

SFMS student shines in Global Academic Olympiad

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A student from St Francis Methodist School (SFMS), Wang Yuxin, has won a Bronze Medal (Mathematics) in the Global Academic Olympiad held from 10 -14 July 2016 in Mungyeong, Korea.

Yuxin was part of a team of nine SFMS students, accompanied by two teachers, who participated in the event organised by Global Education Mission (GEM). The SFMS team was the only delegation from Singapore invited to participate in this event, in which about 30 teams from different parts of the world attempted questions on mathematics, the natural sciences and the humanities.

The Global Academic Olympiad is held together with a Global Youth Forum encouraging high school students from North America, Asia and Korea to explore solutions to global issues through discussions and presentations. The Forum also seeks national development through cooperation among countries.

“Loving My Country” was the topic of the Global Youth Forum, in which students presented the competitive and weak areas of their home countries, and shared ways in which they can contribute to the future development of their countries. In addition, they suggested measures which could encourage the cooperation and participation of other countries in solving the challenges



L-R: SFMS student Wang Yuxin with two other Bronze Medal winners and Mr Park Ju Young, Principal of Global Vision Christian School – Mungyeong Campus.

and problems identified. The students also prepared a talent show to display the unique culture of their countries, through chorus and/or drama performances.

SFMS is glad to offer such opportunities for our students' growth and enrichment, through our partnerships with overseas schools such as GEM. ■

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How do I initiate reconciliation with my teen after an argument – while maintaining my authority at home?

For parents to successfully work things out with their teen, they need to deal with conflict as teammates. When parenting teens, keeping the atmosphere positive is important by being firm, fair and friendly.

When it comes to maintaining authority and reconciling with their teen, parents are encouraged to:

- Establish clear ground rules and boundaries, and give reasons for rules
- Put in place consequences
- Implement the agreed consequences when necessary
- Discuss a plan to prevent recurrence of the mistake
- Reconcile and rebuild the relationship, re-establish trust
- Be willing to admit your mistakes as well

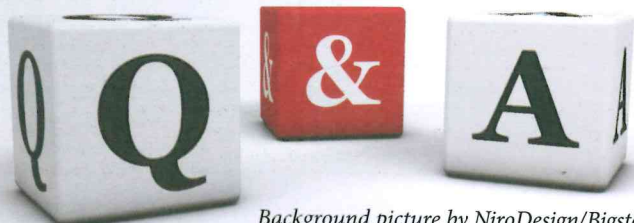
Generally, girls tend to be more relational and emotional, while boys would problem-solve or want to “fix” the situation. However, parents should seek to understand their child's personality and how he or she deals with conflict instead.

Once children reach their teen years, they are in the process of learning independence and discovering their identity.

To create a climate of trust in the household and to continually connect with their teen, parents need to engage their teen by filling up their emotional “love tank” and building their self-esteem.

Often, parents are too quick to jump in with “toxic talk” when approaching an issue. “Toxic talk” includes labelling, generalising, blaming and comparing. Teens tend to react by either tuning out or getting confrontational.

Instead, parents should practise empathetic listening – listening with their heart. Parents are advised to first listen to their teens' feelings, understand the underlying message and acknowledge their feelings. ■



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