Evangel College
2025-2026 Secondary English Department
Annual Report for Special Grant

<u>Program Plan</u> : One-off Grant for Promotion of Self-directed Language Learning (English Language)

<u>Details of the Grant</u>
Circular :
EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 210/2024
Ref.: EDB(CD)CLE/FIN/65/28PTH(SDL)
Date of circular: 18 December 2024

Grant amount: $200,000
Start period: December 18, 2024
End period: August 31, 2027
School year of grant usage: 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027

Budget holder : Elly Tam

<u>Purpose of the Grant</u>
The Hong Kong school curriculum aims to promote whole-person development and nurture students into lifelong learners. In terms of English education, developing students' self-directed learning should be emphasised alongside listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Adopt diversified strategies all along to promote students' language learning through various measures such as curriculum development, production of learning and teaching resources, organisation of student activities and creation of a language-rich environment.

Schools can deploy the one-off grant to procure language learning resources, hire instructors or supporting staff or purchase services. **The grant can only be used for promoting self-directed language learning and enriching the language learning environment in schools.**

<u>How to use the Grant</u>
• To hire instructors or non-teaching supporting staff outside the permanent staff establishment to support staff for assisting in students' language learning and organising English activities as well as competitions.
• Supporting students' language learning, producing materials which facilitate self-directed language learning and designing learning activities beyond the classroom, promoting learning goal and plan setting, self-reflection and self-monitoring of the learning process, thereby cultivating students' self-directed learning capabilities.

• Procuring and/or subscribing to resources for promoting self-directed language learning and/or enriching the language learning environment to enhance students' English learning experiences.
• Purchasing/subscribing to self-directed learning resource packages, language learning/ assessment applications and online learning platforms.
• Purchasing online learning courses.

Actual Plan

The grant will be used to hire an AI company that will teach secondary 5 in regards to their speaking skills. The program will cover 30 students for 20 hours of lesson time (10 lessons). Teaching students various speaking skills using AI tools that will enhance confidence, language skills, presentation skills for the English SBA assessment in senior forms.

Projected Budget

The EDB offered the "One-off Grant for Promotion of Self-directed Language Learning (English Language), with an amount of $200,000 and to complete before the end of the 2026/27 school year.

Date	**Item**	**Amount deducted in HKD**	**Amount deducted**
Jan 2025	Given grant		$200,000
Sept 2025	Hope Social Innovation Program (AI Speaking Program) for 10 lessons by Datality Lab - S3	$32,303	
Oct 2025	AI Writing Platform for the school year - by INSE - S1-S6	Approx: $50,000	
June 2026	Movie appreciation for Junior forms	Approx: $15,000	
	Remaining grant		**$102,697**

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Sept	Hope Social Innovation Program	$32,303	

2025	(AI Speaking Program) for 10 lessons by Datality Lab - S3		
Oct 2025	AI Writing Platform for the school year - by INSE - S1-S6	$48,800	
Feb 2026 & Jun 2026	Inter-school English magazine -published for whole school	$18,265	
	Remaining grant		**$100,632**

The remaining grant will be further considered for self-directed learning in the 2026-2027 school year.