

PROPOSAL

OUTLINE

Introduction	
Nowadays it is widely accepted that the student experience in Hong Kong is characterised by high expectations and pressure. The time students spend in Forms 5 and 6 is especially stressful as it prepares the way to students' success in later life. However, this should not come at the expense of mental health. Therefore, we propose that the school designate space that can be used as a student common room.	Start by stating the problem that needs to be solved, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> school is stressful
Description of the proposed item	
What is a common room? A common room is an area where students can spend time outside of classes for the purposes of private study, relaxation or socialising. Such a room might be supervised by a member of the teaching staff, but is otherwise free from the control of the school personnel. It is primarily the domain of the students themselves. The student body would select representatives to ensure that the room is kept clean and tidy, and to design a set of rules outlining its use and purpose. We would like to suggest that the school contribute some one-off donations to the room in order to furnish and decorate it.	Briefly describe what you are proposing, giving some brief details, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a common room is a separate space to allow students to relax. <p>Make sure to tell your reader what you want from them.</p>
Main advantages	
The benefits of a common room are many. In the first instance, the school lacks places for private study during breaks and after school. Because of an active extra-curricular life, which may well include nightly visits to tutorial centres, many students would value a place where they could work in peace and quiet during lunchtime. Of course, the library also provides this, but the atmosphere in the library can be stressful at times, whereas a common room would be both quiet and relaxing, providing ideal conditions for study. In a recent student survey, a convincing 86% of students indicated that they would "welcome" or "strongly welcome" the opportunity to work in such an environment.	State the first advantage of the proposal and give evidence, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it would provide a place for private study 86% of students would welcome this
The advantages are not purely academic. Students would benefit immensely from having a space in which they could relax from their work. Academic studies consistently show that students who strike a healthy balance between work and free time do better in their exams than those who concentrate purely on academic success. A common room with a ping pong table, a foosball table, comfortable couches and other facilities would enable students to relax in a wholesome manner. Without such a facility, students may turn to less healthy alternatives to unwind, perhaps even going as far as to take drugs.	State the second advantage of the proposal and give evidence, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it provides a place for relaxation ping pong tables etc. allow students to unwind
In addition to these benefits, the common room would also increase the sense of community in our school. It is often observed that students nowadays live increasingly atomised lives, spending lots of time on social media sites and not interacting with each other face to face. A common room would allow for social interaction and provide a platform for students to make and develop lasting friendships. A student in another school in our area said that she felt lonely at school and yet, when a common room was introduced she made new friends. We very much hope that such stories can be replicated in our school.	State the third advantage and give evidence, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it provides a space for social interaction a student in another school has testified to this
Conclusion	
In conclusion, we believe that a small investment in a common room will reap massive benefits for the student body and the school at large. In academic, social and personal terms, we recommend this idea most enthusiastically.	Sum up your proposal briefly.

