

# Using digital game to enhance Mathematics learning in Secondary education

### 透過數碼遊戲增強學習數學的能力







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# Rundown

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1	Opening Remarks	Dr. CHEUNG Chor Wang, Alice  Principal Lecturer, VTC Youth College (Kwai Chung)	3-5 minutes
2	Project Collaboration	Mr. TANG Sze Ho, Vincent  Vice-principal, Pui Tak Canossian College	3-5 minutes
3	Gamification approach in Learning Mathematics	Mr. YIM Yiu Chung, Reggie  Senior Lecturer, VTC Youth College (Kowloon Bay)	10-20 minutes
4	Implementation of the Game Application	Mr. LAU Wai Tak, Diks  Assistant Lecturer, VTC Youth College (Kowloon Bay)	5 minutes
5	Closing Remarks	Mr. YU Tsz Him, Larry  Senior Lecturer, VTC Youth College (Kowloon Bay)	3-5 minutes

MC: Mr. LAU Wai Tak, Diks

Assistant Lecturer, VTC Youth College (Kowloon Bay)

# 1. Opening Remarks



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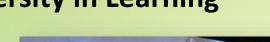


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# 2. Project Collaboration







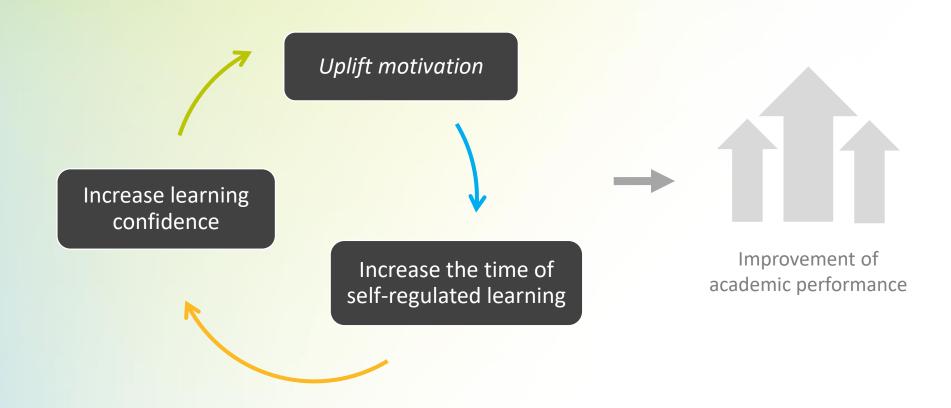
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### **Project milestones**

No.	Functions and processes	Period
<u>1.</u>	Preparation work	Jul – Dec 2019
<u>2.</u>	Mobile game development	Sep 2019 – Apr 2020
<u>3.</u>	<u>Tutorial development</u>	Sep 2019 – Apr 2020
<u>4.</u>	Assessments for each topic	Sep 2019 – Apr 2020
<u>5.</u>	Consolidate as a whole learning package	May 2020
<u>6.</u>	Testing and preparation of trial run, game competition and survey	Apr – Aug 2020
<u>7.</u>	Implementation of trial run, game competition and survey	Sep 2020 – Mar 2021
<u>8.</u>	Evaluation and recommendation report	Apr – Aug 2021

# 2. Project Collaboration

**Attainment of Project objectives** 



3. Gamification approach in Learning Mathematics

# **Background research**



# ~3 hours mobile usage per day (HK)

We are social & Hootsuite, 2020







Picture source: microsoft.com

Picture source: instagram.com

Picture source: youtube.com

### Students spent too much time on Games, social media network and online video

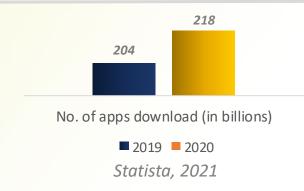
HKU (2017), GO-Globe, (2014)

43% on game

26% on social media network

Time spent on mobile entertainment

Go-Globe, 2015



Tremendous growth in mobile apps

Can we shift some of the mobile usage from entertainment to learning in order to mitigate the damage?

### Literature Review

Gamification is an effective learning approach for Classroom atmosphere and learning motivation, increasing learning confidence and performance

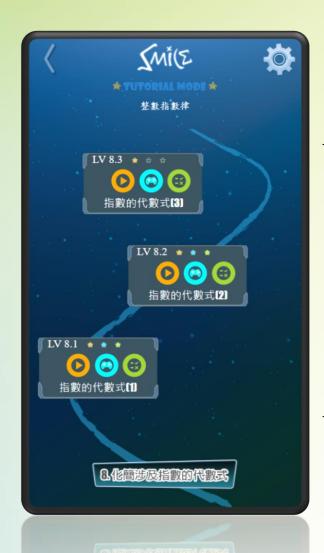
- Enables a pleasant and relaxing classroom atmosphere (Jong, Lee & Shang, 2013) which fosters
  an interactive, interesting and lively learning process to our students (Huang, Huang & Wu, 2014)
- Significantly uplift students' willingness, interest (Huang, Huang & Wu, 2014) and enthusiasm to peruse new knowledge (Wang & Towey, 2013). It also maintains the learning curiosity of students and keep them to learn continuously (Jong, Lee & Shang, 2013)
- Effectively engage our students and facilitate a positive learning attitude (Kiili, Devlin, & Multisilta, 2015)
- Learning anxiety could be mitigated result in uplifting in both learning motivation and performance (Huang, Huang & Wu, 2014)
- The use of gamification tools could increase learners' confidence (Faghihi et al, 2014; Cheung, n.d.; Huang, Huang & Wu, 2014)
- Foster students to learn (Hew & Cheung, 2010)

# What is SMILE?





# Design of the gamified learning



Break down a complex topic into 3 or more manageable units

# Design of the gamified learning

In each unit, learning video, practice in game mode and assessment are provided





# List of deliverables completed

- Completion of the digital game with 90 levels with
  - ✓ Learning videos
  - ✓ Practice in game
  - ✓ Assessment in multiple choice format
- Completion of student questionnaire survey
- Completion of trial run with Control and Experimental group setup

#### 課題 3:代數式乘除

#### A. 代數式乘法

我們可以字母來表示未知數,例如我們可以用  $b \cdot h$  和 A 來表示一個三角形的底、高和面積 我們亦可利用代數式來把未知數聯繫,例如三角形面積 $=\frac{1}{2}$   $\times$  底 $\times$  高,亦即 $A=\frac{1}{2}bh$ ,讓人知遠 各末知動之間的關係。

在代數式乘法,我們可以省略未知數和未知數/數字之間的 " $\times$ " 號,所以 $a \times b$  可寫成 $ab \circ$ 另外, $a \times b$  亦可以「a 乘以 b」、「a 與 b 之積」或「a 的 b <u>倍</u>」來表示。

#### 列題:

以代數式表示
a×b 或 ab
c×d 或 cd
$e \times f \times g$ 或 $efg$
x×5 或 5x
3×y 或 3y

#### **老師提提您・**

當一個未知數乘以另一個未知數時,乘 次序可以改變,例如在上方第一個例子。 ab 亦可寫成 ba。

但當一個未知數乘以一個一數字時,數字 則必須先寫,例如在上方第四個例子,在 省略"×"號後,x×5就必須寫成5x。

#### 透過此 QR code 進入遊 戲練習模式

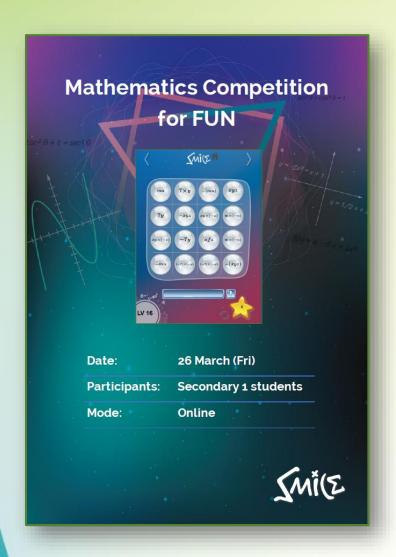








### Online Maths Competition - S1 of Pui Tak Canossian College



Section	Activity
1	Online quiz
2 Solving puzzle in SMILE	

Final result (Mathematics Competition for FUN)				
Info Prize	Class	Total score (out of 2000)	Award	
Champion	1A	1144	Super Team	
1st runner up	1B	960	Great Team	
2nd runner up	1C	762	Good Team	
3rd runner up	1D	726	Good Team	

總括以言,透過此數學程式(apps)能夠增強我學習數學的能力。

**Proactive Team** 

> 74%同學選擇同意或非常同意

The best paricipation class is 1B.

### Research study: Setup Control and Experimental group



Experimental Group
(N=88)

1. At the beginning of teaching unit



A **Pre-Test** of the topic is prepared to evaluate current knowledge of the module and a **Survey** is conducted to gather self-perception on learning motivation, confidence and self-learning time

2. Learning and teaching process

Learning and teaching approach as usual





Learning and teaching approach as usual, plus the supplementary use of educational application on the topic basic algebra

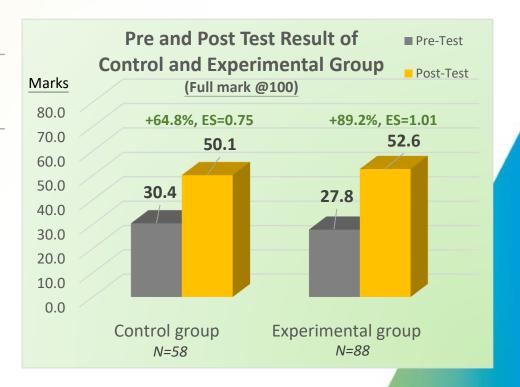
3. At the end of the teaching unit



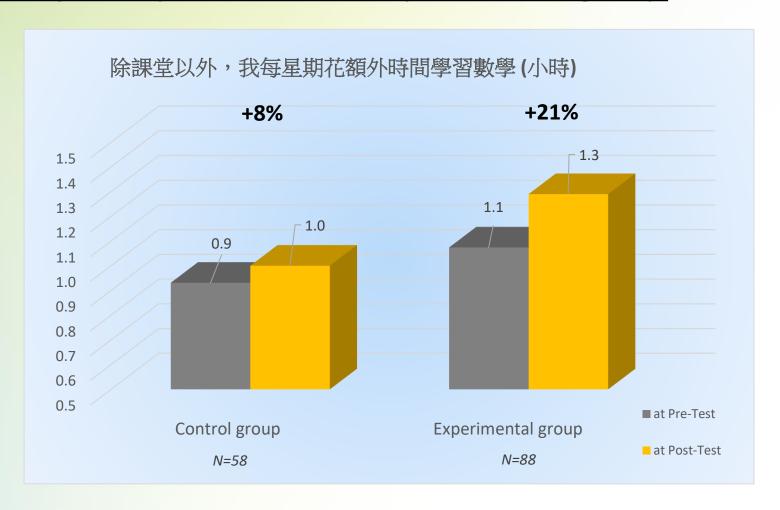
Conduct the **Post-Test** of the topic and the same **survey** again

### Research study: Setup Control and Experimental group

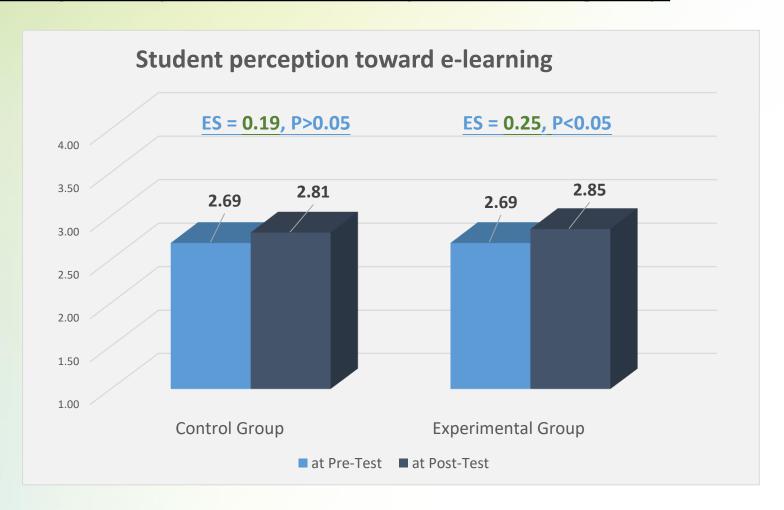
Group	Type of test	Mean test score (0-100)	N	SD	ES	Sig (2- tailed)
Control	Pre-Test	30.4	58	26.26	0.75	<.001
Control	Post-Test	50.1				
Experimental	Pre-Test 27.8	88	24.58	1.01	<.001	
LAPETITICITAL	Post-Test	52.6	00	24.50	1.01	1.001



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### Qualitative feedback from teachers and students

- Usage and benefit of the educational application
  - Satisfied and impressed by the new learning approach
  - Could help low ability students to learn with doing worksheets and supplementary gamified practice
- Drawback of the educational application
  - o some students expressed answers in some levels were too difficult
  - some other students reported that it highly increased workload
- Encouraging words from students and teachers
  - right students' active participation, attempt and satisfaction on using the application.
  - Some students also expressed the application was interesting with comprehensive content.

### Qualitative feedback from teachers and students

- Way forward to the project development
  - Customized instruction provided to students according to their difficulties encountered in learning,
  - II. More varieties of gaming activities could be offered, examples were Prime smash, Four littles trees and etc.
  - III. More features could be added to the game, including time bonus, prize and character inside the game, ranking functions, which could significance raised the excitement and attractiveness of the game.

# 4. Implementation of the Game Application



https://www.qef20170862.com/









# 5) Closing Remarks

### Student Satisfaction on Gamification Approach

### 對使用本程式輔助學習數學的觀感的問卷調查



Q5. 在遊戲及教學影片的輔助下,我更願意學習數學

Q6. 我希望其他數學課題也加入影片教學、遊戲模式及練習

Q11. 此數學程式(apps)令課堂以外有更多機會學習數學

Q13. 我希望使用此數學程式(apps)來重溫過往的數學課題

Q15. 總括以言,透過此數學程式能夠增強我學習數學的能力。

(問卷選項:非常同意/同意/不同意/極不同意)

#### (參與人數: N=454)

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李求恩紀念中學	156
高雷中學	94

# 5) Closing Remarks

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# For more project collaboration, please feel free to contact us



# Thank you..!

