



Mr. T. Chang,
Headmaster
Diocesan Boy's School
131 Argyle St.,
Mongkok, Kowloon.

5th Nov 2001

Dear Headmaster,

With the full endorsement of the committee of the D.B.S.A.C. and the enthusiastic support of the D.S.O.B.A. and any number of old boys of the school. I am writing to you to formally propose that the next "House" at D.B.S. be named "Lowcock House" after Mr. S. J. Lowcock (JP)

We are prompted to this idea from an awareness of the difficulties that have started to show over the years with the continuing extracurricular activities with the ever growing student population under the present 6 House system. It is our view that perhaps now is the time to consider establishing a 7th House for the next school year (2002-3). If this coincides with current thinking within the school, then we would like to put forward our proposal for your serious consideration.

In seeking to honour Mr. Lowcock in this way, we feel that it is right that the school acknowledges the tremendous service and contributions he has rendered to D.B.S. in laying the solid foundations for making it the pre-eminent school that it has now become. I am sure that a detailed biography of Mr. S.J.Lowcock and his credentials at D.B.S. do not need to be fully elaborated here. Suffice to point out that the Lowcock family has had a long fundamental relationship and deep heritage with the school. Starting 3 centuries ago, with Sir Henry Lowcock, his great Grandfather who served on the council of the Diocesan Orphanage from 1870 in England, just a year after the School was established. Since that time four generations of the Lowcock family have passed through D.B.S.





Within our own discussions on this matter, we are not insensitive to the amount of back-room work that will need to be done in order to establish a new House and all that entails. To this end, our preliminary discussion have gained enough support from past captains and other old boys to be reasonably confident in raising additional funds for further improvements to the school facilities. We would also put our services at the disposal of the school to help in whatever ways you see fit to use our pool of experience.

If all goes to plan, our next step would be to take the same proposal to the D.S.O.B.A. for further ratification and when successful to then set up a steering committee to oversee total fund-raising and co-ordination with you and the school authorities. We feel that at present, this is the best course of action for us to take to ensure a maximum show of support and the minimum amount of meddling with the direct running of the school.

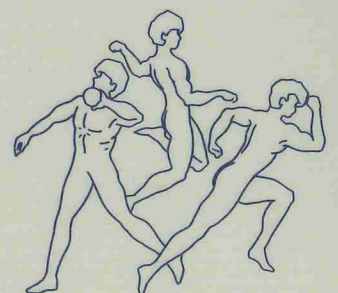
To finish, we would like to stress that even though we are very keen on this proposal; it is just that! Should you feel that this proposal is inappropriate at this time, we will not be pressing this issue further, At least until such times as you let it be known that it would be favourably considered. Our intentions are never to force the issue; rather our desire is to serve the best. Our own planning at this stage, when approved, would give us the framework under which to begin soliciting funds for eventual disbursement to the school. It is hoped that a favourable reception from you and the School would greatly advance this meaningful cause.

I thank you in anticipation and awaiting your response, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Alex Ko
(Chairman D.B.S.A.C.)

cc. Mr. Wilfred Kam
(Chairman D.S.O.B.A.)





Mr. T. Chang,
Headmaster
Diocesan Boy's School
Argyle St. ,
MongKok

28th June 2002

Dear Terrence,

On behalf of the DBSAC and a host of past Captains in all sports, I write again to express my great happiness and deep appreciation for your endorsement of this important milestone of creating the new "Lowcock House" from the start of the next academic year.

From our past few meetings, we have seen the School undergo many changes. Not only in the physical aspect with new building and improved facilities, but apparently also in the whole make-up of the school with this proposed, albeit controversial, change towards Privatization under Direct Subsidy System (D.S.S.) and the proposed creation of the Junior School.

Whatever our personal convictions, we all share in the hope that DBS will be able to maintain its position of pre-eminence in all aspects of Education in HK. To this end, we would fully endorse all plans and actions that would directly lead to this goal. Our support and advocacy of this new House is just a part of how we want to put our hopes and aspirations into practical reality for the benefit of the school. We are therefore very grateful and pleased that the School Authorities have seen fit to show such foresight in this speedy implantation of our idea. We would like to further underline our continued support of the school, through you, by offering you any support and assistance that you may deem within our collective ability to render on behalf of furthering these aims of DBS.





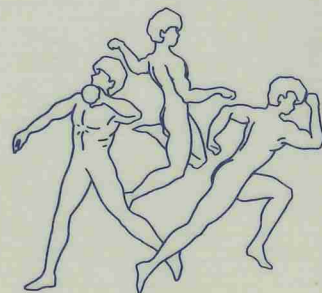
I understand that MR. Lowcock has accepted your very kind invitation, and agreed to address the school in the occasion of the end-of-term assembly on July 10th. As Chairman of DBSAC, it will be my great pleasure and honor in presenting Mr. Lowcock to the assembled for this momentous occasion.

In conclusion, please accept our thanks for your support and endorsement. I took forward to meeting and continuing to work with you for the betterment of DBS.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' and 'K' followed by a long horizontal line.

Alex Ko
(chairman D.B.S.A.C.)





20th August 2002

Mr. T. Chang,
Headmaster,
Diocesan Boys' School,
131 Argyle Street,
Mong Kok, Kowloon.

Dear Terence,

I am writing to you on behalf of your two boys, the brothers Kurkye and Foreky Wong. The facts of their unfortunate case I am sure you are most familiar and I will not waste your time on that.

My involvement with this particular case started purely from the Athletics viewpoint. As you are well aware, the DBSAC is keenly interested in all aspects of DBS athletics, and especially with our performance at Inter-Schools competitions. It was whilst doing a 'post-mortem' of last year's disappointing results that I came across the Wongs' brother case.

I made some enquiries and have heard various versions of the events. Since these raised more questions than answers I decided to look into their case a little more deeply. Finally I spoke with these two boys directly to hear their side of things.

The first point to raise is that they now realize that they have been very foolish both in their thinking as well as in their actions. After talking with them, I believe that they have since learnt a valuable life-lesson and would dearly like any opportunity to make some amends for the past behaviour. Thus I am writing to you to ask if you are willing to re-consider their case and let them have a chance to re-prove themselves as worthy DBS boys. So please bear with me as I try to outline some of the more relevant issues I hope will influence you in this matter.

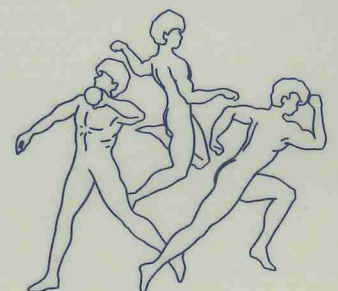




Firstly, I look over their actual track performances since they arrived at DBS as Form 2 boys in 1997. In their first year Inter-School Athletics, both boys brought home top honors by capturing the 1st & 2nd places in the 800m & 1500m and ensuring the final victory in the 4x400m relay. These outstanding performances should not be over-sighted. I was very surprised to see that their times for their specialty events have not improved at all over the intervening years! I find that very disturbing in the light of the importance and hence the effort we have always placed in this area. It cannot only be because the boys were half-hearted in their training; our own training program and coaching methods must surely review. I am sure you have heard their version of events and excuses. Their problems at home cannot and should not be allowed to be an excuse for their action and decision to suspend them from all extra-curricular activities was entirely reasonable. However, I must confess I am not overjoyed with the School was involuntarily compelled into taking the worst possible action. I just think now would be a good time to consider re-integrating them into School society if they can convince that they have indeed learnt their lesson.

After talking with them, I am of the opinion that they do realize the foolishness of their ways. They now understand that they cannot use their home situation against the duties and responsibilities they owe to the school and what those responsibilities mean to them as young adults. They cannot shirk those responsibilities just because they feel alienated and un-cared for by their peers and coaches.

Since this matter was so public, I took it upon myself and have since spoken with and gained the support of the DBSAS Committee, Mr. Kenny Yip, the Sports Master, and the Head of the Student Council, the Head-Boy and the Sports Captain. We all unanimously feel that, should you deem it appropriate, a greater lesson in forgiveness, healing and reconciliation would best serve the Christian principle of the School for these two misguided young men. I also think that their public disgrace has been adequate sobering lesson not only for themselves, but also to the rest of DBS. Perhaps it is best to demonstrate and to underline the DBS spirit of fraternity and the importance of educational values to all our boys by a re-admission of these two into our fold, if you are happy with their new attitude.





If such is the case, then perhaps an equally public apology to the school, say at the start of the new term, and your continuing observation of their attitude in the coming year would be sufficient to allow for a provisional return into full integration of all school activities. In any case, I leave that decision in your capable hands, feeling confident as both an Educator and an Old Boy, you will know what is best for DBS in the longer term.

As to our miserable Athletics performance, this is a subject of a separate report which I would like to submit to you at a slightly later occasion along with plans and suggestions of how we, the DBSAC can help.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Alex Ko
Chairman DBSAC

c.c. Mr. Kenny Yip (Sports Master)
William Fong (Student Council)
Leung Hong Wang (Head Perfect)
Bentley Lau (Athletics Captain 2001 – 2002)

