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## United Concordians Achieving High in HKDSE Exam

Students have encountered unprecedented difficulties and challenges since the outbreak of COVID-19. Yet, with the persistent efforts from our teachers and students, Concordians achieved outstanding performances in the 2021 HKDSE, A total of 8 subjects reached a passing rate of 100%, including Chinese, Chemistry, Geography, Biology, ICT, BAFS (Accounting), BAFS (Business Management) and Visual Arts. Zhou Yeqin from Class 6B was our top achiever this year with her best 5 subjects scoring 33 points. She is an all-round student in several subjects, receiving a 5\*\* in Mathematics and 5\* in both Chinese and Chemistry. She has been successfully admitted to the Bachelor of Chinese Medicine in the University of Hong Kong, aiming to contribute to society after her study there. Let's congratulate her together and wish her the very best!



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#### Effective Teaching & Learning

Effective teaching and learning is the key for academic excellence. To achieve this, we adopt small-group teaching in all core subjects (Chinese, English, Mathematics and Liberal Studies) to reduce teacher-student ratio to cater for learner diversity. Other than regular classes, our school organizes the 'Concordia Second Classroom: After-school Enhancement Course' to consolidate the learning foundation of our junior students in core subjects (Chinese, English and Mathematics). In addition, after-school enhancement programmes have been offered in different subjects to prepare our students with their public examinations ahead. The school has been devoting continuous efforts to improving our facilities, such as renovating a new self-study room to allow our students to focus in a comfortable and quiet environment. Of course, they are more than welcome to seek help and advice from teachers whenever they need!

# Students and teachers being of the same mind to overcome all challenges together

'Shooting for the Stars', our academic programme tailor-made for Secondary Five and Six students, aims to encourage them to make use of their free time to do self-study. Their subject teachers play an indispensable role in it, including: 1. as mentors discussing and coming up with learning goals and strategies with the students; 2. as tutors providing them with extra lessons and guidance outside class time and; 3. as assessors evaluating their pace of learning progress regularly with them. With teachers' encouragement and support, students can develop a positive attitude towards the subjects they underperform so as to enhance their learning as a whole. In addition, with teachers' company, assistance and care, the students can be public examination with flying colours.

### Emboldening Concordians with blessings and gratitude

Attaining excellent results in the HKDSE Exam, our alumna Zhou Yeqin encouraged Concordians, 'Taking the HKDSE Exam is like running a marathon. Self-discipline and perseverance are the keys to success. You should persevere and stay focused until you reach the finish line.' The alumna also thanked her teachers, schoolmates and family for their encouragement, and expressed her gratitude to her alma mater for its full support during the pandemic, hoping that it Concordians will achieve greater achievements in the future.