The end of year came quickly to HKA lots of activity on campus! To those of you in the Northern Hemisphere, enjoy your summer holiday!

SAYING THANK YOU
We crowned the year as always with a brunch to thank volunteers. Over 200 parents and guardians volunteered at HKA this last year in dozens of capacities. Head of School, Stephen Dare, gave the official word of thanks to the volunteers and wished leaving volunteers well as their families move on from HKA.

TEAMWORK
Teamwork is important at HKA and with the growth in the Secondary School, HKA is fielding more official teams than ever, both in sports and in debate and Battle of the Books. This June, Hong Kong Academy held its first Team Recognition and Celebration event. This event highlighted participation in teams of all sorts, from sports to debate to Battle of the Books and recognised and thanked students for their dedication, their effort and their willingness to represent HKA off campus in competitive fields. Go Dragonflies!

ON CAMPUS...
1. Hong Kong’s major debate tournament took place on campus on 16th May, with HKA’s own Gwen Slaughter, Grade 9, placing first in the Impromptu category.
2. HKA hosted the Battle of the Books Finals on 21st May. HKA’s team earned a spot in the Finals when they placed first in the Semi-Finals. PLK Choi Kai Yau School won overall but the HKA team performed superbly.
3. The Secondary School celebrated “Allusion Day” on 30th April, and the halls were filled with students dressed as allusions to characters in Shakespeare plays. As you’ll see from the photos, togas were extremely popular!
On 28th May, HKA graduated 19 students in its fourth graduation ceremony. The theatre was full with family, friends, faculty and staff offering congratulations and wishing these young people well. As in the past, the Class of 2015 set the bar high for future classes in every pathway to individual excellence. But as Head of School Stephen Dare reminded the graduates in his speech, in the midst of all the justified talk of achievement and success, it’s important to remember to be happy. A meaningful education, and a meaningful life, includes happiness, joy and fun.

To see where HKA students are heading off for further study, check out this list of their university choices for 2015.
GRADE 4 PLAY
The Grade 4 Play is a longstanding tradition at HKA and each performance is highly anticipated. Always a highlight of the PS year and a showcase for PS talent, this year’s play was no exception. Students played instruments, sang, danced and delivered lines to the delight of parents, siblings, students, faculty and staff. As PS Principal Virginia Hunt observed, this effort is all about teamwork, with many students playing more than one part in that team effort. The Grade 4 play intentionally draws on the students’ many and diverse talents and provides multiple pathways to individual excellence. Well done Grade 4 students and many thanks to the Grade 4 faculty and all of the parents who supported the play as well. And a special word of thanks to the tech team who worked behind the scenes and ensured that the play was streamed live, giving family and friends around the world the opportunity to see these kids in action!

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
For the second year in a row, the Secondary School hosted a Renaissance Festival on the same day as Portfolio Share Day in the PS. The Festival built on last year’s success with more students participating in more arenas. Poetry, film, drama, dramatic adaptations and the visual arts were all on display. The creativity, initiative and personal expression were classic HKA!

HKA VOICES
HKA Voices is the magazine of Hong Kong Academy. ‘Voices’ is published twice a year and features articles and interviews from faculty, staff and students with guest contributions as well.

View the magazine at www.hkacademy.edu.hk/voices

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STAY CONNECTED!
Would you enjoy...
- Talking to Secondary School students about your career?
- Sharing with current students about your university as they make decisions regarding further education?
- Supporting families as they move away from HKA to other cities?
- Talking to parents who are considering HKA for their child?

If so, please email: communications@hkacademy.edu.hk
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Check out our Student Media Team's campus video!

You can also watch our “Shake it off” video from our End-of-Year Assembly

SEE YOU SOON IN LONDON!

Our next alumni and former family event will be in London on Thursday, 21st January 2016. We had a great turnout last year and hope to see you again this time. And kids are more than welcome!

Please mark the date now and look for more details in our next alumni eNews.

ONLINE COOKBOOK!

Our Community Fair involves a vast array of delicious dishes and we've made these dishes available for you to try at home with an online cookbook!

Click here to download the cookbook for free!

BEING TRUE TO OUR MISSION

Hong Kong Academy is a dynamic learning community that provides a rigorous international education characterised by mutual benefit and support. As an educational leader, HKA empowers learners to pursue pathways to individual excellence by fostering creativity, communication and problem solving skills. HKA learners develop an evolving understanding of our changing world, leading them to engage in responsible action motivated by their interests, strengths and ongoing reflection. HKA is committed to maintaining a diverse, collaborative and captivating learning environment in which students become adaptable, confident and tolerant, equipping them for the future.