



YWGSAA General Meeting 2024

# President's Report

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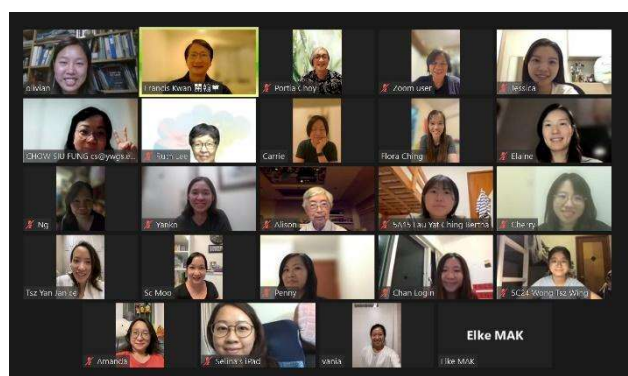
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## **Council Meetings (2023~2024)**

Three Alumnae Association (AA) Council meetings were conducted since the last AGM held on 25 March 2023. The meetings mainly focused on cooperating functions with school like AGM, Founder's Day service, YWGSAA Charity Trust Fund trustees' appointment and other administrative matters.

We are honoured to have Mr. Francis KWAN, the current School Principal, as the Designated Honorary Adviser of the Council and four respectful alumnae, namely, Dr. Alison LAM, Mrs. Katherine CHAU, Ms. CHAN Kwok Ying and Mrs. Ruth LEE, serving as our Honorary Advisers. School students were also invited to join our council meetings as alumnae assistants.



## Interaction with YWGS

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### 1. Bible Giving



At the beginning of the school year, the AA sent each S1 student a Bible as a welcoming gift. The students' names were hand-written by council members to add a personal touch.

Bibles were given to S1 students in September 2023.



### 2. S6 Orientation

The S6 orientation took place before the Speech Day on 11 July 2023. The AA President and choir member presented the AA and AA choir respectively to new graduates. The President welcomed them to the YWGSAA community.



### 3. Thanksgiving Sponsored Walk



Thanksgiving Sponsored Walk (SW) has been a traditional annual school event with the aim to raise funds for local charities.

The YWGSAA Sponsored Walk 2023 was held on 25 Nov 2023. Despite the windy morning, 77 alumnae from Class of 1966 to 2022, along with their families and our honorable guests,

Mr. and Mrs. Yeung, joined us for a superb walk from the Peak to the Robinson Road Campus.

From 2022, each participant would be given a specially designed metal pin of a pretty frangipani, symbolizing the memorable journey we embarked on together. The colour of the pin is different every year, hoping to give



an incentive for the alumnae to join this annual event and receive a whole collection of the pins. Ying Wa also held her Annual Sponsored Walk during Thanksgiving Week on 24 November 2023. This meaningful tradition reminds us of Ying Wa's core value of "to serve but not to be served". Our 77 alumnae raised more than \$96K, the joint efforts of AA and the school raised \$352K to be donated to 20 charitable organizations in Hong Kong under the school's patronage.





#### 4. Founder's Day Service and Lunch



This year, we decided to make a delightful change to our traditional format. Instead of our customary dinner gathering, we have planned a special LUNCH experience for all attendees.

We will have 32 tables with more than 380 alumnae and guests joining the Lunch at ClubOne, The Victoria Empire Centre Shopping Arcade on 23 March 2024. Except to provide concessionary rate to our young members, we also provide concessionary rate to senior members this year trying to connect more senior member through our events.

This gathering holds even greater meaning as we not only come together to connect to the spirit of the founders of our beloved alma mater, but also to express our deepest gratitude to the retiring teachers who have devoted themselves to the noble cause of education.

## Liaison

### 5. Newsletters



Two issues of the Alumnae Newsletter were produced and dispatched to members by post and by email since the last AGM. The October 2023 issue contains interviews with the Owners of the Dawentang Collection (達文堂), Mr Lawrence Chan (陳永達先生) and our alumnae Ms Hedy Pang (彭安轉校友), Ms Bonnie Ho, Ms Riley Yip, as well as News from Overseas Chapters etc. The spring issue (February 2024) contains interviews about our alumnae as well as the Thanksgiving Sponsored Walk and the 1926 Heritage highlighted artifacts etc. Approximately 1600 paper copies of the newsletters were distributed.



Two issues of the Overseas Alumnae Newsletter, the 17th edition (October 2023) and 18th edition (February 2024) were also published in the past 12 months to report on the news and activities of overseas alumnae groups. The Newsletters were issued in electronic format and were posted on the AA homepage.

## 6. Homepage



### Background



Our association was founded in 1922 by Miss M.M. Hogben, the Principal serving Ying Wa from 1920 to 1925. On 1 March 2006, it was incorporated as a limited company.



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Since the new AA mobile-friendly homepage launched on 29 August 2018, most of the original content has also been migrated to the new domain. The update and maintenance are supported by an AA Management Team composed of school staff, alumnae and Council members.

## 7. Facebook Group and Instagram

Facebook group is well-maintained to distribute official announcements, news & initiatives from both school and AA. Members are also encouraged to post their sharing and connection with

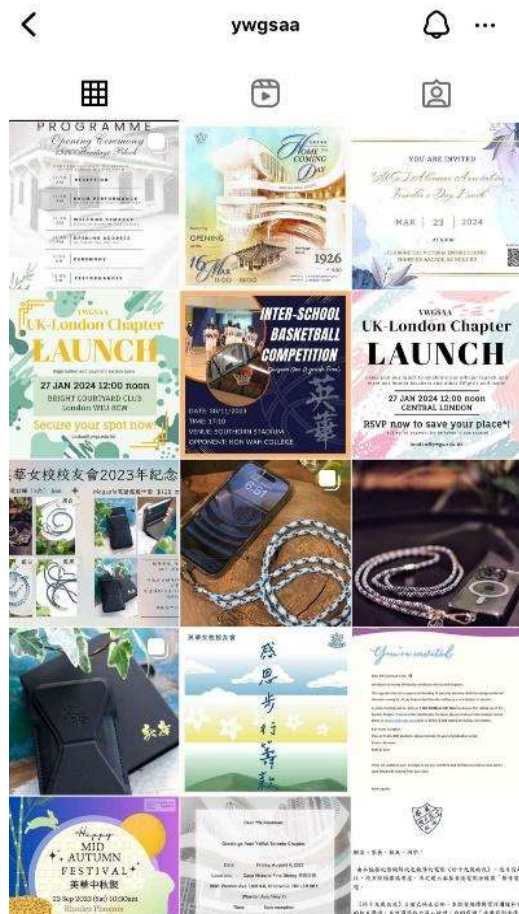
different alumnae from all over the world. Majority of the members are between the age group of 25-50. We have over 4,800 followers now.



Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association (YWGSAA)

Public group · 4.8K members





We have also launched our Instagram since January 2020, trying to connect with current students and young alumnae. Over 1,900 followers were acquired in 4 years. Each of the posts reached >5,000 accounts on average. Content and interactions, for example polling and quiz stickers in Instagram stories, are more tailored to meet the interest of young alumnae, receiving good engagement. Alumnae also reached out via direct messages for getting quicker access to assistance needed. Majority of the followers are in the age group of 18-35, also mainly from Hong Kong, followed by the UK and Canada.

Moving forward, the social media channels will continue to serve as an open platform to provide updates and connect alumnae from all over the world.

## 8. Caring Team



The Caring Team aims to provide mutual support and strengthen bonding between alumnae and teaching staff. During the year, we maintained close contact with some overseas alumnae, former school teachers and former principals.



To express our gratitude to serving current teachers, AA committee members have made a small donation to treat them with fruits, cakes and cookies during festive periods.



### 9. Alumnae Database & Membership

The database aims to keep up-to-date information of our alumnae and facilitate communications between the AA and our fellow schoolmates. The database is regularly updated. By February 2024, the alumnae database contained about 7130 member records. Alumnae are encouraged to email the updated contact information to [alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk](mailto:alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk) and opt for e-newsletters.

### 10. Overseas Chapters



The Council is pleased to connect with various overseas chapters around the world. We feel indebted to the committed contact persons for their efforts made in reuniting the YW community in Toronto, Vancouver, Southern & Northern California, Boston, London, Sydney and Melbourne. They continue to support the overseas edition of the Alumnae Newsletter by contributing articles about their latest news, which remind us that our hearts are tied despite our physical distance.

On 27 January 2024, our UK-London Chapter successfully held their launching ceremony. Almost 100 alumnae joined the lunch event, with our honorable guests, Rev WU Ping Kit, School Principal Mr. Francis Kwan and Vice-principal Ms Chow Siu Fung.



Last but not least, overseas chapters welcome visits from teachers, alumnae, and students who come to study aboard. For contact information, please send your message to [alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk](mailto:alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk).

## Interest Groups

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### 11. Alumnae Choir

Practice has resumed from the beginning of 2023. There was a performance on Founder's Day 2023.

There were 18 practices for the performances of Founder's Day Service 2024 and Homecoming Day 2024.



## Projects

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### 12. School Archives Collection

The Archives Team works hard on the safekeeping of school archives and collection items of historical values. We work intensively on the setting up of the Archival Repository in the new campus. The 1926 Heritage Block (exhibition hall) opening ceremony will be held on 16 March 2024.

### 13. Mentorship Programme



Recruitment of mentees was carried out in September 2023. Most of our experienced mentors remained in service this year. With a good response from students and alumnae, we have more than 50 pairs of mentors and mentees joining the programme

this year. The programme is delighted to celebrate its 20th anniversary this year.

An orientation was organized on 11 November 2023 at Silcocks Hall. Career Expo was held on 13 January 2024 in the school campus with an attendance of more than 100 S3-S5 students. A Closing Event is scheduled on 22 June 2024.





## 14. Souvenirs Sale

英華女校校友會2023年紀念品

電話繩 (3色) \$68 + Magsafe電話座連卡套 \$128 = \$180  
SET裝  
優惠價

黑白

藍白

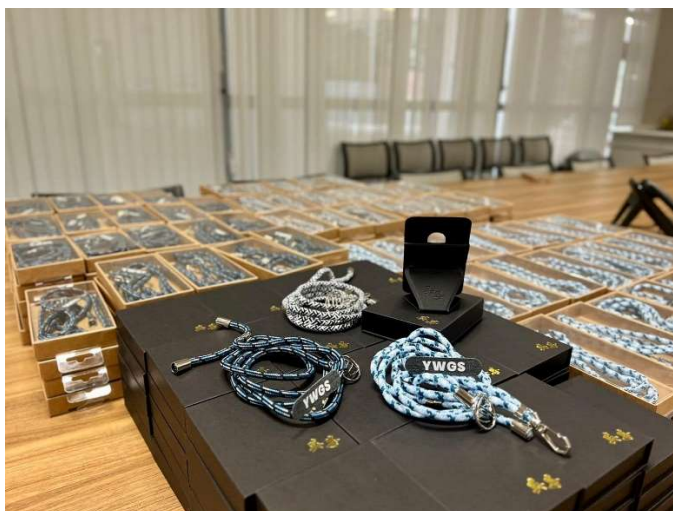
藍黑

數量有限，售完即止！  
2023年11月截止

付款方式接受FPS, Payme等  
可選擇25/11月於學校或不自取  
或SP支付

詳情請向各樓長接洽

We arranged online order of the AA souvenirs with pleasing responses. Most of the orders were delivered to alumni by courier. Some orders were arranged to pick-up from school on 25 Nov 2023, after completing the YWGSAA Sponsored Walk from the peak.



## **YWGSAA Ltd. Charity Trust Fund**

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We are grateful to have

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- Ms. LUI Wing Yee, Winnie
- Ms. WAN Tsz Kuen
- Ms. Moo Shuet Ching
- Ms. LEE Suet Yee, Jessica

serving as Trustees of the CTF for a term that lasts until 31 May 2025.

Thanks to their continuous efforts and funding support to the School over the past year.



## **Acknowledgements**

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I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Principal and other advisors, Vice-Principals, teachers and school staff, Council members, year coordinators and alumnae assistants who contributed their time and efforts over the past year. With their assistance and hard work, the operation of the AA proceeded smoothly and efficiently. I would also like to thank every alumna who gave us continuous support by giving your valuable views and participating in the alumnae functions and contributing in many other meaningful ways.

WAN Tsz Kuen Olivian

President

Council of YWGSAAL

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