HOTUNG SCHOOL
SECONDARY

Total water fun for all Hotung girls

39th
Swimming Gala
Swimming enthusiasts among Hotung girls have a day to shine every year at our Annual Swimming Gala while their fun-loving schoolmates also have a good time cheering them on and indulging themselves in high-spirited laughter and applause. It is no exception this year when the school’s 39th Annual Swimming Gala was held on 20 September at the Victoria Park Swimming Pool. Both the spectators and participants fully enjoyed themselves and left the venue with a big smile on their face.

This time the weather was also kind to us, delighting everyone with cool air and mild sunlight. In her opening speech, Principal Ms Wong Yin-ling highlighted the fact that it was actually a really remarkable feat for the school to have organised this annual event 39 times and to be able to keep going strong. Many local schools, as a result of declining interest in the sport, have stopped holding any swimming gala. She was heartened by the large number of participants this year (a total of more than 150) and was hopeful that more would participate next year.
Immediately after Ms Wong’s speech, the events got underway at full steam. In the pool, the swimmers tried their best and competed fiercely for the championship. At the same time, things were hectic and boisterous on the grandstand, with cheering teams from different houses giving their all to outdo each other by belting out rousing slogans and inspirational songs.

*Swimmers give their all in the pool!*
Cheerleaders shout themselves hoarse!
The festive atmosphere at the venue reached fever pitch when up to twelve staff-student-parent-alumni teams and as many as seven fellow school swimming teams fought it out among themselves in the respective invitation relays.
In her closing speech, Principal Ms Wong Yin-ling paid a special tribute to the soul and driving force behind our school’s swimming galas, Mrs Ada Wong Law Lai-kwan, who has been in charge of organizing the annual function since 1992. Without her passion for the sport, wholehearted commitment, outstanding organizational skills and awe-inspiring stamina, our swimming gala would not have been such a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable experience year after year.

Both Ms Wong and Ms Sarah McGrath (centre), guest of honour, congratulates Mrs Ada Wong (right) on the success of her swan song.

Assistant Principals Mr Chung Ying-kit (left) and Mr Cheung Chun-kuen (second from right) are both full of praises for Mrs Ada Wong
This year, we were honoured by the presence of a former Hotung girl as the guest of honour, **Ms Sarah Linda McGrath**, who also serves as a member on the School Management Committee. In her speech, Ms McGrath expressed her gratitude to Ms Wong for extending her the invitation, as it gave her a most precious opportunity to relive all those happy, heart-warming memories at the Victoria Park Swimming Pool during her school years. She also took immense delight in giving out medals and trophy cups to the many talented, elegant and tenacious swimmers, who radiated genuine joy and confidence on the winners’ podium.

**Ms McGrath takes great delight in giving out medals and trophy cups to the many brilliant swimmers.**

**Outstanding swimmers from other schools serve as good examples for Hotung girls.**
Head girl Rachel Yip presents Ms McGrath with a souvenir as a gesture of appreciation.

Ms Li Hau-yi’s lovely daughter amazes everyone with her awesome performance in the water.
These are some of the most notable results of this year’s Swimming Gala:

- House championship (Grade A): Courtesy
- House championship (Grade B): Truth
- House championship (Grade C): Courtesy
- Overall House championship: Courtesy
- Class championship (Senior): 5A
- Class championship (Junior): 1D
- Individual championship (Grade A): Cheung Wai-ting (6A)(Courtey) & Sin Lok-man (4B)(Courtey)
- Individual championship (Grade B): Lai Wing-yin (4B)(Loyalty)
- Individual championship (Grade C): Chan Tze-yen (1B)(Truth)
- Best Cheering Team: Justice
- Winner of Best Cleanliness & Discipline Award: Justice

To everyone’s delight, a new record has been set by Lai Wing-yin (4B) in the 200 Metre Individual Medley (Grade B)!! Her time is 3’ 6.685”.

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