

Catch up with Patrick Tam (2007)

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Patrick and Alison Chadwick (alumni officer) with some of the 6.1s considering applying to university in Hong Kong

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During his visit, he told us about the positive influence of Concord principals, Tony Morris and Neil Hawkins, and how he changed his mind about a medical career to become an educator and his own boss.

What led you to come to Concord?

"When I was 15 my dad told me that I was too immature, and he thought it would be a good idea for me to jump in at the deep end and go to an international school outside Hong Kong to toughen me up.

I found out about Concord through my best friend, Antony Yiu and his brother, Kevin, who had left Concord in 2004. I met Tony Morris in Hong Kong in 2005 (the same year he retired as Principal) and he interviewed me for a place. At the end of our conversation, he took me by surprise and invited me to join Concord. I remember him saying to me; 'Everyone needs an opportunity, and if you are given one, you have to treasure it.' I've never forgotten that."



What did you think about Concord when you started?

"I've always enjoyed the energy of city life, so adjusting to Concord's quiet environment was a challenge at first. To be honest, I didn't adapt well to student life in the beginning. Things started to change when I got involved in extracurricular activities like basketball and fencing. These experiences helped me broaden my social circle, and taking part in various events made me feel more connected. Winning a fencing competition as a school team was especially memorable — it brought us closer as a team.

I also took on a job in the dining room and joined the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme with Mrs Newton Badman, which I absolutely loved. One of my funniest memories was during one of our camping trips — Mrs Newton Badman telling us off for spending too much time cooking overly complicated recipes. We were just determined to make a proper full breakfast!

Another memorable part of my time at Concord was the warmth and kindness of my peers. I still remember how, on my birthday, the students I knew surprised me with a huge banner in the dining room that read "Happy Birthday." It was such a thoughtful gesture, and it really showed the strong sense of connection and community we shared — it meant a great deal to me."



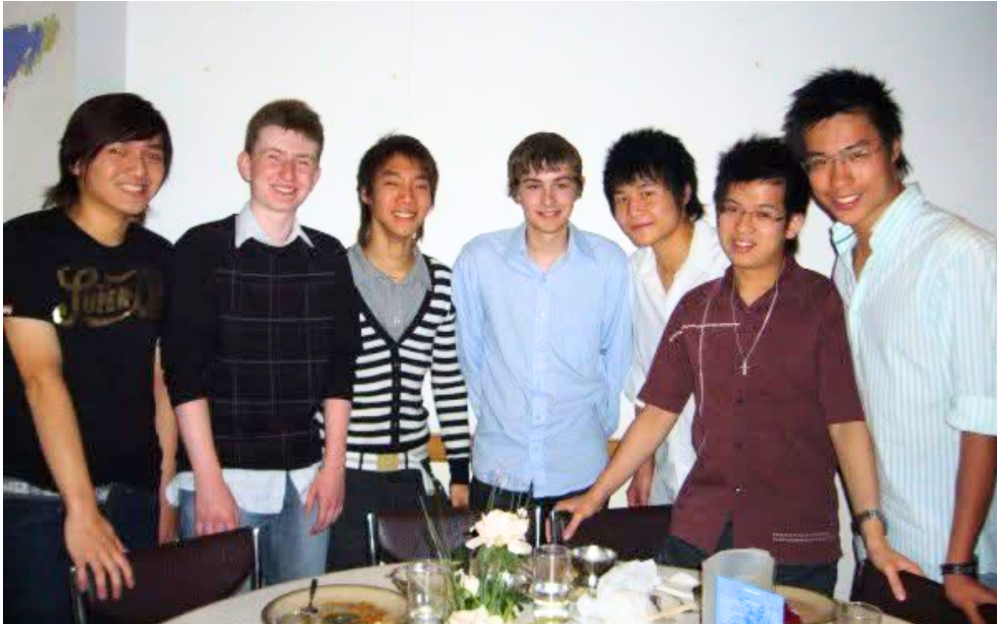
Tell us more about working in the Concord dining room.

"Back then students could get paid work in the Concord dining room. There were 12 of us, including Tim Lawrence who is now a Concord teacher, and we would rotate shifts serving food, clearing up as well as hoovering. I especially liked an early shift starting at 8.30am. This whole experience really helped me develop self-discipline and become more independent."



How did you discover your true passion?

I was strong in maths but was influenced by peers to explore medicine, attending a weeklong Med-Link programme at Nottingham. That experience solidified my decision to apply for Medicine, and I was offered a place at UCL. While studying there, I began tutoring in my spare time — an experience that quietly planted the seed for my future path. But throughout my studies in UCL, my time pursuing a dentistry degree in India and other work experiences, it became clear that my true passion lay not in medicine, but in student education and development.



Tell us about M.I.N.T. Education – your business

"M.I.N.T. stands for Mentoring, Inspiring, Nurturing and Transforming which sums up what I want to do with the business. Most of my time is spent educating Hong Kong students on a one to one basis in STEM subjects, I also coach them to relieve stress and position themselves for their futures. Students are usually introduced to me by referrals. As an education consultant and Concord Ambassador, I often seek for those candidates who treasure Concord's core value – Rigour, Creativity and Kindness.

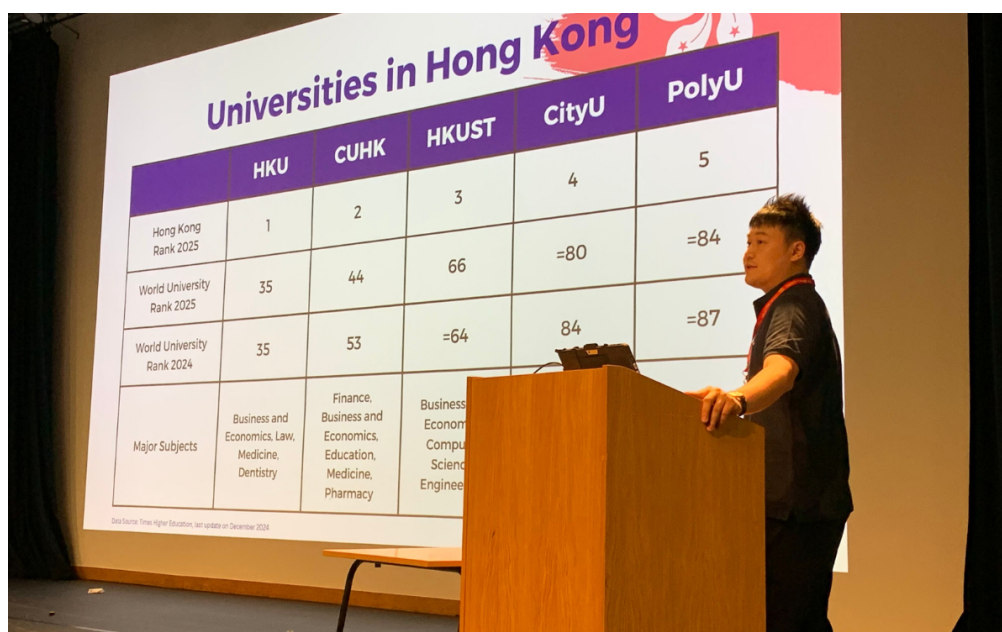
I was partly inspired by the former Concord principal, Neil Hawkins, who at a reunion in 2018 gave me some great advice about not framing myself and to explore other identities. He encouraged me to do a Masters in Applied Education Leadership, and I am graduating soon at UCL. Many thanks to Mr Hawkins' influence, helping my students develop and grow is my biggest motivation and achievement."



Patrick with Mrs Newton-Badman, Biology teacher and Duke of Edinburg Scheme organiser (she celebrates 25 years at Concord in August!)

Why do you want to be a Concord Alumni Ambassador?

"I wanted to become a Concord Alumni Ambassador to contribute more to Concord. I felt that the connections amongst students are easily lost after graduating from Concord. So, my aim is to connect as many alumni as possible and currently we have a WhatsApp group with around 200 Concordians in Hong Kong. I also hope to extend the family-like connections to all classes by arranging social events such as networking, Christmas dinners and barbecues. With the help and initiatives from Alison Chadwick at Concord College, we would like to create a platform to support new graduates and current students with future university and career advice as well. Watch this space!"



Patrick talking to the 6.1s in the theatre - huge thanks to him for his fantastic advice and also, for all the work he is doing to develop the Concord alumni community in Hong Kong. More news about that coming very soon.