

### Diocesan Boys' School www.dbs.edu.hk



### **Inspiring Students to Achieve High**

"We want to encourage students to do more online reading at home because if they can cultivate this habit of reading at home, it will help them to consolidate their English." - Mrs To

#### **Global Perspectives**

English Builder is adopted because it provides content with international and global perspectives, such as National Geographic Channel, BBC News or knowledge related to liberal studies, which help the students a lot.

#### Great Encouragement and Support from Teachers and the School

Mrs. To motivates all English teachers to work together to maximise the learning benefits for the students through implementing 100% completion of all English Builder lessons as assignments. Teachers constantly encourage and remind the students to do the lessons.

The school also opens the Multi Media Language Centre (MMLC) for students to catch up with lessons whenever they need.

#### **Understanding by Parents**

Mrs. To explains to parents the benefits of using English Builder for improving English and for their children's development. Parents understand that there will be remarks written on their children's report cards for missing assignments.

This combination of effort be-

tween Parents and Teachers helped push the few who were less willing to complete their homework to do so.

#### World Knowledge Acquired

#### - A Student's Perspective

Verma Rohit Kumar, a F.3 student and 1st Runner-up of Hong-Kong Wide Rankings, expresses the enjoyment he has found while doing English Builder. He particularly enjoyed the lessons about the Bermuda Triangle and Indiana Jones. He acquired common knowledge and raised his awareness of social issues from English Builder lessons.

Even though Rohit does not have to do assignments this year, he requested to do so for his learning and benefit.

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Diocesan Boys' School is one of the most outstanding schools in Hong Kong and has won the Best School of the Year Award in 2007-2008 with 100% completion in all lessons of English Builder.





## Interclass English Builder Quiz

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Interclass competition to boost confidence in learning English

"The idea of holding an interclass quiz comes from TV programmes and other interschool competitions. It helps to maximise the learning outcome, raise students' awareness toward English Builder and enhance the English speaking atmosphere at school." - Miss Ko

"The programme (English Builder) contains a lot of news articles; we can learn a lot of English that can be used in our daily lives and we can practise critical thinking. It is also a competition between schools." - Tiffany and Hugo of 6A

#### **Boosting Confidence**

Students believe that they can improve their English through English Builder. It contains international issues that require critical thinking. They also learn colloquial terms used by native speakers. What's more, they are challenged to answer difficult questions. No wonder they are so eager to answer questions in English in front of everybody in the school hall, as it demonstrates what they have learnt throughout the year.

#### Exposure to English environment

Throughout the competition, classmates communicate in English and help each other in order to get the best results in the competition. This enhances the English speaking atmosphere and students can actually recycle the English they have learnt from English Builder. The hard work from teachers is definitely worthwhile.

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The Hong Kong Taoist Association and The Yuen Yuen Institute No.3 Secondary School created an interclass English Builder Quiz for students in the senior forms





"Always remember that after you spend your time studying, you will have good results and get great compliments afterwards!"

- Trevi Yeung

"Whenever I have time, I try to sit next to my boy and we'll do the exercises in English Builder together. It is a connection between my boy and me." – Mrs Yeung Trevi Yeung of Stewards Pooi Kei College www.spkc.edu.hk



**Top Achiever of English Builder Shares His Tips on Learning English** 

#### **Motivation to Success**

Being one of the top achievers of English Builder requires both talent and perseverance. And motivation often plays a major role in the long road to success.

Excited about winning the prestigious award, Trevi shared with us the secret behind his success. He acknowledged that his mother is one of his motivations in learning English. Mrs Yeung has always provided Trevi with encouragement through activities such as reading books with him.

#### Tips to counter temptations

Resisting temptation is often a difficult task for students nowadays. Trevi admitted that he is no exception. However, he always has a belief in mind which helps counter these "enemies". He keeps reminding himself that there will always be good rewards for hard work. The compliments and sense of satisfaction have proved to be the greatest fruits born after the learning journey. He hopes that this belief can help other students in Hong Kong to overcome their own difficulties in the future.

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Top achiever of English Builder, Trevi Yeung, and his mother share the happiness and tips on learning English





**True Learning Journey** 

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#### Students Testimonies:

" EB helps me in every area of English because it separates each lesson into 4 parts: Listening, Vocabulary, Reading and Speaking. *Chow U Yen Andrew* 

(7D) Diocesan Boys' School

"English Builder can improve my English listening and reading. I can do my exercises at home without a teacher and get the answers immediately even during my holidays. This increases my opportunities to use English."

Li Hiu Nga (5R) St Catharine's School for Girls

"Web-based education is the most efficient form of learning nowadays, combining knowledge and fun. I enjoy English Builder very much and at the same time my English improves

### **Students' Views on English Builder** www.wiseman.com.hk/Rounds



## What do students think about English Builder?

- speaking, listening, reading and vocabulary." Leung Kin Keung Leslie (1D) St. Paul's College

"Actually, English builder is such a great system that we can learn English easily from the website. And because it includes four parts, I can even practice my pronunciation and learn lots of new vocabulary every week. I think the reading part is really useful and the topic is always interesting. I really enjoy using this system to learn English. Thanks." *Cheung Yiu Lun* 

(41) STFA Seaward Woo College

English Builder follows our daily lives and current affairs that attract me to go through the passage with my whole concentration. My English's skills have been improved and I have extended my 'vocabulary storeroom'." Li Sze Man Angel (4E) Po Leung Kuk No. 1 W H Cheung College

"To be frank, I hate reading newspapers, especially English ones, because they are boring. But with English Builder, I can learn English and at the same time know what's happening around the world by watching the videos and reading the articles in it. The questions are not too difficult for me. But sometimes I do make silly mistakes and the main role of English Builder is to help me minimize these silly mistakes so I can do much better in my Advanced Level Examination. I find the listening part most difficult because I seldom have the chance to listen to native speakers. I just love their spoken English. Thanks for giving me the chance to learn and enjoy! Thanks!" Chik Nga Man Hermia (6C) Maryknoll Convent School

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English Builder is an interactive programme that increases students' exposure to authentic English and develops their listening, speaking, vocabulary, reading and comprehension skills. English Builder is dedicated to each student and teacher we serve.

