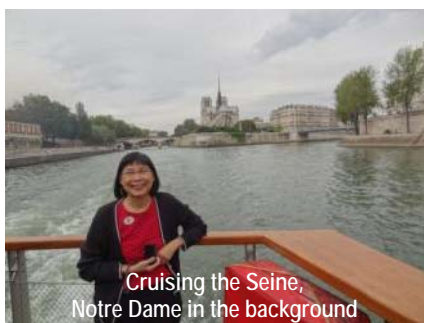
## Life Update

### A British Isles Mini-Odyssey (part 3)

William Lai (1961)

This part consists of a salad of places visited in previous trips to the UK. The binding themes of these seemingly disparate sites are my La Salle days and Canadian experiences. Many of the spots visited we had learned about in our history and geography classes in LSC. Others have some relation to Canadian history. These themes converge in the York Regimental Museum where artifacts from and tributes to Baden-Powell, the scouting movement founder, and General Wolfe who won the Battle on The Plains of Abraham, thus shaping Canada, are housed under the same roof in near proximity to each other.

William Lai (1961)



Cruising the Seine,  
Notre Dame in the background

#### Paris

The last port of call before returning to Southampton was Le Havre, France. We took a day trip into Paris. We had been to this glamorous metropolis several times before but had never taken a boat ride on the Seine. We did a lunch cruise on the Seine this time, which provided a more relaxed appreciation of most of the well-known sites such as the Eiffel Tower without having to fight the crowds.



Eiffel Tower from Seine cruise

#### Recommended

A cruise vacation on a large ocean liner is supposed to be a relaxing affair in a pampering environment. But for us, this voyage was a rather busy one, with all day trips we took at every port of call. But we did quite have a fulfilling tour and a very insightful look at the multiple cultures in these British Isles. I would highly recommend it, especially to those interested in British history but not that interested in packing and unpacking and hauling your luggage on a daily basis as in a land tour of essentially the same itinerary.

#### Previous excursions

While I'm on the topic, I thought I'd include a few other British historical spots that we had visited before. I remember learning about the events associated with these localities in our history classes in La Salle.

#### The White Cliffs of Dover

Some of the WWII music remained quite popular in immediate post-war Hong Kong while I was growing up. The war had a profound effect on my mother who lost her father in a Japanese POW camp. She would often tune in to radio stations that played this music, the most prominent of which was Vera Lynn's *The White Cliffs of Dover*. I was practically imprinted with the song for the countless times I had heard it. I promised myself that I would be on the White Cliffs of Dover someday. That day was July 21, 2010.



The iconic segment of the White Cliffs



Close-up view of the Cliffs



Me on the White Cliffs of Dover



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*The White Cliffs of Dover* was widely believed to be an ode to The Battle of Britain in 1940 when the outnumbered British Fighter Command heroically defeated the German Luftwaffe thus forestalling Hitler's plan to invade Britain. The "Blue birds" in the lyrics supposedly referred to the Spitfires and Hurricanes that did all the damage to the German air force.

We also visited a Battle of Britain museum related to the Battle. It looked as though every piece of scrap metal from the Battle was collected there. Some of the cabinets displayed items more correctly labelled as war junk than relics of the war. I think that suggests that the Battle of Britain is still having an emotional impact on the Brits today. Unfortunately, no photos were allowed inside.

The Battle of Britain inspired the famous saying from Winston Churchill: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few". That saying was edged in concrete outside of the memorial to the Battle not far from the museum.



Battle of Britain Memorial



Churchill's words etched in stone



Site of the Battle of Hastings

## Hastings

One can say that the real original battle of Britain was fought almost a thousand years ago, in 1066 at the Battle of Hastings. William the Conqueror, well, conquered England and started the country eventually known as the United Kingdom after much growing pain. The battle ground has been preserved in much the way as it was. We visited it some time ago.



Hastings Abbey



Cathedral courtyard

## Canterbury

The two most prominent names associated with Canterbury, besides the cathedral itself, are Thomas Becket and Geoffrey Chaucer. I remember learning about the former in La Salle and the latter in English literature in university.

Thomas Becket, later canonised, was the Archbishop of Canterbury. He stubbornly refused to grant King Henry II power over the Church. For his troubles, he was brutally hacked to death right in the nave of the Canterbury Cathedral by order of the King, in 1170. That very spot has been a shrine for centuries. We visited the shrine.

Chaucer, known as the Father of English Literature, is best known for *The Canterbury Tales*, a collection of stories about making a pilgrimage to Becket's shrine. The Tales has been considered as a major turning point in the English language as it popularized the use of English (albeit the "olde" style) as opposed to the then more common Latin or French. The Tales are told inside St Margaret' Church in the form of static models and sound effects.



Exact spot where Thomas Becket was murdered



The Canterbury Tales are told in this refurbished church



A scene from the Canterbury Tales exhibits





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## Guy Fawkes

Inexplicably, November 5 Guy Fawkes Day has stuck in my mind ever since I came across it in one of our history classes in La Salle. Guy Fawkes was, well, the guy who was to assassinate King James with a large load of gunpowder on November 5, 1605. But the plot was discovered in time and Fawkes and his co-conspirators were caught and executed. November 5 has since been celebrated in Britain to commemorate the failed attempt on the King's life. It's baffling that a day has been named after a terrorist for commemoration. Moreover, the building where Guy Fawkes was born in York is now marked as a tourist attraction and converted into a popular inn and pub frequented by many tourists, including us a few years ago.



Guy Fawkes birthplace, now Inn and Pub



On board HMS Victory, Portsmouth



Exact spot where Nelson died

## Lord Nelson

Admiral Horatio Nelson, memorialised with a column in London's Trafalgar Square, is the British Navy personified. His many successes and accomplishments established Britain as the world's then naval superpower. But unfortunately he was gunned down in the heat of the 1805 Battle of Trafalgar in his flagship HMS Victory. The vessel is now a floating museum in Portsmouth. We were at the very spot where he was shot.

## Captain Cook

We learnt about the exploits of Captain James Cook in our history and geography classes. He is generally known as a wide-ranging explorer sailing around the world. He once commanded the legendary HMS Endeavour. Less well known is his connection to Canada. He was party to the capture of then French-held Louisbourg in Nova Scotia and then Quebec City, paving the way to the English victory at the Plains of Abraham. Directly and indirectly, Cook played a significant role in the formation of Canada as it is today.

Captain Cook had humble beginnings. He was born in Yorkshire. At age 16, he tried his hands at being a grocer's helper but did not do well. He then moved to Whitby where he apprenticed with a local ship-owner. There he caught the sea-faring bug and, as the saying goes, the rest is history. The house where he lived as an apprentice is now the Captain Cook Memorial Museum in Whitby where we visited on one of our trips to Yorkshire.



Where Cook lived is now a museum about him



Whitby harbour, where Capt Cook learnt his craft



Plaque marking Cook's residence



Looking out to the harbour from Cook's residence



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## York, England

Besides providing a name for what was to become the largest metropolis in the New World, York England also produced many prominent historical figures, two of whom I'll relate.

For us 17ers, the most important person was the founder of the scouting movement, Robert Baden-Powell. He was a military man with much field and administrative experience. He had served in many capacities and units. He was once the Lieutenant-Colonel of the 5th Dragoon Guards stationed in York. The Regimental Museum

in York has a display of Baden-Powell's memorabilia commemorating his founding of the scouts.

Also housed in the same museum is a bit of Canadian history. The man credited with winning the war on the Plains of Abraham was General James Wolfe who served with the Yorkshire Regiment. A model of that battle,

Wolfe's last order in that campaign and related written and graphic documents occupy a significant position in the museum. Wolfe was killed by a sniper in the battle. The General James Wolfe Monument in the Plains of Abraham Park marks the exact spot where Wolfe died. The famous painting, *The Death of General James Wolfe*, by Benjamin West hangs in the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa.



Baden-Powell and me



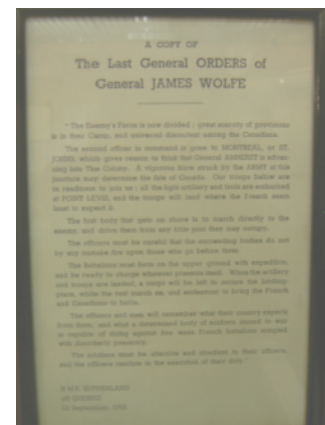
Closer look at Baden-Powell's scouting exhibit case



Regimental Museum in York housing artefacts from Baden-Powell and General Wolfe



General Wolfe's exhibits, complete with the Plains of Abraham battle map



Wolfe's last order before he died

## Home-coming, of sorts

Very few people know that our adopted hometown, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was named after a small town north of London, England. We visited Edmonton, England in one of our trips. The town itself is not that impressive but it was interesting to see and be in the original Edmonton. Now we can call ourselves real Edmontonians.



Edmonton, England



Edmonton, England claims to have good shopping, but no West Edmonton Mall



Edmonton England main drag





## School News

Excerpts from <http://www.lasalle.edu.hk>

**2013-07-07**

### International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Award Presentation

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) administered by the University of New South Wales (UNSW) held an award ceremony in Hong Kong on Saturday 6th July. The College has all Form 1-3 students participate in the assessment (in English) in English, Mathematics, and Science. The ICAS assessment is now administered in over 20 countries and has over 2 million student entries annually giving each student a clear bench mark of his global performance. La Salle College had students achieve perfect scores and attain in the top 1% of the candidature. The top students in each subject in each year level across all entries are awarded a medal. Three students from La Salle College received medals this year. They were

MAI kok Chi Curtis (F1) & LAM Wai Chung (F1)	Mathematics (in English)
YU Hoi Wai (F2)	Science (in English)

	English	Mathematics	Science
High Distinction (Top 1%)	Form 1 - 4 students Form 2 - 9 students Form 3 - 6 students	Form 1 - 20 students Form 2 - 15 students Form 3 - 18 students	Form 1 - 7 students Form 2 - 9 students Form 3 - 5 students
Distinction	Form 1 - 64 students Form 2 - 41 students Form 3 - 50 students	Form 1 - 71 students Form 2 - 57 students Form 3 - 50 students	Form 1 - 44 students Form 2 - 43 students Form 3 - 32 students

**2013-07-17**

### La Salle College Wins JA Competition

La Salle College retained the title from last year winning the Junior Achievement International Trade Challenge Competition. CHEW Wen Bin and HUI Yiu Ngai gave their final presentation today (July 17th) at the FedEx office, Cyberport. The competition required teams to develop an investment project in Ethiopia. Chew Wen Bin and Hui Ngai Ngai investigated needs in Ethiopia and decided upon the provision of an environment friendly sewerage collection system at no cost to the consumer as profits would be generated from the sale of by products such as organic fertilizer. They found there is limited sewerage collection in Ethiopia as incomes are low and towns and cities cannot afford such infrastructure. Wen Bin and Yiu Ngai will represent Hong Kong in the Asian Regional JA Competition in August.







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**2013-07-23**

## **Chinese Debating Team Wins JSEA Competition**

The La Salle College Chinese Debating won their 3<sup>rd</sup> competition for the year on Sunday 21st July, the Joint Schools Economics Association (JSEA) Chinese Debating Competition. This is the first time in over nine years that the College has won this competition. The topic was about the Australian Carbon Trading Scheme. La Salle College argued in the affirmative.

Best Debater	KU Clement (4G)
Team Members	WU Reagan (4F), CHAN Kan Yin (4F)

Other members include:

LI Barry 5G,	HUNG Ernest 5F,	WAN Anson 5G,	LEE Simon 4E,
WAN Carl 4F,	TANG Jason 4G,	KWONG Justin 4G,	LEE Jonathan 4E,
HO Edmund 3C,	LAM Dave 3A,	YU Ian 3C,	SIN Archie 3C,
MAK Ronnie 3C,	SO Max 3G		

Other Titles this year:

Champion - UNMDG Global Citizens Debate Competition (JCI Hong Kong)

Champion - Lions District 303 Chinese Debating Competition



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