

English Musical *The Wondrous Taste of Life*



Back to the future

Production celebrating school's 40th anniversary offers a taste of hi-tech days, writes **Rebecca Tsui**

Students from Lok Sin Tong Yu Kan Hing Secondary School will stage an English musical this week as part of its 40th anniversary celebrations.

More than 100 Form One to Form Seven students will be involved in *The Wondrous Taste of Life*. It will be staged at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University's Jockey Club Auditorium on Friday and Saturday. Like many local schools, Lok Sin Tong is using music and drama to boost its students' English skills.

The Wondrous Taste of Life is an original musical, with lyrics, melodies and animation created by the staff and students, according to the school's English panel head, Almas Choi Siu-ping.

The performance draws on the talents of the school's English, art, music and technology departments to provide an entertaining show, Ms Choi said.

The story, which takes place in 2109, aims to convey an important message to the audience.

One hundred years from now, people are living in such an advanced and competitive world that food has been replaced by a substance called "SV". This is mainly because it takes too much time and effort to prepare food.

People no longer remember the taste of real food and no one talks about food safety. One day, three young scientists find

themselves in the past – a time of growing, harvesting and cooking – and their adventure begins.

The students said they began their preparations for the musical during the summer holidays. After several months of intensive training, they have become more disciplined and motivated.

The rehearsals also helped to



STUDENTS HAVE HONED A WIDE RANGE OF SKILLS THROUGH MONTHS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING. PHOTOS: LOK SIN TONG YU KAN HING SECONDARY SCHOOL



boost their self-esteem, the students said.

Most importantly, their communication and problem-solving skills have improved, they added.

Form Two student Nicole Tuet plays the role of a scientist. Nicole said she learned a lot during the training sessions, which included singing, dancing and acting.

"I had to read many lines so my English improved a lot as well," she said.

"I really enjoyed practising with my schoolmates.

"We've all become very close because we've been through so much together. This has been a valuable experience."

She said she realised that small efforts made by individuals can make a big difference to the overall result. "It's been a truly unforgettable experience for all of us."