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Practical Accounting for SMEs

Developing a Positive Attitude to Learning



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According to Yuen Long Chan Chun Ha Secondary School teacher, Mr. Liu Tang Man, the school introduced Applied Learning (the then “Career-Oriented Curriculum”) courses as a pilot in the 2005-07 cohort. Named the “Practical Accounting for SMEs”, this Applied Learning course was popular with students. “We have co-operated with the Caritas Community & Higher Education Service many times, inviting Caritas tutors to conduct classes in the school, with us providing the venue and facilities, so as to allow all our students interested in the Applied Learning courses to attend classes in school.”

Mr. Liu says that Yuen Long Chan Chun Ha Secondary School is always student-centered. The school provides opportunities for students to choose Applied Learning courses freely. “I think these courses are rich in substance, and it is always beneficial to students to learn a diversified set of skills and knowledge,” says Mr. Liu. The “Practical Accounting for SMEs” course helps students to understand business and apply basic accounting knowledge, while the accounting software is user-friendly and not covered in the regular school curriculum. That’s why students are generally very interested in this course. As the course is run on Saturday mornings, attending it demands great persistence and willpower. “Taking this course requires extra time and effort. Committing to the course helps students to build up the right attitude towards learning; needless to say, students’ interest is one of their motivating forces.”



Teacher Mr. Liu is of the view that Applied Learning has a positive effect on students’ learning and development.



Students practising using accounting software in the school's computer room.

With accumulated experience from the piloting scheme, Yuen Long Chan Chun Ha Secondary School plans to continue offering Applied Learning courses under the New Senior Secondary Curriculum, and “Practical Accounting for SMEs” will also be one of the courses available. According to Mr. Liu, all accounting teachers in the school participated in the professional development programme conducted by Caritas last year. It is hoped that the teachers will be able to share some of the teaching workload* soon. In general, Mr. Liu is of the view that Applied Learning has a positive effect on the students’ learning and development, and it should continue to be offered. “It would be best if recognition from universities and tertiary institutions can be obtained. This will open up diversified paths for further studies and training for students.”

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