

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hong Kong students are often criticised for their lack of creativity and individual thinking. It's sad, but I have to admit that it is somewhat true.

Survival for the fittest. Either let the system change you, or you get out of the system. The current education system has nurtured a group of studying machines who are particularly experienced in cramming themselves with all sorts of texts, examination tips, marking schemes and past papers before examinations.

Eyes fixed on the New Senior Secondary (NSS) curriculum, with hopes of altering the current situation by turning Liberal Studies into one of the core subjects. Government officials have always said that the subject can train up students' critical and independent thinking skills.

To embrace the changes, publishers have been carrying on with their plans to publish textbooks, and tutorial schools are introducing Liberal Studies tutorial

courses to tap on market demands. So would Liberal Studies end up being another exam-oriented subject?

This is yet to be observed, but perhaps it is time for us to think out-of-the-box, and out-of-the-book. After all we are the ones who should be taking the initiative to go beyond the conventional way of thinking.

And this is when *Varsity* comes into the picture. As an experimental magazine, *Varsity* is not only a trial ground for journalism students to practise their skills and ideas, but also a platform for us to bring attention to matters that may have been overlooked in the community.

As the first of the three issues of *Varsity* published in this semester, we welcome feedbacks or comments.

Happy reading.

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