CHRISTMAS INTENSIVE PROGRAM 2020

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Introduction to Public Speaking
(G3-4 / G5-6)

Debating Rights and Responsibilities
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Assessment Submission for New and Returning Students

During this period, a submission based assessment process will be used to provide course recommendations for new and returning Capstone students (who have not attended any course for the past six months). Please refer to the details below:

For Primary students - Grade 1-6

• Two recent writing samples (one fiction and one non-fiction) that are no older than two months
• Writing samples should be compositions and not "question and answer" type exercises

For Secondary students - Grade 7-12

• Two recent writing samples from different genres (e.g. Persuasive and Descriptive) that are no older than two months
• Writing samples should be at least 200 words in length

15-min Online Interview Required for Debate Program:

Students interested in joining the Summer Debate Program must also schedule a 15-min online interview with one of our debate instructors.

Upon submitting your writing samples, please also indicate your preferred day and time for the online interview. We will try our best to accommodate your preferences.
This winter, try our Capstone English program! Through the intensive, students will experience Capstone’s methods of language instruction. Each lesson will focus on one core skill area of the English language - reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Through a thematic focus, students will improve their vocabulary, learn some important writing skills, and practice their grammar. Give a quick boost to your child’s English language skills over the winter break! This course is for new students only.

In this course, students will...

Grades 1-2:
- Learn important vocabulary related to animals and farming
- Practice foundational grammar, including the parts of speech
- Write correct sentences with the aid of the instructor
- Speak in a welcoming environment

Grades 3-4:
- Learn important vocabulary related to communication and animals
- Practice foundational grammar, including prepositions
- Write complex correct sentences with the aid of the instructor
- Speak in a welcoming environment

Grades 5-6:
- Learn important vocabulary related to technology and nature
- Practice foundational grammar, including conjunctions
- Write correct paragraphs with the aid of the instructor
- Speak in a welcoming environment

IN-PERSON CLASSES

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The Winter Wonderland Intensive Course is designed to develop reading and creative writing skills through the use of storyboard presentations. For this Christmas Intensive, students will read a variety of folktales and gain valuable insights regarding the celebration of the winter season in different cultures. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the stories by learning or reviewing the narrative structure, comparing and contrasting, and analyzing the symbolism behind these folk tales. Furthermore, students will choose a folk tale from which to write a creative sequel. They will plan, illustrate and write their ending using a storyboard.

In this course, students will...

- Develop and expand their vocabulary range by reading various stories
- Improve reading comprehension skills by comparing and contrasting different stories
- Learn to recognize and analyze symbolism in stories through class discussions
- Brainstorm, plan and create a logical and creative sequel

IN-PERSON CLASSES

Duration: 1.5 hrs x 4 lessons  |  Class size: 6  |  Course Fee: $3,000

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**Grade 3-4**

**Primary Writing**

Our Primary writing courses are designed to develop reading and writing skills in one of the three main writing genres: narrative, informational and persuasive. Throughout each course, students practice the important steps of the writing process - brainstorming, outlining logically, writing effectively, and revising thoughtfully.

**Informational Writing: Young Globetrotters**

This Christmas, the Young Globetrotters Intensive Course will take students on a journey through different countries, learning interesting facts about them as well as historical information. Students will create their own passport and stamp it as they “travel” to a different country each day. Not only will students get a better understanding of where different countries are located, students will also learn to process information independently to make better sense of the world we live in. Lastly, students will share what they have learned by creating and presenting their research on a country of their choice.

In this course, students will...

- Develop and improve their reading comprehension and research skills
- Experience reading, research, and writing in an encouraging, fun environment
- Learn important skills for structuring their ideas
- Showcase and present their information in a format of their choice (e.g. poster, slideshow, etc.)

**Duration:** 1.5 hrs x 4 lessons  |  **Class size:** 8  |  **Course Fee:** $3,000 (IN-PERSON)  |  $2,400 (ONLINE)

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Creative Writing: Producing A Graphic Novel

This winter, we want to help students reinforce foundational skills of narrative writing through the exciting medium of a graphic novel, which is a novel written in a "comic" format. In this intensive, students will review the narrative arc, explore character development via written dialogue, and set the scene through captions. To develop their own works, students will study excerpts of a graphic novel, plan their own work, and then create a storyboard for their idea. Finally, they will edit and resize their work in order to fine-tune their character dialogue, scene description and story development. By the end of this course, students will have produced their own graphic novel which will follow the narrative arc and be driven by compelling dialogue.

In this course, students will...

• Apply the structure of the narrative arc to a graphic novel format
• Effectively plan and outline using a storyboard
• Improve their dialogue and scene-setting skills
• Present and communicate ideas clearly and confidently visually and in writing

Duration: 1.5 hrs x 4 lessons | Class size: 8 | Course Fee: $3,000 (IN-PERSON) | $2,400 (ONLINE)

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Grade 3-6
Introduction to Public Speaking

This Christmas Intensive will focus on introducing students to basic public speaking skills, mainly focusing on speech delivery: volume, tone, poise, gestures, etc. This will be done through various classroom activities, exercises, and games which will help build students' confidence in speaking. Ultimately, this course aims to provide students with the necessary tools and experience to be able to speak on any given topic in a captivating and coherent manner. This class will not only be great for students who need to build their speaking skills, but also for students who are already confident at speaking but would like to learn the technical side of presentation.

In this course, students will...

Grades 3-4:
• Gain confidence speaking in front of an audience
• Recall and apply basic speaking techniques to improve oral communication
• Distinguish and use effective body language during presentations
• Summarize and report information in a clear and coherent speech

Grades 5-6:
• Develop and improve their speaking style by focusing on gesture and expression
• Gain exposure to impromptu, informative, and persuasive speaking
• Consider their audience when preparing their speech
• Craft and deliver a well-developed, persuasive speech on a contemporary topic with confidence and ease

Duration: 1.5 hrs x 4 lessons | Class size: 8 | Course Fee: $3,000 (IN-PERSON) | $2,400 (ONLINE)

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Secondary Writing

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G7-9 Creative Writing: A Study in Mystery

Developed to cater to students placing into Academic Writing Level I, this course introduces students to the tools that will help them write interesting mysteries. Simultaneously, students are given ample reading, writing, and speaking practice to improve the fluency of their English. The course gives students models of exciting mysteries, which they draw writing strategies from. The tools they learn include how to structure a story, how to describe a character, and how to build tension. Students then practice these concepts through worksheets and in-class writing exercises. They ultimately craft one mystery over the course of the intensive, and receive instructor feedback throughout to help them improve.

In this course, students will...

• Read various examples of mystery writing, thus practicing reading comprehension and analysis
• Learn how to structure their story in a clear and interesting way
• Practice descriptive techniques to depict character and build tension
• Develop a carefully thought-out mystery story with guidance from the instructor

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Grade 7-12

Secondary Writing

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G7-9 Persuasive Writing: Analysing Irresistible Advertising

Developed to cater to students placing into Academic Writing Level II, this course systematically teaches students how to analyze advertising for effective persuasion. Students will learn the rhetorical strategies of logos, pathos, and ethos, and practice each strategy within various persuasive topics. At this level, the main emphasis is on helping students to improve the organization of their writing and the language that they use. Students will be challenged with discussions that require them to exercise their critical thinking and employ careful analysis to come to their conclusions. In addition to giving students the skills they need to write effective persuasive essays, lessons will emphasize the importance of effective planning, editing, and revising.

In this course, students will...

- Practice their critical thinking skills by analysing various advertising forms
- Analyse professional writing that serves as a model for student work
- Learn rhetorical strategies and practice applying them in their own persuasive writing
- Follow the writing process to produce a polished 5-paragraph persuasive essay

G7-9 Persuasive Writing: Analysing Irresistible Advertising

Duration: 2 hrs x 4 lessons  |  Class Size: 8  |  Course Fee: $4,000 (IN-PERSON)  |  $3,200 (ONLINE)

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Grade 9+

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G9+ Further Writing: Critical Responses to Poetry

Developed to cater to students placing into Academic Writing Level III, or who are currently in grade 10 or above, this intensive exposes students to the challenging field of literary analysis through a primer on poetry. Students are not only exposed to various forms of poetry, but also write their own as well as produce a formal analytical essay. Challenging reading material is used to enhance students' analytical skills, to teach literary terms, and to act as a vehicle for writing practice. Students will also refine their brainstorming, planning, drafting, editing, and proofreading habits through instruction and peer collaboration.

In this course, students will...

- Practice their critical thinking skills by analysing various poems
- Learn fundamental literary analysis terms and practice applying them in a formal essay
- Engage in discussion that pushes students' critical reading comprehension
- Follow the writing process to produce a polished analytical essay

Course Fee: $4,000 (IN-PERSON) | $3,200 (ONLINE)

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Secondary Critical Thinking and Speaking

At the Secondary level, our critical thinking programs seek to both build students’ confidence with their presentations as well as to encourage them to probe their own opinions and the opinions of others. This winter, we are providing a range of offerings for students who would like to focus on either the critical thinking or speaking facets of our regular FAST and RRAPS programs.

Grade 7-9 Introduction to Public Speaking

Developed for students placing into our FAST program, this course teaches students to express themselves with poise, confidence, and eloquence in a supportive and inclusive environment. Classes are taught through lively and engaging exercises designed to increase students’ comfort with presentation. Part of the course will focus on technical strategies and conventions of speech, such as presentation skills, emotive reading, improvisation, and persuasion strategies for targeting an audience. By the completion of the intensive course, students will have crafted and delivered an effective speech on a contemporary issue about which they are passionate.

In this course, students will...

- Learn various speech patterns and gesture techniques
- Consider ways to target particular audiences
- Practice presenting ideas effectively in front of an audience
- Craft and deliver a well-developed speech on a topic they are passionate about

Grade 7-9 Introduction to Public Speaking

Duration: 2 hrs x 4 lessons | Class Size: 8

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Grade 7-9 - Probing Information and Identifying Bias

Developed for students placing into our RRAPS program, this intensive introduces students to foundation-level critical thinking and presentation skills. The course focuses on giving students the tools to read critically: examining a title, spotting bias, considering connotation, and others. Content comes from a wide range of sources, including current news events, technical papers, and Capstone-created case studies. After processing, questioning, and analyzing complex information, students are then expected to synthesize, critique, and present their ideas through discussion and various presentation formats.

In this course, students will…

- Learn the various techniques authors use to manipulate readers
- Gain exposure to various critical reading strategies
- Practice their reading skills through guided discussion
- Apply their analysis in the form of a presentation at the end of the lesson

Grade 7-9 Probing Information and Identifying Bias

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Grades 10-12 - Defining Justice: Judging in a Complex World

Formulated for grades 10-12, this course focuses on improving students’ analytical and presentation abilities in an interactive classroom environment, incorporating critical reading/media analysis, argument-formation, public speaking, and problem-solving. In this intensive, students will consider what constitutes justice, and how challenging achieving true justice can be. Course content comes from a wide range of sources, including media outlets such as The Guardian, technical papers, and Capstone-created case studies. After processing, questioning, and analyzing complex information, students in this course are then expected to synthesize, critique, and present their thoughts on what they have learned.

In this course, students will...

- Consider case-studies on the topic of justice
- Practice their critical reading skills through examination of various texts
- Engage in guided discussion that pushes students to consider multiple perspectives
- Apply their analysis in the form of a presentation or debate at the end of the lesson

Grades 10-12 Defining Justice: Judging in a Complex World  IN-PERSON CLASSES

Duration: 2 hrs x 4 lessons | Class Size: 8

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Grade 7-12

Debating Rights and Responsibilities

Grades 7-9 and Grades 10-12

The intensive course will be a topic-in-focus program for debaters of all skill levels. Students will learn about rights and responsibilities this intensive, considering hate speech, the relationships between religion and rights, and others. Analysing these topics, students will propose and debate positions and solutions that affect different stakeholder groups. During each lesson, instructors will work closely with students on style, presentation clarity, information development, strategy, and rebuttal logic, helping them to maximize their debating abilities and effectiveness. **Students interested in joining this intensive program should have some prior debate experience and must complete an interview with our debating instructor for admission.**

In this course, students will...

- Train in a competitive environment with some of Hong Kong’s top junior debaters
- Consider case-studies on the topic of human rights
- Engage in guided discussion that pushes students to consider multiple perspectives
- Craft logical and compelling arguments and rebuttals

Grades 7-9 Debating Rights and Responsibilities

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Grades 10-12 Debating Rights and Responsibilities

Duration: 2 hrs x 4 lessons | Class Size: 8

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Application will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Course schedule and fee are subject to change without advance notice.
Special Offers for 2020 Christmas Intensive Program

All discounts are only applicable to students who enroll in our Christmas Intensive Program.

- Early Bird discount: Students who enroll and pay on or before Dec 5, 2020 will receive $300 discount.
- Capstone student discount: Current Capstone students who concurrently enrolled in our 2020 Christmas Intensive Program and On-going course for the month of December will receive $200 discount in their Christmas course.
- Sibling Discount: Siblings who enroll in the Christmas Intensive Program concurrently will receive a maximum up to $300 discount from the course enrolled for a family.
  Note: Sibling Discounts will be forfeited in the case that either one of the sibling’s courses is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment to the class.

Enrollment Terms and Conditions for 2020 Christmas Intensive Courses

1. Registration must be made on the Registration Form provided and returned to us no less than 7 days before the course commencement date with full fee. Payment can be made by cash, EPS, or crossed cheque payable to CAPSTONE PREP EDUCATION CENTER. Cheque payment is accepted subject to clearance. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.

2. Upon full payment, applications are processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Acceptance is subject to the discretion of Capstone.

3. Please confirm your schedules before enrolling as fees, once paid, are non-refundable and non-transferable. For all classes, if student is absent for a class due to sickness or other personal reasons, no refunds and no make up class will be provided.

4. For in-person courses because of the COVID-19 situation and Hong Kong unrest, sessions may sometimes be switched from in-person to online learning due to safety concerns. In such circumstances: (1) the student is expected to attend at the same session but through online means, (2) tuition will not be adjusted or otherwise compensated for any sessions that were converted from in-person to online due to the above circumstances.

5. A formal assessment is conducted for all new students and former Capstone students (who have not attended any course for the past six months) to ensure he/she will be placed in the class best suited to their learning style and maturity level. (Please refer to page 2 for the requirement for submission based of the student’s writing samples)

6. A minimum of 4 students are required for a course to run as scheduled. Capstone reserves the right to cancel a course if enrollment is insufficient. In such case, students will be required to transfer to another scheduled course.

7. Capstone reserves the right to substitute instructors and to make changes to the content and class schedule if necessary without prior notice.

8. In case of school closure prior to the commencement of a course, our school will refund (in full) the course fee collected stated on the tuition invoice.

9. If a course cannot be operated according to the arrangements specified in the fee receipt and students decline the revised arrangements offered by our school, our school will refund in full or on a pro-rata basis of the course fee collected. The request for refund must be through email to info@capstoneprep.com and will be processed within a month after the request date.

10. In case of a cessation of a course after its commencement, our school will refund the course fee collected on a pro-rata basis as soon as possible and in any event no later than one month after the cessation of the course.

B. Refund Procedures:

1. Our School will confirm the refund arrangement either over the telephone or in writing.

2. Our School will refund in accordance with the above policies.

3. When processing the refund, Capstone will not take away the original fee receipts. Acknowledgement on the receipt of the refund must be confirmed by the signature of the parent or legal guardian.

4. Our School will pay the refund by cheque.