

**Sample 1: Q2 Blog Post (By Jayden Lai, 6C)**

**The Careers of Tomorrow**

*The Future is Now!* By Chris Wong



Recently, I have attended a career expo with the theme ‘Jobs of the Future’. While I’m very aware of the recent technological advancements such as artificial intelligence, block chains, etc.that humans have made, it also left me perplexed as to how new jobs would evolve or emerge from our ever-changing society. I must say, after attending the expo, I was utterly gobsmacked, impressed and wildly fascinated! I saw jobs which sounded like they came straight out of science fiction, and saw others which are really promising and have the potential to permanently solve some social issues once and for all. I was introduced to almost a dozen new careers, but 3 of them stood out to me the most, and I want to share with you guys some details about those 3 jobs, and give you guys a glimpse into the future!

**The Aerial Guardians**

Hovering freely in no man’s sky are the pilotless drones being controlled afar by humans. These meticulous and tech-savvy creatures have experienced an exponential surge in popularity, with its uses ranging from capturing jaw-dropping and spectacular scenery to scanning landscape for land development. To maintain safety and efficiency, here come the **drone airspace regulators**. These discount air control workers would be responsible for developing a new set of road rules for the sky, so that everyone may enjoy an airspace free of potential hazards or conflicts. For starters, they would analyze historical accidents concerning drones, such as the recent one in which an unmanned drone malfunctioned mid-air and crash-landed into a residential area. Then, they would draft up regulations or restrictions through meetings with other fellow drone space regulators. A vote would decide whether a drafted regulation should be enacted, and should the vote pass, it would be put into further development. Using previous accidents as an example, these regulators may limit the airspace allowed for drones to traverse in, or require every drone owner to label credentials on their drones for identification purposes. Given the sheer popularity of drones, the demand for regulators would be undoubtedly high, and it could be an extremely profitable industry. However, the government has shown little interest in getting involved with the regulation of drones, meaning that not only do these regulations have no actual binding power, but also lack the aid from law enforcement officers. They may have a tough time dealing with users who don't abide by the new rules of the sky. What would you think if you were asked to follow a set of rules for piloting drones? For me, I would opt for a common ground so that we may fly drones safely without conflicts.

**Mind Savers**

Depression and psychological illnesses have long been a thorn besides humanity, forcing dozens of people into an endless spiral of helplessness and driving unfortunate souls into suicide. However, with the advancement of neuroscience and AI, people would not only be able to have full access to one’s memory, but also have the power to freely edit them. The people who would be doing the hard work would be none other than **memory surgeons**. These specialized professionals will be able to remove negative memories from patients who are suffering from any psychological illnesses, such as depression, PTSD, OCD, to name but a few. In a nutshell, they would first apply full body anesthesia to patients, then apply a set-up on a patient’s head to gain access to his or her memories. With the AI guidance system, they would detect neurosignals and meticulously neutralize them. With this new field enabled, people can be free of any

illnesses, be it physical or mental ones. When traditional mental illness therapy may take up to decades to have a mere chance to work, memory surgeons may finish the job within a day. However, they would be faced with backlash associated with the ethical problems surrounding this treatment method. One common argument is the potential over-reliance of this technology, creating a generation of people who would not only abuse this process by removing even the slightest trace of bad memory, but also ultimately becoming an immature person due to the lack of adversity. Memory surgeons may also share the same question if they are not ready under the immense stress of other people who are resistant to technology. What do you guys think? Do you think it'll do more harm than good? Personally, both sides make sense to me and I can't make up my mind!

### **Online protection experts**

Information technology has long since been a staple of the Internet. Through a click of a few buttons, you can have access to all your personal information such as emails, bank accounts etc., reaping all the convenience given by this first piece of technology. However, hackers with malicious intent may manipulate technology and find leaks to steal your information or hijack your account. To combat this, we have **data privacy strategies**. Not only are these people experts in the field of information technology, but also creative minds who would be able to design advanced algorithms and software in a bid to better protect a person's data. Specifically, with the knowledge of how the computer receives, confirms and stores a piece of data, they may find flaws within a computer or an application's code, and draft new programs to overwrite obsolete ones. They may also analyze historical computer viruses such as WannaCry to understand a hacker's perspective and knowledge of the coding system. Right off the bat, this is probably one of the ubiquity of the Internet, but also ever-changing and evolving. They would be given vast opportunities to make potential discoveries or even make new inventions and breakthroughs in the world of programming or in the field of information technology. However, this is a double-edged sword. Competition in this industry will be tremendously fierce. Why you might ask? Simple! If you have more protective anti-virus software, would you opt for a weaker one? I'm pretty sure no one would! Worse yet, hackers are finding more exploits to gain access to another person's information, meaning these strategists have to constantly be on top of their game, which also means potential stressful working conditions.

### **A promising future**

The career expo really shed light on some of the most innovative ideas which can undoubtedly be a silver bullet to current existing issues. While I'm aware there are plenty of people who are still somewhat skeptical of technology, I can guarantee you that these jobs are not a far cry from reality. Sooner or later, they would slowly but surely come into fruition, integrating into human society and bringing about new opportunities. Even though new issues may arise from these new jobs, I can assure you that humans can easily improvise, adapt and overcome these challenges when it happens. Rest assured! We are definitely on the right track, and the future for jobs and civilizations will continue to flourish, prosper and evolve! If you want to know more about the other jobs, leave a comment and let me know! I'll consider writing part 2 in the future. (1191 words)

### **Sample 2: Q2 Blog Post (By Anson Fung, 6D)**

**Fantastic Futuristic Jobs – turned rest from your fantasy** by Chris Wong

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If you've been reading my posts for a while, you may know that I'm confused about my future to my bewilderment, there are countless jobs to choose from. So, I decided to go to the Career Expo to find my dream job. And I was overwhelmed when I found so many exciting occupations of the future. I'm so excited to share what amazed me the most, hoping this piece of information would also help some readers of my age to clear their doubt about the future.

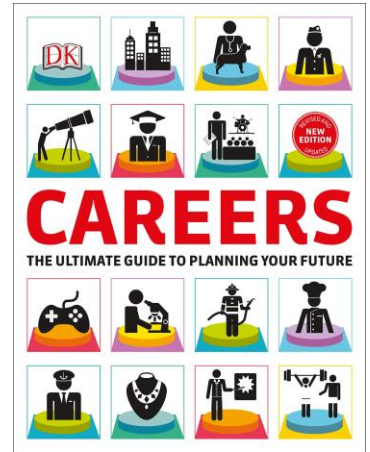
To commence, I'd like to share a job that, I thought, would not exist in reality - **Weather Control Engineer**. It is a job in which you will control the weather like the protagonist in the anime "Weathering With You" but by scientific means. If you've studied science in high school, you may know that spraying the sky with salt could condense water vapour into rain. Without much difference, weather engineers may spray the sky with chemicals to make man-made rain, saving people from being tortured by thirst from drought.

With global warming intensified by increased industrial activities, it is believed that the number and frequency of droughts would surge, so do those of other extreme weathers like typhoons and heat waves. Therefore, it's not a rarity to be sent on subsidized commercial trips to solve weather crises all over the world. Hence, being a weather controller, not only could you enjoy exotic cultures and free trips around the world, you could also save lives from the furious nature, freeing people from being fomented by extreme temperatures in their nightmare through controlling weathers using chemicals.

However, in reality, a weather controller may not be a pleasant job that I've just shown. Have you ever heard that a tiny flap of a butterfly's wings could cause a giant tornado? Hence, it is crucial to bear in mind that every single act of fine-tuning the weather could potentially create an artificial climate disaster. To be prepared for any emergency, you must be able to extract hints of potential man-made extreme weather from tiny fluctuations of wind speed and direction. Moreover, you must also be calm enough to make a systematic approach towards sudden attacks of extreme weather. Hence, data handling and emotion control may be the greatest hurdles to overcome when you're just an avatar to this industry.

Apart from controlling the macroscopic climate, it is also challenging to discover the microscopic world of DNA as a **de-extinction geneticist**. Have you ever seen the replication of dinosaurs in the movie "Jurassic Park"? That resembles the work of de-extinction geneticists to a huge extent. For geneticists, it is their daily routine to extract DNA from the fossil record of extinct species. Following the extraction is the culturing process of DNA to develop a living replica of the fossil record in a surrogate mother, which is just the same as developing a test tube baby nowadays.

With these procedures in the laboratory, extinct species ranging from the walking dodo birds to the swimming sea cows could be brought from the dead historical records to the current world. Having more species, the natural habitat of organisms could be more diverse. The more diverse our Earth is, the more stable the Earth is. Also, the past mistake of humans causing extinction of creatures (i.e. great mining of gold that caused extinction of dodo birds) can be corrected. Meanwhile, geneticists could also insert the genetic sequence of a rhino into the genome of a horse, creating a "unicorn" for the designer pet market.



Creating the dream pet, unicorn, is an act to complete little girls' dreams and wonders undeniably. To their joy, they could have their favourite character from the books as pets. However, it is of utmost importance that releasing the artificial animals but not extinct species should never be done to maintain ecological balance. All in all, not only could the work of geneticists contribute to the Earth's environment, but it can also bring people happiness by designing their favourite pets.

However, these wonderful circumstances will not pop out from nowhere, but could only be achieved through hard work. It is an open secret that tiny DNA is fragile. In order to gain the complete DNA of extinct creatures to recreate them, biologists must control the robot arm to extract DNA from fossil records carefully. In order to perform accurate movement, practices of long time are needed. Hence, it may be time-consuming and frustrating when you are under prolonged training to be a geneticist.

Aside from the living things, the World Wide Web is also fun to explore. And **data privacy strategist** is the man who allows people to enjoy surfing the Internet without their data being stolen. By designing app safety protocol using computer language like python, the firewall of an app can be reinforced by the data privacy strategist to prevent successful cyber hijacking which may leak user's private information like credit card number and bank account number. With leakage of user data on Facebook, the reputation of a company can be harmed, causing a plunge in the company's stock price. Companies in every industry are eager to hire top-tier data privacy strategists to protect users' data for the sake of the company's profit. Hence, data privacy strategists may receive job offers from tech grants like Google which could offer an annual salary of over a million dollars. Therefore, being a data privacy strategist could obtain the opportunity of having a higher salary, bringing you closer to your goal of financial freedom to enjoy early retirement.

However, there are never a few lunches. With higher salaries, data privacy strategists have much more extreme working hours than other jobs. Since a cyberattack from hackers could start at midnight, some data privacy strategists must sacrifice their sleeping hours to work at midnight in order to make an immediate response towards any cyberattack. Hence, it is a great challenge for any data privacy workers to stay at work with full concentration during midnight.

To our frustration, decision-making is nothing easy but always difficult – for me, I couldn't even choose one from the aforementioned as my dream job because they are all fascinating.

Though decision-making may be far from manageable at start, by eliminating jobs with challenges being too hard for you and then further asking yourself which job could arouse your interest and curiosity the most, you must be able to find the most suitable job for you. Procrastination will never benefit any situation! If you wanna get more insight about the career pathway, stay tuned to my blog and I may upload more about the jobs of the future. Hope my blog somehow helps you. (1132 words)

### **Sample 3: Q3 Article (By Bryan Wong, 6D)**

#### **Portraying fairy tales in live-action films is no longer a fairy tale** by Chris Wong

##### **The craze of live-action remakes**

In recent years, Disney is making tremendous effort in remaking classic movies using awesome special effects and talented actors. People from all over the world jump on the bandwagon and become

fanatics of these lifelike versions. As children, you may still prefer the classical animated version to these ‘upgraded’ versions. As teenagers, you may find the Hollywood ones much more exciting and action-packed. As adults, you are witnessing the evolution of the filming of fairy tales. But why are they so successful? If you’re interested, read on to know more.

### **The gimmick of lifelike version**

With technological advancement, every magical and unreal scene can be designed and edited in the computers. If you’ve watched ‘**Aladdin**’, you would know what that means. In the climax of the movie, Aladdin and Princess Jasmine fly across the towns, the sea and reach the clouds with a magic carpet to see ‘A Whole New World’. This scene resembles the original cartoon,



but it is more romantic and realistic. Different from that in the anime, the sky consists of sparkling stars and gradual change in colours in different altitudes instead of a monotonous colour as that in the original version, which makes the scenery more elegant. You can enjoy the movie as if you were really flying with a magic carpet. These make the part shining, shimmering and splendid. Likewise, in ‘**Lion King**’, you can see the lions interact and communicate with one another emotionally and build their own kingdom. What’s so amazing is that they are no different from the real one. These details make them appealing to the wide audience who long for visual enjoyment.

Apart from the power of technology, the influence of the superstars also contributes to the success of the movies. Whenever a character of the film, be it protagonist or antagonist, is played by a famous actor or actress, the box office of that film can be secured. For example, Emma Watson, who is the epitome of beauty and intelligence, played the role of princess in **Beauty and the Beast**. Her fame has undoubtedly contributed to the remarkable success of the movie. It grossed over \$1.2 billion worldwide, becoming the highest-grossing live-action musical film as well as the second-highest-grossing film of 2017. From the reviews on the Internet, most are comments related to Emma Watson alongside the theme of the story. It shows that famous actors or actresses indeed play a prominent role in the success of these live-action remakes.

### **Yet to beat the original**

But does that mean the live-action version will eventually outcompete the classical animated version? Despite the fact that the traditional drawings in animated versions may not be as detailed as the special

effects created by the whizzy computer apps, there are still lots of reasons why we still watch them.

### **What live-action ones don't have**

No matter which generation you belong to, you grow up watching the animated movies of Disney. What first comes to your mind when speaking of Disney? Are they the actors and actresses in the lifelike version? Probably, they're the characters in the animated version such as **Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck**. The traditional version is our collective memories and also the features of Disney. So even though the new one seems to be impeccable, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for them to surpass the animated version in terms of influence. Therefore, these would still be millions of people supporting the classic ones when there are new animated films released.

Aside from the fact that those remakes may still be less influential in society, the film industry also needs animated films to survive. If you're a juvenile or an adult, certainly you may find the live-action remakes much more intriguing. But if you've children in the family, it's a different story. Parents usually choose the animated films for their children because they're able to deliver a meaningful message without many cruel scenes. They're pure and easy to understand. From the perspective of children, animated films are also more preferred due to their simplicity. The popularity of the two animated films '**Tangled**' and '**Frozen**' proved that animated versions still have significant dominance in the marketplace, thanks to the fascinating 3D animation used in these two films. As a result, live-action remakes can hardly replace the values of animated films in the heart of families and the film market.

### **Why not both?**

You don't have to choose between one or the other. You can have both. The human cultural jungle should be as varied as the Amazon rainforest. We can enjoy both of them. We all can benefit from biodiversity. Don't you think so? (795 words)

### **Sample 4: Q3 Article (By Alyssa Mao, 6D)**

## **Fairytale for kids, teens and adults** by Chris Wong

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Bandwagon**

Walking around the metropolis riddled with hustle and bustle, cinema is one of the best places for entertainment and relaxation after a week of hard work. What comes into your mind when you think of the word "blockbuster"? I bet 'Beauty and the Beast' or 'Aladdin' will emerge. This elicits the question: how did the live-action movies sweep across the globe by storm and worm themselves into our hearts? Read on



to unravel this mystery.

### **Carnival of sound and visual effects**

Thanks to the ground-breaking advancement in computer technology, the sound and visual effects of films took a monumental leap. In the past, movies which involve human actors, “**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**” for instance, heavily relied on fancy costumes, meticulously designed make-ups and clever use of cinematography so as to create intoxicating scenes. But gone are those days, with the help of a colossal green screen behind the actors and actresses, the master minds in the film production are able to create flourish visual effects which are close to perfection. “**The Transformers**” is the best epitome. This film – surprisingly is a cartoon originally – has presented us with tremendous life-like alien robots and immersive 3D sound effects. All of these kept the audience on the edge of their seats. Had it not been the most state-of-art special effect, the film studios wouldn’t have been able to provide us a visual and auditory feast.



### **Yesterday Once More**

Apart from the aesthetic scenes that they provide, the fan base generated by the original version is attributed to their success as well. Those Disney films have already been a huge success prior to their live-action remake, be it ‘**Aladdin**’ or ‘**Beauty and the Beast**’. *“I believe when most adults or adolescents go to the cinema, it’s not the first time they watched the story. It’s the nostalgic sentiment that urges many to re-watch their old favourite animation but now real-action films”*, recalled Chris Lam, the chairman of Film Appreciation Club. Joey Chan, a F.6 student echoed the sentiment, *“I was really fascinated when Bella ventured into the hall wearing that classic yellow dress. It’s like experiencing my childhood once more!”* Certainly you have the same experience when watching these films, don’t you?

### **Team “animation” or Team “live-action”?**

Despite the upsurge in popularity of live-action films, the old classic animation version has long gained our unremitting loyalty. It's not an understatement to say there's a combat between the two and for now, the animation seems to gain an upper hand. One would agree that rarely will a remake surpass its original canon. *"The new version is equally compelling compared with the original one at most. But better? I don't think so,"* confessed Mr. Wong, our PE teacher, a film fanatic in private. The fundamental cause is the expanding target audience, animation mainly attracted children while life-action films compelled people of all ages. The simple storyline and utopian world it portrayed no longer satisfies all of us – we're not kids anymore! New **"Mulan"** is the product of Disney trying and failing to please all audiences. *"The film tried to convey filial piety, endorse women empowerment and add Chinese cultural elements but it became a pathetically antic product,"* criticized Mr. Wong. On the other hand, those classic animations remain wonderful and euphoric in our memories. We would never forget the gibes and taunts thrown by the little real dragon or Mulan's to pursue her dream of becoming a warrior.

### **The Test of Time**

Will the live-action films continue to gain popularity while improving its ability in story-telling and theme-conveying? After all, it's not all about convoluted visual effects when it comes to film-making. But will we see the day that a remake outcompetes its original work? Only time will tell. (637 words)



## Sample 5: Q4 Letter to the Editor (By Jackson Chan, 6C)

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my heartfelt concern regarding the overwhelmingly prevalent phenomenon of ‘deadline fighting’. While advocates peddle such a practice on account of efficiency and work-life balance, it is my firm conviction that doing assignments at the last minute jeopardizes their quality of work life as well as learning progress. In the following, I would like to share my thoughts and advice on this issue.



First and foremost, completing one’s work in split seconds will lower the quality of work immensely. In other words, deadline fighting creates a sense of time insufficiency which ends up making us rush through assignments. Take my personal experience as an example, I used to resort to putting off my composition assignment and puzzling Physics homework to the last minute. Yet, instead of seeing skyrocketing work efficiency, most of the time I lack the time to ponder on those questions and research on those conundrums. Running out of time, my work turns out to be messy doodles with unclear thoughts and unbacked arguments. By the same token, students who use deadline fighting as an expedient will suffer from the lack of time, decimating their creativity, prudence and preparation, culminating in lower quality of work and failure in exams. Therefore, deadline fighting will only put the quality of work in jeopardy without boosting efficiency.

Besides worsening the quality of work, it has also beaten the purpose of assignments — learning. The ultimate goal of homework, which is a complement of learning during lessons, supplements lessons immaculately with exercise, thought stimulation, and guides. Rushing through assignments within a short period of time, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for us to have our knowledge with the exercise and faster profound understanding of subject knowledge. For instance, I have seen many, galvanized by a desire to instantly complete assignments during the last minute, blindly follow the knowledge and instructions from books without attending to their meaning and skills. While it seems gratifying, this practice, if persisted long standing, will only create a facade that we have known everything since we copied perfectly from the books, eluding us from practicing the skills and acquiring the knowledge from books. Eventually, self-cheating assignments become a way to deceive ourselves but not test ourselves and train

our skills, if deadline fighting is to be continued.

Aside from decimating learning progress, deadline fighting is equally detrimental to our biological clock, and so is health. In an exam-oriented society like Hong Kong, assignments normally come in large numbers from multifarious subjects. Should we procrastinate and leave them uncompleted to the last minute, a tremendous amount of assignments will be piled up, forcing us to sacrifice our sleeping time immensely to get rid of the host of work. Hence, we end up diverting our sleeping time for homework, deferring our bedtime and wreaking havoc to our biological clock. Worse still, from my personal observation, what we put off are normally not easy tasks, but something that demand herculean efforts to complete such as English composition and bewildering Math questions. Consequently, tremendous mental pressure will be accumulated, combining the effect of lack of sleep and immense pressure. It is crystal clear that deadline fighters will not accomplish a better work-life balance as they claimed, but merely a nightmare to their sleep and health.

Yet, how should we combat such a habit if we are the ones who fall prey to it? It is my unwavering belief that only clear planning can do so. That is to say, we must plan a few days in advance as to how and when to complete those ‘menacing’ assignments. For example, we can use to-do-lists to note how many assignments needed to be completed and when. Thus, we can urge ourselves and trick our mind into believing there is urgency to finish them on time, similar to what ‘deadline’ has created for deadline fighters. Meanwhile, clear actions such as studying notes and completing past papers should be written alongside the tasks on the list, so as to let our mind readily follow the tasks and actions with ease and expedite our progress, eradicating procrastination due to frustration about the difficulty of work.

‘Actions do speak louder than words’. It is high time we eradicated deadline fighting with immediate actions.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong

(716 words)

## Sample 6: Q4 Letter to the Editor (By Hailey Wang, 6D)

Dear Editor,

It is universally acknowledged that Hong Kong citizens, be it adolescents or adults, all have a fully-packed working schedule and are snowed under a countless pile of work. Witnessing my friends keep falling prey to the vicious cycle of being a deadline fighter, I am writing to discuss the phenomenon as well as giving some timely advice to overcome this stumbling block.



To commence, school is undoubtedly the epidemic of deadline fighters. Due to the fact that teenagers lack self-discipline in the way that they are easily tempted by distractions ranging from exhilarating video games to glamorous k-pop stars, hardly can they stay focused on their academics. I also used to be a deadline fighter when I was a junior form student. From my personal experience, I used to prioritize my personal enjoyment over my homework and quizzes so all my assignments were crammed to Sunday night. It led to the consequence that I had to burn midnight oil in order to deal with all the school work before heading back to school. It is believed that this is also a mere replica in the case of other deadline fighters.

Apart from school, the contagion also spreads to workplaces. It is commonly seen on online forums that many working youths make fun of themselves online by sharing how they merely missed the deadline of submission of certain projects. Aside from this, it can also be observed that some white-collars optimize their time to continue to finish typing their documents while they are commuting to work. All the aforementioned have already attested that the undesirable practice of being a deadline fighter strikes Hong Kongers like a plague.

Being a deadline fighter leads to numerous lamentable repressions. First and foremost, it leads to the deterioration of both mental and physical health. As all the tasks are piled up until late night, not only do the teenagers have to sacrifice their sleep for work, they also have to consume tea and coffee, which are rich in caffeine, to act as a stimulant to wipe off their lethargy. Thus, it upsets their biological clock and further hinders their growth. Aside from the physical damage, being a deadline fighter also elevates the

tension and the level of stress in life. Every time when they are rushing for work, their minds have entered a battling status since they keep worrying whether their work can be successfully accomplished before the deadline. It is similar to an intimidation, thereby significantly increasing their feeling of burnout after working relentlessly before the deadline.

Furthermore, being a deadline fighter minimizes the teenagers' passion for work. It is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for deadline fighters to achieve impeccable and outstanding performance since their assignments are done within a limited time. When this practice is adopted, a subsequent setback in their performance will occur, thus lowering their self-esteem and reducing their motivation to improve in the coming future. It will only proceed as a spillover effect and eventually, teenagers will no longer feel passionate and energetic about working.

In a bid to halt the situation from aggravating and help directing the deadline fighters back on track, several pieces of advice will be provided as follows. Firstly, it is suggested that a timetable which lists out all the tasks and their respective schedule should be created every week in order that our working progress can be closely monitored and strictly scrutinized, thereby further helping us to develop self-discipline. Apart from personal efforts, it is also recommended that we can seek help from peers by setting up a common workspace on the Internet. With access to each other's working progress, it serves no better than a source of pressure as well as motivation and encouragement to strive for a better performance.

The aforementioned are some negative impacts of being a deadline fighter and some tips to overcome one's own laziness and stop postponing their work. It is believed that with enough determination and effort, all of us can step back from the all-time demon — being a deadline fighter.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong

(680 words)