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2025 Newsletter

Happy Holidays



Dear Summerbridge Friends and Family,

We first want to express our sincerest condolences to every member of the community that has been affected by the tragic fire in Tai Po. Three weeks have passed since and our hearts remain with all those affected—the families, the displaced, and the dedicated front line responders. We at Summerbridge will stand together and share our support.

During this time we also want to share with the community our gratitude for your continued support and love for Summerbridge. 2025 has been an incredibly eventful year for Summerbridge and our 2025 Summer Program was a remarkable time in which every student and teacher had a chance to share their kindness, immerse themselves in a multicultural environment, and build lifelong friendships. The support we had from our sponsors and valuable members of our Summerbridge community allows us to continue working toward the goal of providing a space for youth in Hong Kong to feel seen, feel heard, and feel loved. Staying true to our mission, we will continue to strive in bringing more opportunities for the youth here in Hong Kong. Thank you for your belief in our work, and for your support to positively impact our youth who may not get the opportunity otherwise.

We hope that everyone and their families have a happy holiday season, and we wish everyone the best in 2026

With gratitude,
Summerbridge Hong Kong

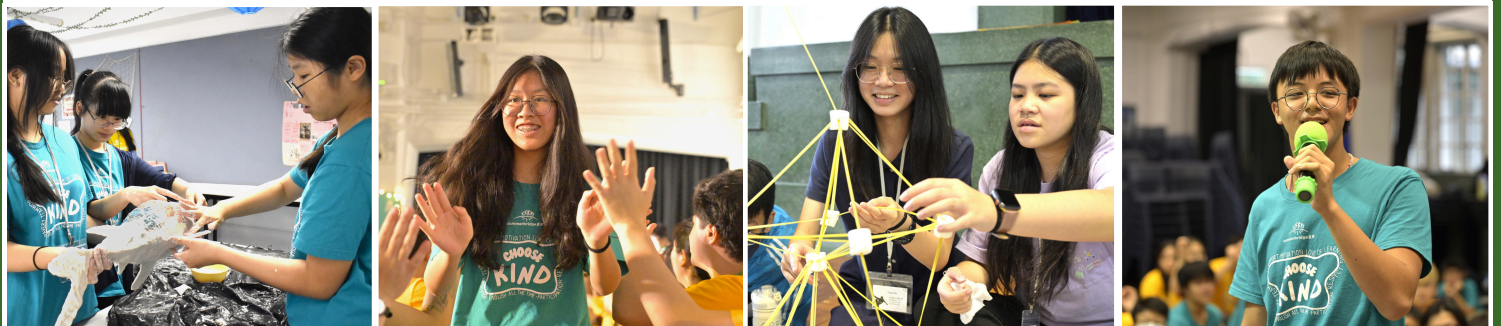
2025 Summer Program



The 2025 Summer Program was hosted primarily at ESF King George V School. Over the course of 8 weeks, we served 130 students and 50 faculty members. This year, not only did we have teachers come from around the world, but amongst our faculty, we also welcomed over 20 student alumni back to take on new leadership roles and continue to share their love with the Summerbridge community. Our theme for this summer was “Choose KIND”, encouraging students and teachers to share their kindness and spread their compassion with each other. We strived to create a space where every student could have an opportunity to shine, felt safe to be themselves, and could step out of their comfort zones to try something new. Through special events and academic lessons such as Devising Theatre, Life Sciences, and Art Sculpturing, students not only fostered their love of learning, but can also build on other Summerbridge Spirits such as their bravery, teamwork, and self-confidence. In just a short amount of time, our students go through a transformative experience. From their very first time speaking English in front of the whole community, to the end of summer where each of them stepped on stage with confidence to showcase the culmination of their learning with their friends and family, we want to celebrate the journey that our students experienced this summer.



For our teachers, their journey this summer was just as impactful. Stepping into the role of a teacher, they gained valuable experiences in designing curriculum, teaching in a classroom, and even preparing for large scale events. As positive role models, teachers help create the culture of kindness and facilitate the safe space for our students to grow. By the end of the summer, many of our teachers shared that they experienced personal growth in their leadership skills, resilience, and self-confidence, while some were even further inspired to become educators in the future! Thank you to all our sponsors, community partners and English Schools Foundation for making this summer possible!



Golf Fundraiser by WAGS

The Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society (WAGS) hosted another incredibly successful Golfing for Good charity event this year at the Jockey Club Kai Sau Chau Public Golf Course in November, and we want to express our sincerest gratitude to the WAGS community for giving us the opportunity to attend the event and for selecting us as one of the three beneficiary charities again this year. Through the event, WAGS has raised a fund of HKD\$770,000 for each charity and we are incredibly thankful to all the amazing golfers who are making such a positive impact in Hong Kong. Thank you again for your generosity, for believing in our work and for providing more opportunities for our students in the future. We really appreciate all your support!



Sponsored Basketball Game

This past year, our kind supporter, Danny Lee, provided a chance for Summerbridge to attend the Hong Kong Bulls basketball games. It was not only a first experience for many of our students to attend a live game in person, but it was a once in a lifetime opportunity for them to meet the players too. Thank you again Danny for making this happen for our students, it was such a meaningful and exciting time for everyone! Hear more about the experience from our students:

"...This was my first time watching a basketball game. It made me so excited and I had a lot of fun. Thank you for making my dream come true..."

-Brian Lam

"...Thank you for giving us a chance to take photos with the players! They are not just photos, they represent the joy and excitement of being part of something amazing. These memories will be the most precious treasures of my life!"

- Kelly Wong



Holiday Party



During this season of giving, on December 20th, teachers and students came together for our Christmas Party. It was not only an exciting time for students to see their friends and teachers again, but also a chance to show their Summerbridge Spirit and practice speaking English all the time too! As a community, we also took this opportunity to give our support and share our love with the Tai Po community.



Alumni Engagement

At Summerbridge, we have alumni programs for our student alumni to stay connected and continue to give back to the community. This summer we had 21 incredible former students return, two of which even came back to be student teachers! We're really proud to see our students step up and become leaders, take ownership in shaping the program, and become inspirations for our teachers this summer!

Boris & Nicole

Boris and Nicole were two of our former students from 2018 and 2019, both now studying in university. Impacted by their own experiences, they returned as student teachers to give back to the community and help pave the path for the next generation of students. It was a wonderful full circle moment, and very humbling for us to work alongside them this summer!



Office Assistants (OAs)

Former students have the opportunity to return to the program as Office Assistants (OAs). From taking on responsibilities such as supporting the students, to sharing classroom ideas with the teachers, they are the backbone of the program. In their new role, they continued building on their English communication skills, teamwork, and self-confidence, while also shined as big brothers and sisters for the students. Many even want to come back in the future as teachers too! Hear more about their experiences here:



ASTRID NG

"I've spent 4 summers at SB, and I believe there will be many more to come. This summer, I returned to this family as an OA once again. Not only to meet new friends, but also to support and give back to this community that has helped me so much. I've grown a great deal from my OA experiences over the past 2 summers. I've become more mature, considerate, and I've learned to put myself in others' shoes. I've also learned to look out for the new OAs and help them feel more comfortable in this new role. It's super amazing to see how this place brings people together and I'm just so grateful that there are so many people helping me here. I will never stop supporting this place, and I know I will always belong to this big family."



ANGEL WONG

"I really love Summerbridge—it feels just like a second home, filled with love, support, and kindness. It creates such a warm environment where everyone feels comfortable sharing their stories. Over the summer, I learned how to be kind to others, to be brave and proud of myself, and to speak English with confidence. The encouragement from our teachers and fellow students helped me grow into a better version of myself. This summer has been full of laughter and love. Next summer, I can't wait to return as a big sister again, ready to support new students and teachers with kindness."

Join us for Summer 2026



Become a Student Teacher!

Applications are now open! We are looking for any enthusiastic highschool and undergraduate students to join us this summer. The application deadline is February 27, 2026 (for non-HK residents) or March 13, 2026 (for HK residents). Find out more information about the application process on our website!



ALEKOS KAPUR
(STUDENT TEACHER)

“Becoming a teacher has always been a thought in my mind. I decided to apply to teaching opportunities because I knew it would bring me the purpose I sought; my teachers have served the most important roles in my life. They’ve taught me to think critically, lead with empathy, given me the confidence to take risks academically and professionally, but most importantly they created spaces where I could be myself fully at times when that wasn’t even possible at home. Summerbridge creates this exact kind of space not just for its students, but for its teachers as well. Everyone in this family gives each other unconditional love, support, respect, and a place where one’s unique self is not just accepted but celebrated. Summerbridge is a deeply transformative experience.”



Become a Student!

Applications are now open! If you’re a Form 2 student, come join the Summerbridge family this summer! The deadline to apply is March 15, 2026. Interested students and schools can find more information about the application process on our website.



GLORIA KU
(STUDENT)

“Summerbridge is a great place for me to be myself and push myself to the fullest! The SB family is a safe place for us to make mistakes and to learn from them too. I’ve also learned so many things from my time in Summerbridge! For example, how to build confidence, practice more English and even how to be a leader! This summer I even got to be the MC for Talent Show. This experience has significantly helped me build the courage to stand on stage more! Everyone in Summerbridge is really high energy and fun. Everyone will always show support and encouragement to each other. Summerbridge will forever hold a place in my heart. I love the SB family!”

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