

Sample Writing
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There was a letter in the newspaper discussing school discipline. Part of the letter is as follows:

“Most Hong Kong schools are too strict with rules on school uniform. Punishment will not make students change their behaviour. Obedience is stressed too much in Hong Kongs. That’s why students are less creative than their counterparts in America where students enjoy more freedom ...”

Write a letter to the Editor to express your views on the issue of school discipline in Hong Kong. Refer to the points raised and add in other ideas.

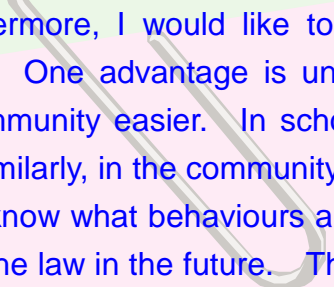
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Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to express my views on the issue of school discipline in Hong Kong. Nowadays, most schools are too strict with rules on school uniform in Hong Kong. However, secondary school students in America need not wear school uniforms. Should students wear school uniforms? Should students have more freedom?

First of all, I would talk about school uniforms. A person who wears a school uniform can make people think that this person is a student. You can find it easier to identify this person’s identity. Also, when wearing a school uniform, you look smart and feel more confident because you are a student only at this moment. If you wear casual clothes, nobody knows whether you are a student or not. Therefore, I suggest that students should wear school uniforms.

Second, I would like to respond to the issued raised in the letter. It mentioned that punishment will not make students change their behaviour. Obedience is overemphasized in Hong Kong schools. That’s why students are less creative than their counterparts in America where students enjoy more freedom. It is true that Hong Kong students are more stressful than western students. But it is not fair to say that students are less creative than western students because some Hong Kong students won international competitions for inventing creative objects. For example, when Chan Yick Hei, a 16-year-old Form 5 student, created a useful electronic device, he was not only awarded a prize in an international competition but also used his name for a star.



Furthermore, I would like to talk about the advantage of strict school discipline. One advantage is uniforms help students to be adapted to the larger community easier. In schools, the student needs to obey the school rules. Similarly, in the community, one should obey the country's law. If one does not know what behaviours are not prohibited at a young age, one would not obey the law in the future. That's why strict school discipline is extremely important for teenagers.

However, there are disadvantages of strict school discipline. One disadvantage is that students would have less freedom. Also, they would feel frightened when they break the law. They are afraid of the punishment and penalty. For instance, a Hong Kong schoolgirl committed suicide last week because of the strict discipline of her school.

To conclude, there are both advantages and disadvantages of strict school discipline. As a student, I suggest that schools should have strict rules because this helps students to abide by the school regulations. In this way, a good learning atmosphere and a studious environment can be created.

Yours faithfully,

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