

Flag-raising Ceremony



Played solemnly at eight, the national anthem marks the beginning of the flag raising ceremony every morning. The national anthem interweaves with the marching-steps of the flag-raising team, resounding throughout the campus. Although the flag-raising ceremony only lasts for forty-seven seconds, the effort made by the flag-raising team is tremendous.

The Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Road Safety Patrol team take turns to host the ceremony. Before the completion of the flagpole, they practised every week to familiarize themselves with the procedures of the ceremony. The difficulties they encountered at the beginning have been overcome by frequent practice. “Controlling the speed of the raising flag is one of the difficulties we faced. We need to control its speed so that the flag will be exactly on the top of the flagpole at the end of the national anthem.” remarked Cheung Chi Fung, leader of the Boy Scouts. ‘After a few months of practice, we are now very skilful at it.’ Members of Road Safety Patrol team also agree that frequent drill is the key to the smooth running of the ceremony.



The flag-raising ceremony not only marks the beginning of every new school day, but also plays an important role in various school functions. In the Speech Day and Open Day, the national flag, the regional flag and the school flag are raised by members of the three teams. They are proud of being members of the flag-raising team. ‘Every time when the national anthem reverberates and the national flag is raised by me, I am deeply moved and excited.’ said Yu Shuk Yan, leader of the Girl Guides. Besides, they all think that being a member of the team is a valuable experience. “We know a lot about the rituals of the national flag raising. For instance, the regional flag cannot be raised faster than the national flag, and we are aware of the different responsibilities of the three flag-holders.” said a member of the Road Safety Patrol team. ‘Furthermore, as the actions of every team member have to be consistent, our spirit of cooperation is enhanced.’

It is hoped that the flag-raising ceremony will help to develop greater national identity among our schoolmates in the long run.