



## School Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

All the staff join me in wishing you, and your families, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

2007 seems to have come around very quickly. We are pleased to tell you that Level 8 is ready for use during January. Those students affected will receive an explanatory letter from the 16th December.

New – all the students from L5 up will be given spelling and dictation books in January.

School Attainment Tests – Many parents are now asking about the requirements. RTL levels have always prepared the students for entry into the new school years and we will continue to prepare your children. The attainment requirements are built into all the levels, as can be seen by the emphasis on speaking, listening and writing. Level 8 will have the addition of presentation.

Congratulations to the students who did so well in their Trinity and Cambridge tests. We are very happy to provide extra lessons for the London Tests if there is a demand. Brochures available on request.

Thank you for your constant support and recommendations to your friends and family. Next year we hope to reward this support in a number of ways.

Elaine Shannon

## The Importance of Writing a Good Title

By Cameron Macleod  
Senior Teacher

A title can be one of the most important parts of a story or piece of writing. It is the first part of a story that the reader sees and can make a potential reader think 'Wow! This looks good' or 'This does not look very good'.

Every story has a title and to attract readers your titles should be exciting and interesting. To help create an interesting title, remember that normal grammar rules do not apply; for example articles can be omitted and capital letters can be used. Many titles tend to capitalise the first letter of each

word unless the word is less than three characters, where it is left in the lower case.

Try to avoid making titles excessive or overly descriptive yet give the reader an idea of what to expect. A short title will be more easily recognisable and appealing. The use of alliteration (several words beginning with the same letter), idioms (groups of words with a special meaning), oxymorons (the intentional use of contradictory terms) and rhyme can help to provide your title with impact.

Here are some examples of what many people consider to be good titles:

Animal Farm (George Orwell), Great Expectations (Charles Dickens), Poor No More (Robert Ruark), Jurassic Park (Michael Crichton), Lord of the Flies (William Golding).

## Battery Recycling

Ready To Learn has joined the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Programme, a government initiative, as part of its continuing environmental ethos of "Think globally, act locally."



The programme accepts all types of portable rechargeable batteries for recycling including batteries from mobile phones, cordless phones, digital cameras, shavers and electrical game sets. Please drop your rechargeable batteries into the designated containers at each RTL centre.

## New Staff

We are pleased to introduce our newest staff member Kate Chung.



Kate is from Southend-on-Sea, in the United Kingdom. In her spare time she likes going to the beach. Kate is also an avid painter and enjoys listening to classical music. She is very excited to be now living in Hong Kong.

## Cambridge and Trinity ESOL Examinations

We are proud to announce the most recent results of RTL students who participated in the Cambridge Young Learners English Tests, in October 2006.

A total of 93 students took part in Starters, Movers, and Flyers examinations and we are proud to report Ready To Learn students excelled in all three disciplines, with the majority of students achieving 4 or 5 shields in all disciplines.

The most recent results for the Trinity ESOL examinations show equally striking results. All of the 46 students who participated passed, with an impressive 91% of these students achieving Merit or Distinction.

A special mention must go to **Toby Hui** and siblings **Lok Tin** and **Kei Wai Yeung**. These students participated in both exams and received Distinctions in the Trinity ESOL Exams and 15 Shields in the Cambridge Young Learners Tests.

Congratulations to all students involved.

## Events Calendar

December 2006

25.12 – Christmas Day, RTL closed  
26.12 – Boxing Day, RTL closed

January 2007

1.1 – New Years Day, RTL closed  
12.1 – Trinity Exam booking deadline  
(Trinity Exam 11th March 2007)

February 2007

17.2 – Chinese New Year, RTL closed  
19.2 – Chinese New Year, RTL closed  
20.2 – Chinese New Year, RTL closed

## STOP PRESS!

Ready To Learn has been voted 'Caring Company' by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service.



## Spotlight on Mr Eric and some of his students:



Mr Eric describes this class as enthusiastic, talkative and creative. Colette, Karen and Vien consistently show willingness to work not only as individuals, but collectively as a group. Mr Eric stated that there was a valuable dynamic to this class of young learners; they are always prepared to learn together and from each other.



Colette enjoys dancing and playing tennis. She likes learning English because she is able to communicate with people from other countries.



Karen also enjoys dancing and playing tennis. Her favourite subject at school is General Studies. Karen is a keen learner and finds that her English skills help her learn

from a variety of sources.



Vien's hobbies include playing football and computer games. Her favourite subject at school is Chinese. Vien has found that her English skills come in handy when she's surfing the internet!

Registered: Educational Centres, Trinity ESOL / Cambridge Young Learners ESOL Test Centres

Need help? We are here to listen!

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