



# President's Report

**YWGSAA General Meeting 2025**

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## Council Meetings (2024-2025)

The Alumni Association (AA) Council conducted four meetings since the last Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 16 March 2024. These meetings focused on collaborating with the school on key initiatives, including the 125th anniversary celebrations, the AGM, the Founder's Day Service, the appointment of YWGSAA Charity Trust Fund trustees, and other administrative matters. We are honored to have Mr. Francis Kwan, the current School Principal, as the Designated Honorary Adviser, alongside four esteemed alumnae—Dr. Alison Lam, Mrs. Katherine Chau, Ms. Chan Kwok Ying, and Mrs. Ruth Lee—serving as Honorary Advisers. School students were also invited to participate in our council meetings as Alumni Association assistants, fostering greater engagement with the younger generation.





## Interaction with YWGS

### Founder's Day Annual Lunch 2024



The Founder's Day Annual Lunch, held on 23 March 2024 at Club One in Tsim Sha Tsui, brought together over 400 alumnae and friends of Ying Wa for a joyous gathering. In a thoughtful shift to accommodate senior alumnae, this marked the first time the annual gathering was held at lunchtime, facilitating easier daytime travel. The overwhelmingly positive feedback affirmed the success of this new arrangement, reinforcing our commitment to fostering inclusive and meaningful connections within our community.



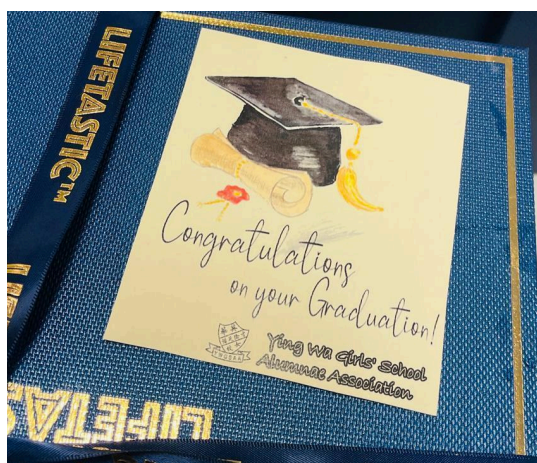
### Bible Giving

At the beginning of the school year, the AA sent each S1 student with a Bible as a welcoming gift. Council members personally hand-wrote each student's name on the Bibles, adding a heartfelt touch to this meaningful tradition. The Bibles were distributed in September 2024.



### The Secondary 6 (S6) Orientation

The S6 orientation took place on 9 July 2024, prior to Speech Day. The AA President, Vice President and choir member introduced the AA and AA choir respectively to new graduates, warmly welcoming them into the YWGSAA community.





**Mother's Day Art Jamming**

On 5 May 2024, the AA and the YWGS Parent-Teacher Association proudly co-organized our first joint event, the Mother's Day Art Jamming. Thirteen pairs of mothers or fathers and daughters or sons, comprising alumnae and current students, spent a delightful two hours creating unique art pieces together. This heartwarming event strengthened family bonds and marking a memorable milestone in our partnership.



**Alumnae Talk by Mr Ren Jou Liu (劉仁州老師)**

On 9 November 2024, the AA hosted an inspiring talk on family and emotional well-being (情緒管理與家庭經營) at School, delivered by Mr Ren Jou Liu, a renowned expert from the Family Emotional Intelligence Development Association in Taiwan. This enriching session provided alumnae with valuable insights and practical strategies to strengthen family relationships. Many alumnae shared that the talk equipped them with tools to foster greater emotional connection and harmony within their families.





### Thanksgiving Sponsored Walk 2024

The Thanksgiving Sponsored Walk, an annual school charity event, reflects Ying Wa's core value of "to serve but not to be served." On 23 November 2024, 42 alumnae participated in the YWGSAA Sponsored Walk, raising HKD 13,800 for 20 local charities under the school's patronage. Each participant received a frangipani pin, with a unique color each year, symbolizing the shared journey and encouraging alumnae to collect the full set by joining this meaningful tradition annually.

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**125th Anniversary Celebration**

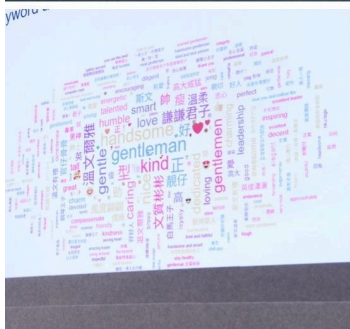
The AA was honored to collaborate with the School in celebrating its 125th founding anniversary in March 2025. We have contributed to organise key events, including the Launching Gathering, and the Gala Dinner.

**i. Launching Gathering**

On 21 September 2024, the Alumni Association organized a Launching Gathering to mark the 125th anniversary. Despite severe weather challenges, we successfully transitioned the event into a hybrid format, combining an in-person gathering with live streaming on YouTube to ensure broad participation. A highlight was the first-ever auction of our cherished souvenir — musical table featuring the school song — which garnered an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response, culminating in a final auction price of HKD 2,888, reflecting the vibrant spirit of our community.

**ii. Gala Dinner**

The celebrations culminated with the 125th Anniversary Gala Dinner on 29 March 2025, held at the Grand Ballroom of Hopewell Hotel. This landmark event united over 1,500 alumnae and friends of Ying Wa for an unforgettable evening. The 125 tables symbolized our historic milestone, complemented by a vibrant program featuring an outstanding school musical performance by current students. A highlight was bidding farewell to our beloved Principal, Mr. Francis Kwan, whose heartfelt singing was the evening's pinnacle. We also expressed heartfelt gratitude to other retiring teachers for their invaluable contributions to our school's legacy. Additionally, we synchronized with our London Chapter for live-streaming, enabling overseas alumnae to share in this treasured moment, further strengthening our global community's bond.



## Liaison

### Newsletters

Two issues of the Alumnae Newsletter were published and distributed by post and email since the last AGM. The October 2024 issue featured interviews with retired teachers and archivist alumnae, alongside reports on student activities, such as a service trip to Africa, and an introduction to the 125th anniversary musical, *A Stargazer's Fantasy*. The February 2025 issue included interviews with our retiring Principal, Mr. Francis Kwan, and our new Vice Principal, Mr. Ng, as well as coverage of four current students' once-in-a-lifetime trip to Antarctica, partially funded by the Alumni Association.

Additionally, the 19th (October 2024) and 20th (February 2025) editions of the Overseas Alumnae Newsletter were published electronically and posted on the Alumni Association homepage, highlighting the activities and updates of our overseas chapters.

### Homepage

Since the launch of the mobile-friendly Alumni Association homepage on 29 August 2018, most original content has been migrated to the new domain. The site's updates and maintenance are supported by a dedicated Management Team comprising school staff, alumnae, and Council members, ensuring a robust platform for communication and engagement.





**Facebook Group and Instagram**

Our vibrant online presence on Facebook and Instagram continues to strengthen connections among alumnae worldwide. These platforms are diligently maintained to share official announcements, news, and initiatives from both the school and the AA. Members are encouraged to post their stories and connect with alumni globally, fostering a dynamic sense of community. With over 5,500 followers on our Facebook Group, primarily aged 25–50, we provide a space for meaningful exchanges, while our Instagram account, with over 2,500 followers, tailors stories and reels to captivate younger alumnae aged 18–35, ensuring inclusive engagement across generations.

Moving forward, these social media channels will continue to serve as open platforms to provide updates and connect alumnae worldwide.

**YWGSAA Ambassadors WhatsApp Group**

At the 125th Anniversary Launching Ceremony, the AA established the YWGS AA Ambassador community on WhatsApp for Alumnae Ambassador program, welcoming over 140 active alumnae to this dedicated channel. This group serves as a platform for the AA to efficiently share news and updates with our Ambassadors, who are encouraged to amplify these messages and motivate their classmates to participate, further enhancing our alumnae network and engagement.

### Caring Team

The Caring Team fosters mutual support and strengthens bonds between alumnae and teaching staff. Over the past year, we maintained close contact with alumnae, former school teachers and former principals.



**Alumnae Database & Membership**

The alumnae database, with approximately 7,170 member records as of February 2025, is regularly updated to maintain accurate contact information and facilitate communication. Alumnae are encouraged to update their details by emailing [alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk](mailto:alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk) and opting for e-newsletters to stay connected.

**Overseas Chapters**

The AA is deeply grateful for the opportunity to connect with our overseas chapters in Toronto, Vancouver, Southern and Northern California, Boston, London, Sydney, and Melbourne. We extend heartfelt thanks to the dedicated contact persons who tirelessly work to reunite the Ying Wa community abroad. Their contributions to the overseas edition of the Alumnae Newsletter, sharing updates and stories, remind us that our bonds remain strong despite geographical distances. A highlight of this connection was during the 125th Anniversary Gala Dinner on 29 March 2025, where we successfully connected with our UK-London Chapter via livestream, allowing overseas alumnae to virtually join the celebration.

Overseas chapters welcome visits from teachers, alumnae, and students studying abroad. For contact information, please email [alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk](mailto:alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk).



## Interest Groups

### Alumnae Choir

The Alumnae Choir, comprising 20–25 dedicated members, rehearses every alternate Saturday afternoon. The choir proudly performed at several key school events, including the Founder's Day Services in 2024 and 2025, the Homecoming Concert 2024, and the 125th Anniversary Gala Dinner. Their performances added a harmonious touch to these celebrations, embodying the spirit of Ying Wa. We welcome all alumnae to join the choir and contribute to this vibrant tradition. Please contact [alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk](mailto:alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk) for more details.



## Projects

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### Mentorship Programme

The Mentorship Programme saw successful recruitment of mentees in September 2024, with most experienced mentors continuing their service. With strong participation, over 50 mentor-mentee pairs joined the program this year. The Career Expo, held on 18 January 2025 on the school campus, attracted over 100 Secondary 3 to Secondary 5 students. A Closing Event is scheduled for 21 June 2025 to celebrate the program's achievements.





## YW Archives

### i. 1926 Heritage Block

Since the official opening of the 1926 Heritage Block Opening Ceremony on 16 March 2024, the School has been arranging guided tour and alumnae docent training for alumnae and the Ying Wa community.





## ii. Tour Guide

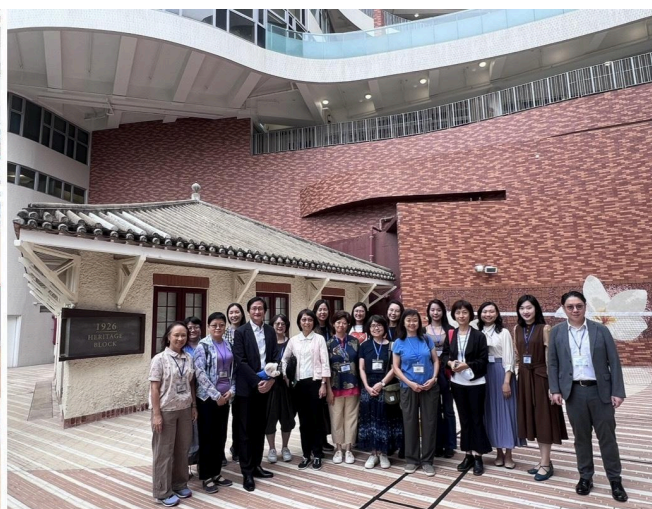
A few sessions of the 1926 Heritage Block guided tour were led by the Principal and Vice Principals between March and May. There will be more guided tours led by our alumnae docent from May.





### iii. Docent Training

The 1926 Heritage Block docent training was launched for alumnae and about 15 alumnae docents completed the course between November 2024 and February 2025. They are going to serve us from June 2025.





### Souvenirs Sale

To celebrate the 125th anniversary, the AA launched a series of souvenirs, which received overwhelming support from the Ying Wa community, further strengthening our shared pride and connection.



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

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We are grateful to our dedicated trustees:

- Dr. WAN Charn Wing Frank
- Ms. CHUNG Wai Chi, Janet
- Ms. YU Kit Man Kanus
- Ms. LUI Wing Yee, Winnie
- Ms. WAN Tsz Kuen
- Ms. Moo Shuet Ching
- Ms. LEE Suet Yee, Jessica

for their service until 31 May 2025. Their continuous efforts and funding support have contributed to the School's initiatives over the past year.



## Acknowledgements

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I am profoundly honored to reflect on the remarkable success of our 125th anniversary celebrations, a testament to the unwavering dedication of our Ying Wa community. On behalf of the AA, I express my deepest gratitude to our Principal, Mr. Kwan for his extraordinary 35 years of service, leaving an indelible legacy that will inspire us for generations. We warmly wish our incoming Principal, Miss Tiffany Chuk, a proud Ying Wa alumna, every success as she leads Ying Wa into a new era, and we pray for a smooth transition as our school continues to thrive. My sincere thanks also go to our Honorary Advisers, Vice Principals, teachers, school staff, Council members, year coordinators, and alumnae assistants for their tireless efforts, ensuring the Association's operations ran smoothly and efficiently. To every alumna who provided invaluable support, shared insights, and actively participated in our events, your contributions have enriched our community in countless meaningful ways. Together, we embody the 125th anniversary slogan: *United in Faith, A Future Unleashed*.

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Council of YWGSAAL  
3 June 2025