

20th Anniversary of Speak Up-Act Out – Drama in Education @stmgss



PRINCIPAL'S FOREWORD

Dreams Take Flight Here!

Dream fosters Achievements and Pursuit breeds Excellence

For the past 20 years, STMGSS has been striving extraordinarily hard to design a variety of Drama in Education Programmes for passionate youngsters to chase and realize dreams. *Dreams take flight here.*

We believe that drama is not solely about acting; it is also about nurturing empathy. We create a safe classroom environment where students express their feelings, take on different perspectives to understand why the characters behave or react the way they do. Students learn to draw parallels between the emotions



and situations of the characters and scenes presented to them in the play, and their own encounters in life. Ultimately, drama is a “*Way of Seeing*” that encourages critical thinking, dynamics among perspectives, contemporaneity and contextualization. It is definitely a “*Way of Working*” which embraces collaboration, communication, understanding, rigour and discipline.

Building Positive Values through Drama

Being one of the school’s Signature Programmes, it helps to empower students in the multi-faceted aspects of theatre production. By exposing young actors to an array of cross-disciplinary experiences from acting to stage managing, costume making, lighting, sound and props production, students are given ample chances to investigate and play; to make sense of the sounds, gestures, visual expressions, and images around them. By engaging in discussions about actors’ inspirations, performers’ interpretations and audiences’ receptions, they learn to value different perspectives, appreciate diversity and respect for others. Through the world of drama, we try to inspire creativity and confidence; develop character and values; cultivate positive attitudes and self-expression among dreamcatchers –

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Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence – A Milestone Moment for STMGSS



Drama in Education @stmgss creates an innovative space which pushes students to discover and rediscover their true inner strides. Our public productions for the past 20 years include *Lost Touch* 2021, *Goodbye* 2020, *Wake Up* 2019, *Chicken Soup* 2018, *Missing* 2017, *Who’s There* 2016, *Oh My Verbs* 2015, *Dairy Queen* 2014, *Screen Out* 2013, *Reckoning* 2012, *Romeo on the Internet* 2011, *Star* 2010, *If only I could* 2009, *Secret Keeper* 2008, *Spare Part* 2007, *Your Turn Now* 2006, *Snow White Sequel* 2005, *Special Me* 2004, *Who’s Talking* 2003 and *Take it Easy* 2002.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated, exceptionally talented and hardworking teacher advisors, led by Mrs ROSS Tricia, Kit-ying, who are committed to student achievement. They have been playing a critical role in the pursuit for excellence by shaping and advocating students’ whole person development.

My gratitude also goes to all our young adults and supporters who have shown enthusiastic participation and helped us develop and thrive ceaselessly throughout the years.



Don't Let your Dreams be Dreams, Go and Catch them – the Ways Forward

In future, STMGSS will continue to invest abundant resources on Drama in Education by launching seed fund to support young dreamers to kick-start their startup ventures. It is important that every student is given the opportunity to discover and develop his or her interests and strengths, and be supported to dream big, set goals and take action – *Don't let your dreams be dreams, go and catch them.*

I look forward to the next 20 years of Excellence!

