



Student Talk / Introductory Level

F1PPW040T-2

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The Emotional GPS for Gifted Minds – The Science of Understanding Self and Others (Online Version)

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Application Deadline

31 August 2026

12:00 noon

Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the talk, student members should be able to:

1. Identify basic emotions and understand their psychological theoretical bases.
2. Apply basic cognitive behavioural therapy techniques to manage stress and negative thoughts.
3. Use effective communication strategies to improve social interactions.
4. Explore personal values and develop a sense of meaning in life.



◆ Introduction of the Talk

Gifted students often experience emotions with greater intensity and may face challenges in communication or social interactions due to their heightened sensitivity or unique interests. This talk guides students through the foundations of emotional awareness, introduces simple cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) techniques for managing stress, and equips them with communication strategies, such as Nonviolent Communication. Students will also explore concepts of meaning, values, and inner strength to build long-term resilience and foster well-being in social, emotional, and spiritual aspects. A Q&A session will be provided at the end of the talk.

◆ Schedule

Programme Duration	
Duration of the Talk: 2 hours	13 July 2026 (1:00 p.m.) – 31 August 2026 (12:00 n.n.)

◆ Profile of the Speaker

Dr Richard LAU obtained a bachelor's degree in theology in HK, an honours bachelor of science degree in psychology in the UK, an honours master of psychology degree in clinical psychology in Australia, a master of science degree in clinical psychiatry in the UK, a PhD in clinical psychology in the US, and a PhD in counselling in Australia. He is pursuing a certificate in couples and sex therapy in the US. He is a clinical psychologist in the accredited register in Hong Kong (Department of Health), an associate fellow and registered clinical psychologist of the Hong Kong Psychological Society, a full member of the Hong Kong Clinical Psychologists Association, an associate fellow of the Hong Kong Professional Counseling Association, a registered clinical supervisor of the Asian Professional Counseling & Psychology Association, a sex educator and a sex therapist of the World Association of Chinese Sexologists, a certified clinical hypnotherapist of the Professional Board of Hypnotherapy, Inc., an academic member of the College of Clinical Psychologists of the Australian Psychological Society, and a full member of the Australian Psychological Society.





◆ Profile of the Speaker

Dr. LAU worked as a Senior Clinical Psychologist or Director of Psychological Services in non-governmental organizations and private psychology centers for approximately ten years, during which time he developed numerous training programs for gifted individuals and their parents. Over the past eighteen years, he has held teaching positions at various universities, including Senior Lecturer in the Department of Special Education and Counseling, Faculty of Education and Human Development at The Education University of Hong Kong; Assistant Professor at the Nethersole School of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Assistant Professor in the Department of Counseling and Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Shue Yan University; and Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Education, University of Saint Joseph (current name). Through his university teaching, Dr. LAU has delivered numerous courses related to teaching and counseling students with special educational needs, including gifted students. He has also trained a significant number of professional teachers, counselors, and social workers in methods for teaching, counseling, and supporting gifted students and their families.

◆ Suitable for

P4 – S6 HKAGE student members in 2025/26 school year.

◆ Medium of Instruction

Cantonese

◆ System Requirement

Students are recommended to use Chrome, Firefox, IE, Edge; Students are not recommended to use tablet and Smartphone, for example: IOS Devices (Apple iPhone, iPad, etc.), Android Devices.

◆ Certificate

E-Certificate will be awarded to participants who have attended the talk and shown active participation in class activities.

◆ Pre-requisite

No special prerequisites are needed

◆ Application Procedure

1. Click the application link in the Programme Application of The HKAGE website.
2. Complete and submit the online application form
3. You and your parent will receive the Online Application Confirmation Email from our system.
4. Click "[HERE](#)" to access to the moodle platform
5. Use the USERNAME and PASSWORD indicated in the Confirmation Email to login.

◆ Remark

1. This is a self-learning programme without real-time teaching. Students should make use of their after-school time to study.
2. Students should complete the study within the period they have applied for.
3. The programme is considered as FINISHED when students have:
 - Passed All Exit Tests of the Four Units and
 - Completed the participant feedback form of the programme.
4. Starting from the 2023/24 school year, after the first review period, ALL student members must complete the following requirements in each school year in order to maintain their membership:
 - Attend One Talk; AND
 - Participate in One programme or activity of any kind



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Journey to Wellness: Experiential Learning for Promoting Well-being

- ♥ Enhance the well-being of gifted students
- ♥ Provide ample emotional and mental health support
- ♥ Foster positive relationships
- ♥ Strike a balance between intellectual pursuits and holistic development

