



SUMMERBRIDGE HONG KONG 2026 SUMMER PROGRAM

The 2026 Summer Program was an incredible summer where our students and teachers all had the opportunity to build lifelong friendships, find a new belief in themselves, and contribute to making a positive and meaningful impact to the people around them. This was all possible thanks to the generosity from our sponsors and the kind support we received from our loving community. Summerbridge Hong Kong would like to extend our genuine appreciation to everyone for believing in our work and investing in the lives of the youth. Your contributions are what make all this possible.

With the growing academic pressures and economic disparities within the city, we found that our students coming from socioeconomically underprivileged backgrounds are faced with significant shortages of accessible academic programs, socioemotional resources and opportunities for building genuine human connections with others. With a limited access, our demographic of students is faced feeling more isolated, left behind, and more uncertain of the future ahead. With that in mind, this summer, we adopted the theme of “Don’t Let Your Dreams Be Dream”, encouraging all our students and teachers to take on new challenges with bravery, chase their dreams with confidence and to be not afraid to JUST DO IT. Every student could feel safe to be more vulnerable, share about their passions and dreams and had the opportunity to build a lifelong connection with fellow students and teachers where their support will extend beyond their time in Summerbridge.

This summer, Summerbridge served a total of 140 students and 55 faculty members. Our Summer Program was hosted primarily at ESF King George V School, while our staff training in the beginning of the program was hosted in Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong. As with all summers, Summerbridge worked to provide a learning environment where students would learn to see education as a lifelong journey that could be driven by curiosity and excitement.

The support we had from our sponsors and valuable members of our Summerbridge community is what made this summer possible. You are the driving force that allows us to continue working toward the goal of providing a space for youth in Hong Kong to feel seen, feel loved, and feel empowered. We promise to stay true to our mission and continue to strive in bringing more opportunities for the underprivileged youth here in Hong Kong. Thank you for your belief in our work, and for your support to positively impact our youth who may not get the opportunity otherwise.

For our students, they challenged themselves over the course of four and a half weeks to speak English all the time, embrace new encounters and share their compassion this summer. Through our four special events (Spirit Day, Olympics Day, Talent Show, Student Teaching Day) and academic lessons such as Filmmaking, Engineering Design, and World Building, students fostered their life skills such as love of learning, bravery, and self-confidence. In just a short amount of time, our students went through a transformative experience. From their very first-time time stepping into an English immersive environment, to the end of summer where each of them stepped on stage with confidence to showcase the culmination of their learning with their friends and family, we want to celebrate the journey that our students experienced this summer.

For our teachers, their journey this summer was filled with excitement and impact. For many, it was their first time stepping into the role of a teacher, and through this experience, they gained valuable experiences in designing curriculum, teaching in a classroom, and even preparing for large scale events. As positive role models, teachers helped create the culture of kindness and facilitate the safe space for our students to grow. By the end of the summer, many of our teachers shared that they experienced personal growth in their leadership skills, resilience, and self-confidence, while some were even further inspired to become educators in the future!

During the summer we also had the opportunity to welcome many sponsors and community members to visit Summer Program this year. We want to thank everyone who took the time and effort to come to the program this summer:

- Mrs. Helen Chan Li
(Friends of Asia Hong Kong)
- Mr. Clarence Choy
- Mr. Peter Crewe
(Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society)
- Mr. Andrew Fung
(Hong Kong Jockey Club)
- Mr. David Halperin
- Ms. Monica Ingkavet
- Ms. Selina Kung
- Ms. Christine Kwan & Ms. Karen Tse
(China Holiness Church Living Spirit College)
- Ms. Cynthia Leung
(Henderson Land Development)
- Ms. Sally Lee
- Mr. Ning Li
- Ms. Alice Wong
- Mr. Leo Zen

Academic Classes



Earth Sciences



Physical Drama



Social Science Research



Poetry and Worldbuilding



English Writing



Pop Art and Design

Special Events



Student Sharing & Getting on Stage



Celebration & Graduation





Emily Lu,
Student Teacher

"I was a part of the Summerbridge 2025 teaching cohort and returned to the program again in 2026. For me, Summerbridge was never about the place, but it's about the people. It's about all the teachers, all the students, everyone that became my inspirations. I'll always think back to this summer and think about how each and everyone at Summerbridge touched my life and made me a better person. Even though the program has ended, I see it as an invitation to begin a new adventure and carry my Summerbridge Spirit everywhere I go. I want to bring my experiences back to my own community, connect with more and more people, and expand this family built around compassion and love. Summerbridge has truly made my past two summers an unforgettable experience."



William Chang,
Student

"Summerbridge is a special place where I can feel loved, feel supported, and learn to really believe in myself. I know that everyone here will never laugh at us and never give up on us. No matter what challenges, or obstacles there are, I feel like we can do it all in Summerbridge. I remember the first day when everything was so new, so scary. But from my experiences like Family Time, Spirit Day and Talent Show, I learned how to support my friends and teachers, how to communicate more with people, and how to not be afraid of trying new things. It is something that I cannot do alone. But together - all friends, classmates, teachers - because of everyone in SB, I feel like I can be more curious, share more love, and have so much courage!"



Yannis Kwok,
Student

"Summerbridge gave me a very fun and memorable summer. I made many amazing friends from everywhere around the world and learned so much this summer! Teachers share what they have passion for, and I learned so many new lessons like Filmmaking, Economics, Drama and World Geography for the first time! Here, I also learned how to be braver and more confident! On the first day in Summerbridge, I was so nervous to talk to each other and teachers. However, everyone will always be so so SO friendly, kind and positive. Even if it is my first time learning new cheers, like the Boogalow cheer, no one will laugh at us. Everyone will keep joining in, keep encouraging and make me feel so comfortable. Because everyone will always have so much support and make us feel safe, I feel like we can try anything and JUST DO IT! I love Summerbridge so much!"

STUDENTS TEACHING STUDENTS

As part of our Students Teaching Students model, university and high school students from around the world join our program as student teachers. Our student teachers are international, dedicated, and creative, which helps create a diverse learning environment that is unique in Hong Kong. Countries represented by student teachers this summer included the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, China, Korea, Turkey, Greece, Serbia, Hong Kong and more. Student teachers work hard to create a supportive community for the students that allow them to take risks, try new subjects, and thrive. Guided by former Summerbridge teachers and professional teachers, our student teachers created their own curricula, taught classes, planned events, and evaluated student performance.

SCHOOLS REPRESENTED BY STUDENT TEACHERS IN 2026

Cégep de l'Outaouais
Chinese International School
Emerson College
ESF Island School
Harvey Mudd College
Hong Kong International School
King's College London
La Salle College Preparatory
Macaulay Honors at Queens College, CUNY
McGill University
New York University
Pomona College
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy
SOAS, University of London

Stanford University
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Open University
The University of Hong Kong
University College London
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Guelph
University of Manchester
University of Ottawa
Wellesley College
Wilfrid Laurier University



ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

At Summerbridge, we continue to have alumni programs for our students to stay connected and continue to give back to the community after they graduate. This summer we had 18 incredible former students return, four of which even came back to take on the role of Future Teachers. We are incredibly proud to see our former students step up, become leaders, inspire teachers and students, and take their ownership in shaping the program this summer!

OFFICE ASSISTANTS (OAs)

Students who have graduated from the program have an opportunity to return to the program as Office Assistants (OAs). They take on new responsibilities in supporting the students, sharing classroom ideas with the teacher, and supporting the program. In their new role, they continued building on their English communication skills, teamwork, and self-confidence, while shining as big brothers and sisters for the students.



FUTURE TEACHERS (FTs)

For students who want to continue their journey with Summerbridge and give back to the community after their time as OAs, they can choose to apply to become Future Teachers (FTs). Four former students chose to take on this role and committed a full summer to shadowing another student teacher, learning about the responsibilities of being a teacher, and taking on the daily challenge to provide both students and teachers with support and guidance. Hear more about their experiences here:



Ivan Fong,
Future Teacher

“My journey with Summerbridge began five years ago, from being a nervous student in 2022 and 2023, to working as an Office Assistant supporting the teachers for two years, to now a summer of being a Future Teacher. Back then, I was the one receiving love and guidance from my teachers. This year, I have learned what it means to stand by the new students and support them as they shine like the stars, they truly are. This summer, what I learned the most was that I need to look from others’ perspective when I communicate with people. After joining SB as FT, working so close with the teachers this year, I know that everyone has a different perspective and you must stand from other people’s perspectives and try to understand them. I really learned so much this year and I love Summerbridge so much. ”



Amanda Leung,
Future Teacher

“Summerbridge is truly a unique place which lets everyone grow a better version of themselves. It’s a place where we learn to listen, respect each other, and learn together in a community full of love and support. These past five summers gave me more than I could ever imagine. My biggest takeaway was to see the world through holistic eyes. From a student to an office assistant and now to a Future teacher, working with teachers for the new students has taught me to lead by example, to hold back judgment, and to truly listen with an open heart. I learned that listening is more than a skill - it is a way of truly connecting with people. I love SB so much and without it, I wouldn’t be who I am today.”

BACKGROUND

Our organization aims to serve students who are most in need of an educational experience like Summerbridge. Students come from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds, and some face challenging family situations. Our students simply need an opportunity, and Summerbridge does its best to fill the gap. Through their time at Summerbridge, students have an experience that improves their confidence and inspires them to take ownership of their future educational and life trajectories.

From Families Earning Below 55% of MMDHI* in Hong Kong	From Single or No-Parent Families
78%	27%

*MMDHI is the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income as determined by the General Household Survey conducted by Census and Statistics Department in Hong Kong

CONTACT SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS

Summerbridge has worked with many local secondary schools located throughout Hong Kong to recruit students. These schools are mostly government schools that use Chinese as a medium of instruction located in disadvantaged socioeconomic neighborhoods, outlying areas or public housing estates. The majority of Summerbridge students are drawn from these contact schools, and thanks to our strong relationships with these schools, we are able to collaborate with school teachers to follow up on improvements made by the students who attend Summerbridge, especially in the areas of English communication, attitude towards learning, and self-confidence. That said, students attending other schools in Hong Kong are also welcome to apply to the program.

SCHOOLS REPRESENTED BY STUDENTS IN 2026

Buddhist Ho Nam Kam College	HHCKLA Buddhist Ching Kok Secondary School	Pok Oi Hospital 80 th Anniversary Tang Ying Hei College
Buddhist Sin Tak College	HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School	Pooi To Middle School
Buddhist Tai Hung College	Hong Kong and Kowloon Chiu Chow Public Association Secondary School	S.K.H. Kei Hau Secondary School
Buddhist Tai Kwong Chi Hong College	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College	S.K.H. Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School
CCC Kei Chi Secondary School	Kiangsu-Chekiang College (Kwai Chung)	S.K.H. St. Benedict's School
CCC Mong Man Wai College	Kit Sam Lam Bing Yim Secondary School	S.K.H. Tsoi Kung Po Secondary School
C.C.C. Tam Lee Lai Fun Memorial Secondary School	Ko Lui Secondary School	SKH Holy Carpenter Secondary School
China Holiness Church Living Spirit College	Kwai Chung Methodist College	STFA Cheng Yu Tung Secondary School
China Holiness College	Leung Shek Chee College	Tang King Po School
Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Secondary School	Lock Tao Secondary School	The Methodist Lee Wai Lee College
Christ College	Lok Sin Tong Ku Chiu Man Secondary School	Tsang Pik Shan (Sung Lan) Secondary School
Christian Alliance Cheng Wing Gee College	Lui Cheung Kwong Lutheran College	TWGHs Chang Ming Thien College
Fukien Secondary School (Siu Sai Wan)	Ning Po No. 2 College	Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School
H.K. & KLN. Kaifong Women's Association Sun Fong Chung College	PHC Wing Kwong College	
	Po Chiu Catholic Secondary School	

INTRODUCTION

Every year, Summerbridge administers a qualitative assessment test to evaluate whether Summerbridge has achieved its goals for the students. Students take two surveys: one at the beginning of the program, and one at the end. This survey was designed with the help of professors from Hong Kong Baptist University. The following figures and charts show the results of this survey.

**Please see that attached report for details, including our methods and analysis of the results.*

RESULTS

Both New and Returning students showed significant improvement in all five areas of relevance. The areas of greatest growth occurred were English communication, self-confidence, and leadership. These skills are qualities that will help students to improve their future educational trajectories in the long run.

2026 New Student Paired T-Test

	Pre-Program Test Mean	Post-Program Test Mean	Mean Gain	Standard Error Mean
English Communication	4.321	6.057	1.736**	0.600
Love of Learning	8.604	9.925	1.321*	0.591
Self-Confidence	3.585	6.132	2.547***	0.633
Leadership	5.453	7.170	1.717*	0.646
Teamwork	8.245	9.547	1.302*	0.576

2026 Returning Student Paired T-Test

	Pre-Program Test Mean	Post-Program Test Mean	Mean Gain	Standard Error Mean
English Communication	4.677	6.419	1.742*	0.724
Love of Learning	8.097	11.129	3.065**	1.095
Self-Confidence	4.742	7.290	2.548*	1.092
Leadership	4.710	8.000	3.290*	1.353
Teamwork	8.258	9.903	1.645*	0.710

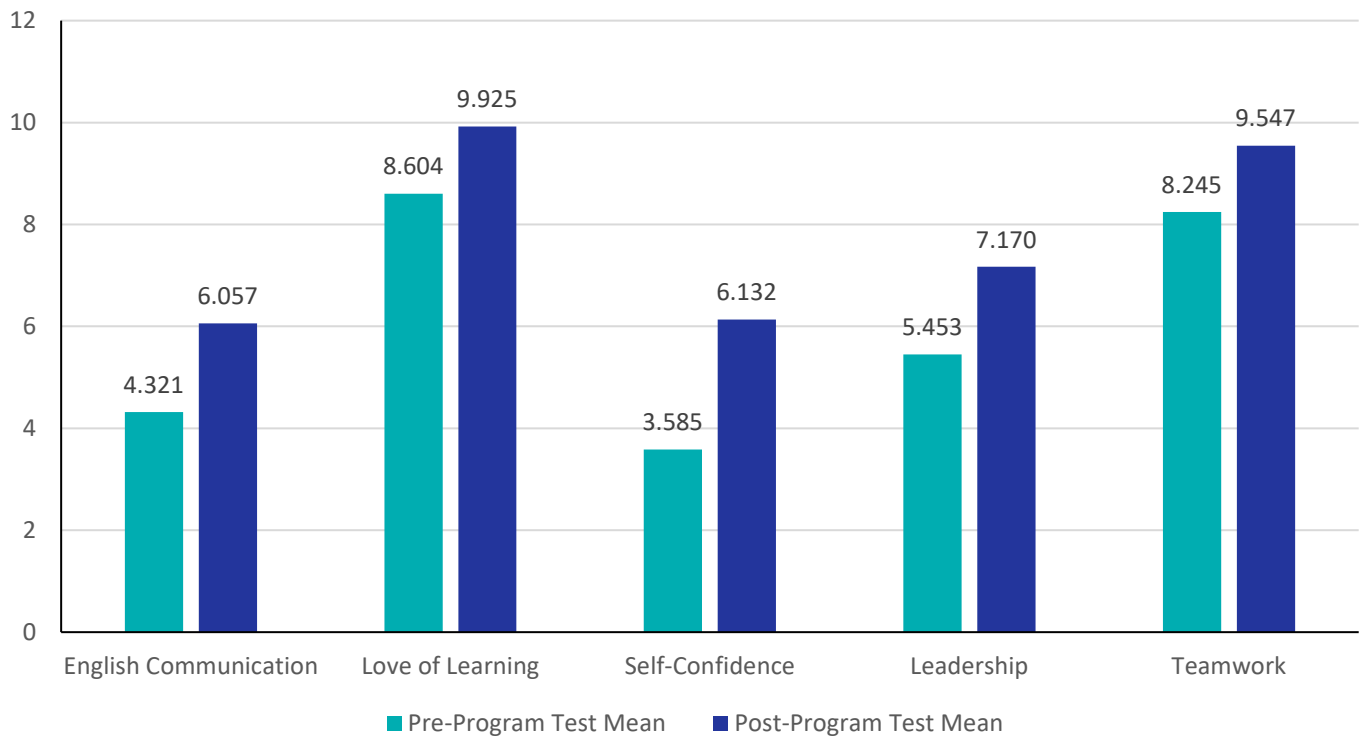
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* $P \text{ value} < 0.05$

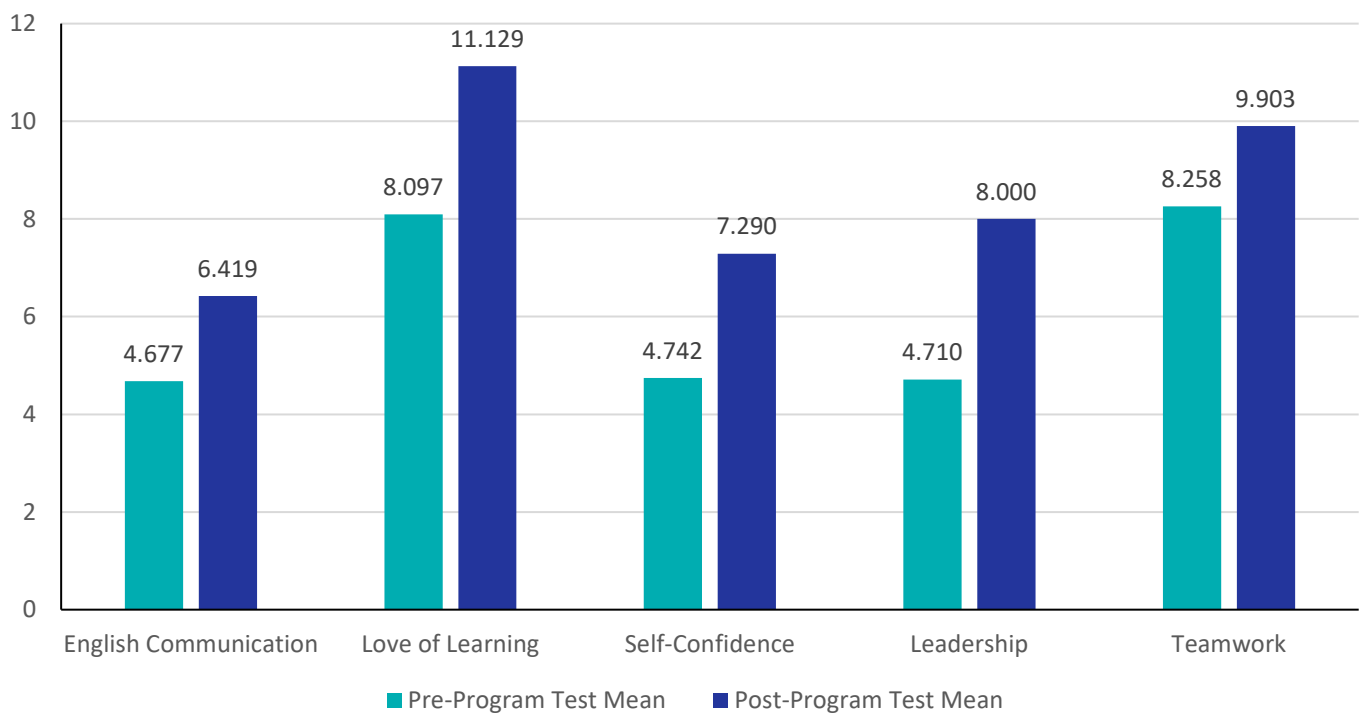
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2026 New Student Paired T-test Results



2026 Returning Student Paired T-test Results



2027 SUMMER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

In 2027, the Summer Program will likely be held in King George V School this year. The continued support of the English Schools Foundation over the years has allowed Summerbridge to successfully hold its Summer Program. Its generosity and continued support for Summerbridge and its students is greatly appreciated.

PROGRAM DATES

Parents' Conference June 5
(for students's family)

Staff Introduction Day June 12
Administrative Training June 14 – 15
Staff Training June 18 – June 28
Student Introduction Day June 26
Classes in Session June 29 – August 1
Evaluation Week August 2 - 6

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spirit Day July 5
Olympics Day July 9
Talent Show July 16
Student Teaching Day July 23
Celebration July 31 & August 1

STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Application Opening October 2026
Application Deadline March 2027
Recruitment Presentations November 2026 – February 2027
Review Applications March – May 2027
Phone Interviews April – May 2027
Applicant Notification May 2027

STUDENT TEACHER RECRUITMENT

To apply to become a Summerbridge student teacher, interested individuals can apply through the student teacher application found on the Summerbridge Hong Kong website.

Application Timeline

Application Opening October 2026
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Recruitment Presentations November 2026 – February 2027
Interviews December 2026 – April 2027
Applicant Notification By April 2027

Thank you for helping our youth and providing them opportunities to improve their educational trajectories. Summerbridge is a charitable organization that relies entirely on the generosity of individuals, foundations, and corporations to fund its programs. Your support enables us to continue to help improve the educational paths of our students, while inspiring our high school and university student teachers to strengthen their sense of civic duty and passion to educate.

DONATION METHODS



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