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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.  
Proverbs 9:10

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## Principal's Message

English is of the utmost importance in our school. We believe that a solid English foundation can help our students develop their personal character and life-long career. We aim to implement an English curriculum that emphasises a solid English foundation, learning English with joy and opportunities, and life-long English learning.

We have chosen William Shakespeare to be the cover image of our very first English Anthology "Hebron Anthology". Being the world's most renowned English poet, playwright, and actor, William Shakespeare is one of the most recognisable icons associated with English literature. It is presented in the form of a mosaic image. When inspecting closely, one would be able to identify a lot of familiar faces in our school, sharing our happy moments with the readers. "Hebron Anthology" is a collection of our students' good work. It is also a platform to not only recognise our students' achievements, but also inspire them to strive for excellence, to one day be the best that they can be.

We have tried very hard to provide different platforms for our students to showcase their English ability. In the first term of this academic year, we published our very first English newspaper "Hebron Times". "Hebron Times" serves as a platform to highlight the key English programmes in our school, such as the weekly English Friday



Principal Choi Hong Nin

programme, and our overseas study tours to various destinations, including Gold Coast Australia (2017), Auckland New Zealand (2018), and Cairns Australia (2019). We encourage our students to join the English speech festival every year. Even amid all the chaos of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Form 3 student Jerry Gao achieved overall 2nd place in solo verse speaking this year. We encourage our students to submit and respond to entries on mainstream English Newspapers such as the South China Morning Post. Our students' response to news entries on the SCMP website being published recently is another recognition of their effort. Our former English Society chairperson Nancy Tong has graduated from our school and entered The University of Hong Kong, currently studying in the Faculty of Law. Her younger peer, our Form 3 student Angie Leung has just received a full scholarship to go to Italy to have an exchange study for a whole year.

Last but far from least, the publication of this "Hebron Anthology" would not be possible without the dedication and effort of our English teachers. We have a group of excellent teachers, who try their best to find every opportunity for our students to learn, grow and shine.

Dear readers, we sincerely invite you to read through our students' work. We will include a link to our English newspaper "Hebron Times", as well as a link to an online form in which you can express your encouragements and suggestions for improvements for us. Your comments and feedback would be most appreciated. Selected entries of your response will be featured in our next issue of "Hebron Times". "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

*Bible Proverbs 9:10  
Enjoy reading.*

Principal Choi Hong Nin

## Silver Linings in my COVID-19 Days

Have you heard of the phrase “every cloud has a silver lining”? I think that there are always some silver linings in our lives, even amid the COVID-19 pandemic. To give an easy example, one easy silver lining to me is that the number of people diagnosed with COVID-19 has been falling in these two weeks. That made all of my family members happy. We gradually saw a glimmer of hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will get better soon.

The pandemic has forced us to stay home, or wear single-use masks whenever we go out. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we dared not go out. We were afraid of getting infected with the virus. At that time, there was no vaccine or medicine to let us get healthy. So we must stay home to ensure our health and safety. Sometimes I had video chats with my friends and my grandparents at hometown instead of meeting them face to face. At the same time, it had also given my parents more time to spend with me. When the pandemic was very serious, there was a period of time that



4C ZHUANG SZE TING

both my parents and I stayed at home for a long period. We were so bored at the beginning. We could only eat, sleep and then eat again. Gradually, we opened up card games that had been sealed for a long time. We started to make food that we had never made before, such as bubble tea, cake and muffin.

Also, at the beginning of the school suspension period, I was happy that I didn't need to go back to school for studying. I was enjoying the fact that I didn't need to wake up early and I could wake up at any time I wanted. But after two weeks, I felt pretty bored. There was nothing to do. Now I hope that I can go back to school quickly.

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**Zhao Yap Chit Jenny**

I felt excited about e-learning. It was a novelty for me because I had never done that before. Although sometimes, after a long period of Zoom lessons, my eyes would be very tired, and we couldn't ask teachers questions easily, I still cherished the fact that I could

continue to study. I think I have started to cherish my learning opportunity more and more.

These are my silver linings. I feel very lucky that the people around me are all very healthy. I hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will be over soon.

## Silver Linings in my COVID-19 Days

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting all countries. All of us need to maintain social distancing. It seems to have drifted people apart and the world has become a colder place. However, that is wrong. Every cloud has a silver lining.

Because of school suspension, my sister and I stayed home to have e-learning. During the process I had more time to spend with my family. I also learnt to care more about them. When one of us sneezed or caught a cold, I was

more worried than usual. The neighbors also cared more about each other. When we met by chance, we would not turn away in fear. What we did was asking each other about whether we had enough masks and cleaning products. We would give each other supplies if necessary.

I also had closer encounters with my friends, not in real life but on the internet. We used Zoom to chat. We had fun changing our virtual backgrounds. We told jokes to cheer each other up. Although I was still slightly disappointed that it was not a real face-to-face gathering, still, it made me cherish friendship more.

The pandemic has also made me more mature. I have a chronic illness that I will have a sore throat again and again. It is always accompanied by fever, headache and having no appetite. It happened when I was in primary six. At first, it was not so painful and was only repeated for a few months. When I grew older, it became stronger. It was repeated every month, even every week. During the pandemic my parents became more worried about it. I started to take the antibiotics very often. The medicines could stop my symptoms for a short period of time but couldn't treat my illness completely. When it occurred again one night, I covered myself with a quilt and cried. I didn't dare to cry out since I didn't want to disturb my family. I felt painful and

powerless. That night I didn't sleep and I realized that tears couldn't solve problems. I spoke to my mum with calm, “We need to go to the hospital and have a test. If I have COVID, early treatment is necessary.” My mum kept silence and that lasted for a long time. I knew she was forbearing her grief. But I still saw her eyes full of tears. We all knew what we were going to face: the hospital full of virus and horrifying news.

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**Zhou Ho Yan Rosy**

I still remembered the day I was informed that I was all right. How glad I was. I owed my family a debt of gratitude.

Love and affection are like gravity - they can travel across dimensions. They also transcend the physical meanings.

The winter of 2020 is so cold. Many countries have recorded their lowest temperature in recent decades. However, I believe that the care and hope of people will warm the world.



1C CHAN HIU LAM

## Silver Linings in my COVID-19 Days

Year 2020 has been the worst year that I have seen. It has given us a lot of devastating blows and disappointments. Could there be silver linings in this COVID-19 pandemic?

Since the beginning of COVID-19, our lives have been under threat. We had to worry about our safety whenever we went out. Wearing masks and disinfecting our hands have become our daily routine. We can no longer travel during holidays. Many countries are already sealed off. In Hong Kong, having a group of four friends



4D MAK CHING YAN

gathering together has become increasingly difficult. Life has become boring.

However, I truly believe that there are some silver linings in different parts of life.

First, COVID-19 makes us spend more time with family. Before the pandemic, most people were busying working or studying,

neglecting family life. Now we can spend more time to talk and do things together. At the beginning of the pandemic, I stayed in the area where the situation was most serious. I couldn't go out. I started to communicate more with my family. We sat together by the stove to get warm. We chatted without reserve. My mum even chose to open up about her pain. She felt relieved after that.

Then, we could still 'meet' each other, even without going out. In order to keep safe, the government did not allow us to have group gatherings. We still managed to find ways to stay together though. For me, I did not waste my Christmas holiday. I used Zoom to meet up with my friends. We chatted via video calls and used the Christmas stickers on Zoom to dress up ourselves. We didn't miss the Christmas movies either. We shared screen and watched A Christmas Carol together. The Christmas Eve this year was no less meaningful. We raised our glasses of juice and cheered on Zoom. We were thankful for being

able to celebrate together at peace in such troubled time.

Also, some people took the opportunity of the COVID-19 school suspension period to change themselves. Some of them did exercise every day to reduce weight. Some of them had transformed from being lazy to being independent. They didn't waste the days and made use of them to learn different things, such as learning languages, reading books, and searching for tips about learning on the internet. They didn't let their life lose colour because of COVID-19. They found their own pleasure in life and their own silver linings for themselves.

These are only a fraction of the silver linings. Life is like a song. It has disappointments and sadness. Yet, there is always happiness and joy. Don't worry too much. You will find the good things hidden in bad times. You will always find light in the dark.

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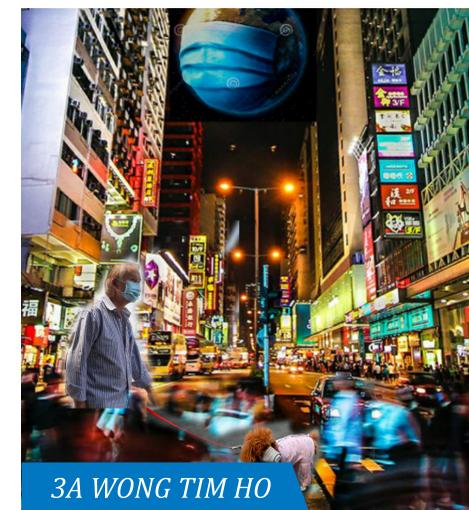
## Silver Linings in my COVID-19 Days

During the school suspension period, there was a time that I felt hopeless and fearful, for I worried about my family and friends and there was no vaccine for the virus. That was until I came across an IG post with the message "every cloud has a silver lining".

Firstly, I have to agree that despite the hardship, the COVID-19 pandemic has given me more time to spend with my family. During my school suspension period, my parents spent a lot of time working from home. So, we had more time to spend with each other. We did a lot of things together. We baked some cakes. My mother and I cooked a meal for my father. We watched more than ten movies together. Now, I am not that scared of COVID-19 as I used to be.

I used to think that I do not have to worry about my family because they are adults and they can take care of themselves, but I don't hold the same believe now. Although the virus is really scary and highly infectious, they keep going out everywhere. Now I worry about them. I hope they can stay home and stay healthy.

The one thing that I enjoyed in the school suspension period is that I didn't need to wake up so early. I had used to wake up at 6:30 in the morning, but then I could wake up at 7:30 instead. The extra hour provided me with much-needed rest, which refreshed me immensely.



3A WONG TIM HO

There was another thing that I enjoyed in the school suspension period - I finally could have a complete breakfast! In the past, I usually had my breakfast at Seven-Eleven, maybe a noodle, a cup of milk, or a can of coffee. Although that was really unhealthy, I had to because I got no time for my breakfast. In the school suspension period I could just sit down and have a different kind of breakfast like corn flake, a noodle with soup, sandwich, etc. and that was fantastic.

Also, I think I have become more independent because when my parents had to leave home for work, I had to cook and clean up by myself. More importantly, I started to contact my friends and grandparents very often, through WhatsApp, WeChat, Zoom, etc. I have come to the realization that they are all very important in my life. I cannot lose them. They are my silver linings.

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3D 04 Ho Tung Ching Chloe

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## Silver Linings in my COVID-19 Days

I have heard of a phrase “every cloud has a silver lining”. There are some silver linings amid the COVID-19 pandemic and I am going to share with you my experience.

I think that the COVID-19 pandemic has given me more time to spend with my family during the school suspension period. My family and I usually eat out together with our face masks on. Also, we spend time making desserts at home and we enjoy it so much.

During the first stage of the school suspension period in which I was not so busy, I enjoyed my time a lot because finally I could have a long holiday and we did not have to go to school. I think I have become more adaptable and independent because I need to depend on myself more than usual and my friends are not sitting next to me in class anymore.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I connect with

*3A 04 Huang Yu Hua Cherry*

friends and family using internet. We can only communicate with each other on mobile phone. Nevertheless, I started to care more about my friends and family after we had been separated. I miss them very much. The COVID-19 pandemic has made me realize more about who is important in my life. I have never been this wanting to see them so much.

I think I am very good at e-learning now. I have learnt more about e-learning that I did not know before, for example, using Zoom, scanning documents and making use of WeChat for study purposes. I think e-learning has advanced a lot in the past year in Hong Kong in general because since the outbreak of the epidemic, in order for students to study at home, e-learning has become the only way for us to continue with our school work.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made me cherish more about the things I have. For example, my family and health. A sudden outbreak of the pandemic disturbs all plans. It seems that when we wake up every day, there are a lot of bad news waiting for us. So, at the beginning of 2020, the pandemic reminded people that everybody should learn to cherish everything. We should not leave any regrets in life because we will never know what will happen tomorrow. That's why we should believe that every cloud has a silver lining to us.



6A HO SZE MAN

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*3D 20 Chung Ching Michael*

## Silver Linings in my COVID-19 Days

Even though there are many bad things happening amid the COVID-19 pandemic, there must be some positive impacts. “Every cloud has a silver lining.” – the pandemic confirmed that this saying is true. I have got many new skills and I have known more about the things surrounding us during COVID-19.

During the COVID-19 days, I got to be with my family much more. My dad was very busy every day. Because of COVID-19, my dad's company gave more holidays to all the staffs, so my dad could have more time with me and the family. I really enjoyed spending time with them. I played many board games with my family, such as Monopoly and Airplane Chesses. I could feel the love from the family, through the way we were communicating and getting along. Despite that there maybe some arguments from time to time, being together should be the happiest thing for every family.

I used to think online meetings apps were just for commercial uses or just a useless thing, but after the e-learning experience, I realized that online meetings could be for education and personal use and there are many advantages they bring to people. There are some dope features, which make the virtual world look real. The “raise hand” function and together mode make the online classes like a real class. Besides, I can use online meeting apps to meet my cousins in the United Kingdom, as well as chatting with my classmates in Hong Kong.

Although this may not compare to meeting a friend in the real world, it is more convenient and safer to meet in the virtual world.



3A YANG XIYUAN

In the first period of the COVID-19 pandemic, I had a lot of free time, because they still had not arranged the online classes, just assigning us homework to do. It allowed me to

listen to more different types of songs, such as the songs not in my era, in different languages. I also tried many new things. I started to learn how to cook. I think that if you put me on an isolated island I can still survive for a month. I think cooking is easy to me now. Moreover, I had more time to invest in music. I practiced many new piano pieces like Plauderei and Lentamente. I was satisfied about that. I learnt how to sing and play the piano at the same time. I found that it was not that easy to do, but finally I could do it. I am now trying to produce my first single by spending time listening to the trending songs and playing the piano freely to find my own beat and melody.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made me think more about my life. I used to always sit on the bench and imagine about my future. I used to wonder, “Why has the world become like this? Is this the end of the world?” Obviously, that was wrong and I have to be optimistic, and start planning how to make my dreams come true. This is the opportunity to develop ourselves.

Many people said that they had become lonely and felt blue since the outbreak of COVID-19, but I am the opposite to them. I think it is better than normal. I connect with my friends very often through texting or online meeting. I will prepare some drinks and some cakes and sit on the bench and start chatting online!

COVID-19 comes with a lot of inconvenience. It also brings us good things, like letting us have more time to be with the people we love.

“Every cloud has a silver lining.” Covid-19 will be over soon.

I now cherish the people in my life more and more, and I might have become tougher through this pandemic.

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Lo Yuet Ching Nadia



## Silver Linings in my COVID-19 Days

Have you heard of the phrase “every cloud has a silver lining”? Although the COVID-19 pandemic has affected all the people in Hong Kong, maybe there is still a silver lining that we can find. To me, the silver lining is that I have more time to spend with my family.

I got much more time to spend with my family during the quarantine period as compared to before. During school suspension, I didn't have very heavy work load during school days. Also, my dad had to work from home. So, we did a lot of interesting things together. For example, my mum is a really good cook. So, I asked her to teach me how to cook because I am terrible at cooking. I think that cooking with my family is the most hilarious moment. I learned how to make fried potatoes with egg, and spare ribs with black bean sauce. Both of them are my favourite dishes and I am very happy that I know how to make them by myself now.

In my opinion, I don't like online learning because I want to study with my classmates in the classroom more than staying in my bed and looking at my laptop or my phone when all my family members are nearby. Nonetheless, online learning has made me

become more independent. I have to manage my time better because the place I am working at is my home, unlike in school in which I will get a lot of reminders.

I really hope that COVID-19 can go away as soon as possible. The virus has made everything inconvenient. I can't hang out with my friends anymore, nor can I study at school, eat in restaurants or travel to other countries. However, I have realized that at least I have more time to spend with my family. I now cherish the people in my life more and more, and I might have become tougher through this pandemic.

Every cloud has a silver lining. Let's hope that everything can return to normal soon.

## Silver Linings in my COVID-19 Days

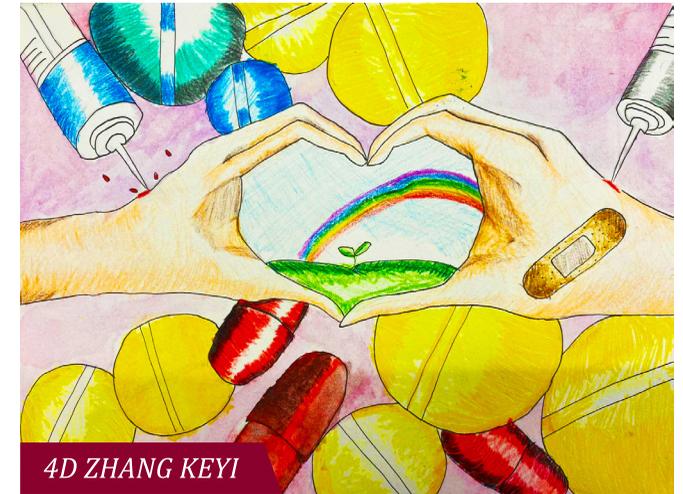
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In the past, I had to go to school so I had very little time to spend with my family. Even after I got home, I would spend most of the time doing homework and eating, and I had very little interaction with my family. Now, there are more opportunities for me to do things that I seldom did with my family before COVID-19. For example, our family went hiking and camping together during the COVID-19 period. All these things were impossible in life before COVID-19.

During the suspension of classes, especially in the first stage, because there were no online classes at that time and there was less homework, we had more time to do our own things. What I did most at that time was playing games and watching TV shows. Also, during the suspension of classes, my

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3B 10 So Ka Hing Kiki



favourite aspect was having more time to sleep. I think the COVID-19 pandemic has at least made us more adaptable, although I would say that I seem no different in terms of independence.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I used video calls to keep in touch with my relatives. After separation, I realize that I care more about my family and friends. This epidemic has made me realize that family is the most important in my life.

Regarding online learning, I think I am good at online learning now. I find using Zoom for lessons and scanning documents for homework handy and convenient. However, I think studying online is not as efficient as studying in school, for studying at home makes you easily distracted, and there are so many distractions around us that will affect our learning, such as mobile phones and tablets. Nevertheless, the COVID-19 pandemic has at least made me much more capable in terms of e-learning.

Regarding this epidemic, it made me cherish the health of my family even more. I am very grateful that my family has always been by my side in a healthy manner and I am also grateful that all my friends have been healthy. I am grateful for the extra time I am given to enjoy myself, not to mention the personal growth that I think I have achieved during this pandemic.

Every cloud has a silver lining.



2C LIU HOI YAN

During the first stage of school suspension period, I was very happy because I didn't have to get up too early. I often listened to music during the online lessons. I enjoyed being lazy the most during the school suspension period. But I gradually found that I couldn't keep up with my learning progress. So, I told myself to concentrate on my studies every day. I think I have become more adaptable and independent. Although it's hard to sustain such a long period of school suspension, I could insist on focusing on my studies and doing daily revision every day.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I communicated with my family and friends using Discord and WhatsApp. I have started to care my friends after we were separated because I couldn't meet them and I was worried about them very much. The COVID-19 pandemic has made me think more about my friends and family, about who are truly important in my life.

I think that I am now good at learning online because I have learnt a lot about e-learning. For example, I have learnt how to make a PDF file by scanning documents and I am good at using WORDS and POWERPOINT as well.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made me cherish more about the time with my family face-to-face. When I stayed home with my family, I was very happy. For learning, the study environment with classmates at school is always better than that in online lessons.

## Silver Linings in my COVID-19 Days

**H**ave you heard of a phrase "every cloud has a silver lining?" That means every different situation has an advantage. I agree that there are some silver linings amid the COVID-19 pandemic because I believe that the vaccine will be available soon.

I agree that the COVID-19 pandemic has given me more time with my family. During the school suspension period, I was very busy and tired when I stayed home. So, it was hard for me to contact my friends. However, there were things I did with my family which I hadn't done before. For example, I have learned how to make a dish at home. I also played board games and chatted with my family.

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**3D 06  
Leung Maan Tung Anna**

## Silver Linings in my COVID-19 Days

**I** have heard of a phrase "Every cloud has a silver lining." "A silver lining" means a negative occurrence may have a positive aspect in it to me. I think there are some silver linings amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

I think the COVID-19 pandemic has given me more time to spend with my family. During the school suspension period, I have watched some films with my family at home. There were things that I did with my family which I hadn't done before. We wear masks when going out. Also, we went to the supermarket to buy rice and rolls of toilet paper when these products went scarce. It was such an unforgettable scene to me.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made me cherish more about the things I have. I want to say thanks to my parents, teachers and friends.

**3D 14 Yeung Wai Ying May**

During the school suspension period, especially during the first stage in which I was not so busy, I played mobile games with my friends. I watched TV with my family. I felt bored sometimes but I still enjoyed most of the time because I did not need to do much homework. I think I have become more adaptable and independent because I need to discipline myself to study instead of having teachers' or parents' close supervision.

I connected with my friends and family using WhatsApp and WeChat. I think that I have started to care more about my friends and family after we were separated because I cannot meet my friends at school and I worried about their safety. The COVID-19 pandemic has made me realize more about who is important in my life. For example, my friend and my family. They help me a lot physically and emotionally and hence I can still stay safe so far.



3C WONG PUI HEI

I think I am very good at e-learning now. I learnt about e-learning tools like Zoom that I did not know before. I did not know how to use Chat box to answer questions during lessons but now I know. My friends told me how to use it. I think e-learning has advanced a lot in the past year in Hong Kong in general because students and teachers all try very hard to adapt to the new but difficult situation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made me cherish more about the things I have. I want to say thanks to my parents, teachers and friends. They help me a lot. My parents bought me masks. My teachers help me solve the troubles at school. My friends help me with my study. I am thankful to them. It is cloudy now but I think it will be soon sunny. I believe that we will see the sun again.

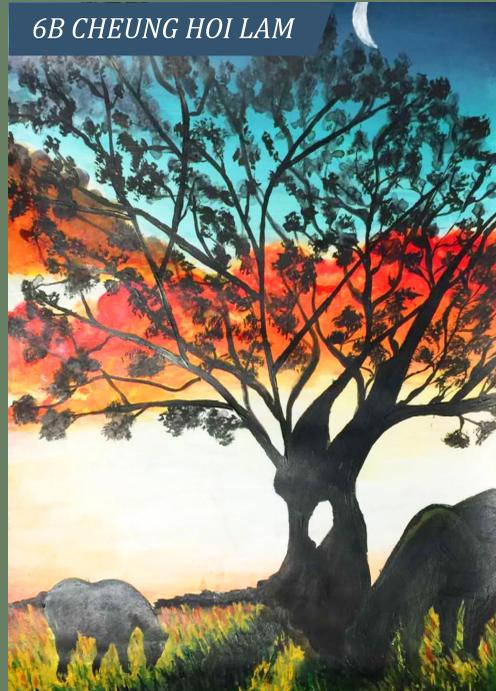
## Gratitude

Nowadays, not many people express gratitude often. However, I think expressing gratitude is very important because knowing gratefulness is the source of happiness. When you know how to be grateful and full of gratitude for external things, you will not be overwhelmed by difficulties, but will regard it as a life challenge. The importance of gratefulness is beyond our imagination. If you want to be happy and successful, then you have to learn to be grateful.

First, I am grateful for my parents because they taught me a lot of knowledge such as social values, the importance of learning, the hard work of making money, etc. And they are very concerned about my test scores. When I have good grades, they will buy me some gifts as a reward. When I do poorly, they will slowly explain my mistakes. I can easily avoid making the same type of mistake next time. So, I am very grateful to my parents.

Second, I am grateful for being healthy. Because I have a healthy body, I can do many things, for example, playing with friends, doing some sports, etc. So, I am also grateful for being healthy. And I have one story of my past that I am really grateful for. That story is about my cousin and me. When I was 6 years old, my cousin taught me to play basketball. So, I can play basketball. So, I am very grateful for my cousin.

6B CHEUNG HOI LAM



I really want to take this opportunity to thank my family because they taught me many things, such as study and sports. So, I am grateful for my family. After writing this piece of sharing, my family will be the first people I would like to express my gratitude to. I will use the results of my hard work to repay them, because I think this is the best gift to them.

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GRATITUDE

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5A 13 Yiu Cheuk Hang Kenneth

**We** will meet many different people in our life. Many of them are worthy of our gratitude.

5B 11 So Kai Kin Tom

## Gratitude

We will meet many different people in our life. Many of them are worthy of our gratitude. These people not only accompany us but also lend us a hand when we encounter difficulties. I reckon that these people should be the most cherished in our life. I will give some examples to illustrate why these people deserve our gratitude.

The first is family members. Family members, for example, parents, brothers or sisters, are the ones we are most grateful for. They are the closest people to us. For our parents, they raise and nurture us. Our brothers or sisters are companions we played with when we were young. And they are the people who accompany us for the longest time in our life. So, family members should be the people we should be most grateful for.

The second is friends. Friends are the people in our life second to family because friends are people who will accompany us when we are growing old. They will keep us company and experience different things together with us. We can share our feelings such as happiness, sadness, pain,

loss and so on. As we grow up, we will say countless truthful things to our friends, and we will tell them the secrets in our heart. Whether we are happy or sad, we will tell them all.

The third is teachers. Teachers will take a role as our parents to guide and help us to learn, build character and develop our potential. If we make any mistakes, teachers will tell us so that we will not make the same mistakes again next time. They are a mentor, a tutor and a coach in our life.

In addition to the three kinds of people I mentioned above, there are still many people we are grateful for along the journey of our life, so we must learn to be grateful. With a grateful heart, we can show more appreciation to the people around us and see things from a different perspective.



6C MA KWAN YAU HORACE

## Gratitude

Regarding gratitude, William Arthur Ward remarks, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." It inspired me to express my thanks to those special people for being in my life.

The first person I want to be most grateful to is my father because he is not only the pillar of my family, but also my superhero. Even if he is very tired or depressed, he still smiles at me, pretending that he is okay. This is just a small part, and there are many things he did silently for me. For example, when I was a kid, I always wanted to keep a cat, but he didn't want to. As I grew up, he planned to buy me a cat. He searched online for cat breeds, necessities for raising cats, and points to note when raising cats by himself. He didn't tell me anything he did until he brought the cat home. In addition, the second person I want to be grateful to is my friend--Emily Ma. Growing up with me since I was young, she is willing to accompany me, laugh with me and also cry with me. When my situation is unstable or when I am scolded by others, she will not leave me. So I'm more than grateful to these two very important people.

Apart from my father and Emily Ma, I am grateful for my healthy body. Because of my good health, I can try various things such as skiing, traveling and different kinds of delicacies. More importantly, I have strong immunity to fight against COVID-19. Also, I am thankful for my school giving me knowledge of various kinds and instilling a lot of positive thoughts in me to let me think positive and stay positive. Hebron is the place where I have made lots of good friends. This is a joyful place that leaves me with good memories.

**Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.**  
5C 04 Cheung Ling Man Mandy



3C LAM HOI CHING KRISTY

Moreover, I want to thank my school teachers because they are very powerful. Correcting our homework, test and exam papers, they never stop caring for us, not only our academic achievements, but also our daily lives. I remember that my grades were not very good in junior forms, but the teachers did not give up on me. They tried their best to help me improve my results.

I often wonder when to say "thanks" to my family, friends and teachers because I feel embarrassed to say heartfelt thanks to others face to face. Now, let me take the opportunity to express my gratitude to them here. Thank you for all your love, encouragement and helping me become the person who I am today.

*The people I want to thank are my grandfather and grandmother. Since I was little, I have been living with my grandpa and grandma.*

## Gratitude

“Saying thank you” is very meaningful to me. It is because it symbolizes that others are kind to you. “Saying thank you” is a way to show gratitude verbally. Although these words are simple, they can make people get along better. I remember that the last time I said “thank you” was last week. And I think it is important to express gratitude not just to me, but also to the people around me.

The people I want to thank are my grandfather and grandmother. Since I was little, I have been living with my grandpa and grandma. As my parents often have to go out



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to work, they have fewer opportunities to meet and to take care of me. I remember that my grandparents always picked me up to go downstairs at home when I was young. I was very happy. I loved to share with them all the big and small things in school. I used to be naughty and bad-tempered. I remember one time I threw a tantrum. Afterwards, I said sorry to them, but they did not accuse me. Instead, they taught me patiently and pointed out my mistakes. Their faces remained kind.

As I grew up, my grandparents have been by my side and accompanying me. Although my grandma is very long-winded, I know that she just wants me to do better, and I am very grateful to her. My grandfather is a

very funny person. When I am unhappy, he always tells me some jokes to make me laugh.

Others may think that it is common for the older generation to take care of the next generation, but to me, it is very important because I don't spend much time with them, so I should cherish it. I am very grateful for everything they have done for me.

I hope I can continue to thank others, and hope that others will do the same.

## Gratitude

“Thank you” is a very normal phrase. Although the phrase is short and common, it has a heavy feeling which can make others happy and satisfied. It is important for us to express our gratitude to others who help us or support us, instead of taking it for granted. As too many of us take things for granted, people around us say thank you less and less, including me.

I am grateful for my parents the most. They not only gave me a healthy life, but also tolerated my mistakes. Besides, there is one most important thing which makes me want to express gratitude to my parents. When I was preparing for an exam to get into high school, I was under a lot of pressure as my grades were erratic. If I had been stronger at that time, I would not have cried like mad the day before the important exam. Comforting and supporting me at that moment, my parents hugged me. “You are the best, and the



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disappointments are only temporary,” they told me. They are the people who always support and encourage me. Then, not saying anything to them, I just stopped crying and pulled myself together at that time. So, I must express my gratitude to my parents not only because they comforted me, but also because they do everything for me in daily life, such as raising,

helping and supporting me.

It is important for me to express my gratitude with a sincere attitude, so I made a small card by myself and gave my parents the card face to face. Another way to express gratitude to my parents is to help them with housework. In addition to doing some housework, I can also cook a meal for them to express my gratitude to them. Hoping my gratitude can be expressed, I have written this sharing. Thanks, mum and dad!

*It is* **important** for us to express our **gratitude** to others who help us or support us, instead of taking it for granted.

5C 10 Mai Ka Yan Joy

## I BELIEVE THAT

THE PEOPLE WHO SHOW GRATITUDE WILL FEEL GOOD, VERY HAPPY, AND DO THE SAME TO OTHERS AROUND THEM.

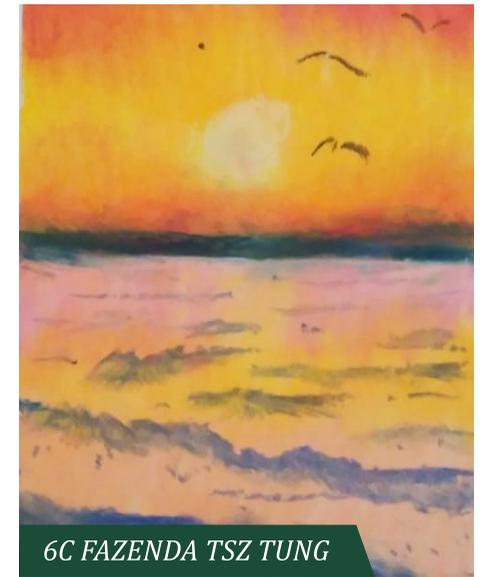
5D 08 SZE YIN CHIK CANDY

## Gratitude

To me, "Thank you" means gratitude. I often say thank you to people who have helped me, such as family, friends and teachers. I think this is both an expression of gratitude and courtesy.

Among all the people, I am most grateful to my parents and teachers. For my parents, they gave me life and raised me, they also paid me a lot of money and time. And they love me with all their heart without expecting any reward in return. Whenever I have difficulty, they will try their best to help me. When I get sick, they will be very nervous and take care of me with great care. Also, they would be happy with every little progress I have made. Though they love me, they never spoil me. They are strict with me and teach me what is wrong and what is right. Besides, they are role models for me to follow so that I can become a good person who can contribute to society in the future. So I am most grateful to my parents.

For teachers, they are so wonderful. When I was born, I didn't know anything and was like a piece of paper. And teachers are the people who write on it with knowledge of different kinds. They teach me patiently at school. At the same time, they have to endure the naughty me. I even



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make them angry for my sleeping in class, not doing homework and not studying hard. But even so, they still teach me patiently. Sometimes, they care about my health like family members. So I am most grateful to all the teachers.

I just shared about the people I am most grateful to in the above. In fact, there are many people and things that deserve our gratitude, like friends and what we have possessed. Hopefully, you would express gratitude as a kind of respect and appreciation. I believe that the people who receive it will feel good and very happy, and do the same to others around them.

## Gratitude

In our daily lives, we often say ‘Thank You’. Do you usually say it out of gratitude or politeness? For example, if our classmate helps us pick up a pen on the floor, we will politely say ‘Thank You’. But if a firefighter rescues us, we will be very grateful and say ‘Thank You’! Most people will only express gratitude when they are in a very difficult situation. However, I think we should be grateful for the people who have helped us.

I want to thank all the people around me including my family, my teachers and my friends. I thank them for forgiving me. But who I want to be most grateful for is my mother. I am in a single-parent family, my mother loves me very much and has been working very hard to take care of me. She gives me everything, such as mobile phone, computer, clothes, etc. What would I be if I lived without her? I can’t imagine it at all. So, I am very grateful that God has given me such a good mother.

In addition, I am very grateful that my mother and I have healthy bodies.

Though the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic is severe, my mother and I have not been infected. I am really grateful because nothing is more important than having good health at present. Compared with those who have been confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, we are really lucky. I think everything we have now is not taken for granted, we should know how to be grateful in these things.

Studies show that our general sense of well-being will be increased by saying ‘Thank You’. Let us say ‘Thank You’ out of gratitude every day.



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I AM VERY GRATEFUL THAT  
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5D 09 CAI JIATENG CALVIN

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 is important to me and  
 it helps me keep going.*

5D 18 Kan Pak Yin Jacob

## Gratitude

What do the words “thank you” mean to you? To me, they mean expressing my gratitude to others. Nowadays, people do not like to say “thank you” because they think that it is shameful for them to say it. However, I have just said it to my dad for buying dinner and I do not think it is a shame at all. Now, I want to tell you who I will express my grateful feeling to.



2D AU PO YEE

First, I want to talk about the people whom I am grateful to. I am grateful to my family who always support me. If I face a trouble, they will come to help me. My parents care me a lot and they often solve my problems. They listen to my problems and then give their opinions. The support from them is important to me and helps me keep going. This is why I am grateful to them.

Next, I want to talk about the thing I am grateful for. I am grateful for my old phone which helped my every day. My old phone was given to me by my parents on my birthday and it had been used for almost 7 years. In those years, I used it for sending messages, making phone calls, reading e-books and playing video games. If it had not been broken, I would still have been using it. It did help a lot in my daily life or during my spare time so this is why I am grateful for it.

All in all, I want to say “thank you” to my family, my phone and problems in the past. If you are trying to express your grateful feelings like me, just say “thank you” to them.

## Gratitude

What does gratitude mean to you? Have you ever been asked to go home and say “thank you” to your parents or your friends after a moral lesson? I believe this will sound familiar. Usually parents tell us to be thankful for the food on the table at home. But in my opinion, the term “gratitude” means much more than that.

There are always things worth being thanked surrounding us. “Gratitude” is not just being thankful for the material and wealth we have, but everything. Some educators might say “Be thankful for the food you are eating ‘because’ in some countries people don’t even have enough food to eat.” I don’t find it appropriate for teaching others to be grateful, you should be grateful for having the food, but not because others do not have it. This brings out the problem of unfair distribution of wealth, which is not something we should appreciate just because we are fortunate enough to be on the side that has everything. Instead, we should be grateful for things more than material.

You should of course be grateful for your own existence, which is the first scenario for you to have gratitude. It is a miracle that you experienced a really long and risky journey before your birth, and you are being right here as a healthy human. You have parents that take care of you, give you what you need; you have friends that protect and be with you while you need them; you have a healthy body. But some might say “These are what we have every day, why should we be grateful?” But the point is that we get used to what we possess every day that we take them for granted, but nothing is a must. Our parents and friends could leave us, but they didn’t; our health could also be worsened at any moment, but we are still alright. Aren’t these what we should be grateful for?

**“Gratitude is not just as simple as expressing thanks - it’s unique, priceless, and precious.”**

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Li Ka Yiu Deep

“Gratitude” cannot be expressed just with a “thank you”, instead, it might be even more difficult to say “thank you” when you are with “gratitude” but not “thankfulness”. You always say “thank you” to waiters, cashiers, but you seldom or even never say “thank you” to the ones you love the most. They don’t say that to you either, but both of you know the presence of gratitude in your relationship just by feeling it in your hearts. Or, the one you are grateful to is not a person, it might be your pet, God, natural resources. You don’t always say “thank you”, but you know you thank them the most. That’s why “gratitude” is not just as simple as expressing thanks, but it’s unique, priceless, and precious.

I hope this will inspire you to think about someone and something you are grateful for. Try to show your gratitude verbally or non-verbally whenever needed. Lastly, always be grateful and treasure what you have for now.



# Expressing gratitude

to someone is an action to show one's kindness, and it is better than contemplating what kind of gift you should give to provide a feedback.

5D 24 Lui Chun Kit Eric

There are a lot of things we have to say thanks to someone for, like parents, teachers and friends, but facing a terrible disaster of COVID-19, we need to thank God that there are still a lot of humans who are not infected and a lot of COVID patients have been cured. Also, we should thank the medical care teams for risking their lives to rescue millions of people who have contracted coronavirus. There is no excuse for not expressing our gratitude for this selfless help.

Talking about gratitude, there is a special festival that literally means to feel thankful. This is “Thanksgiving Day”, which originally is celebrated in the United States. The aim of this day is to thank God for his blessing of a bumper harvest in the whole year. Although this special festival is not celebrated globally, especially in Asia, it is a good chance to remind us to be grateful for what we have and it is manifested by people around the world, including us Hongkongers, who do not usually celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Since so many people are indifferent to being thankful nowadays that they take everything for granted, it’s necessary that every year we take a day to let the world know the importance of giving thanks.

Be thankful always for it will remind us of our blessings!

## Gratitude

What does the word “thank” mean to you? This is a simple, common word but implies a great meaning behind. We keep saying thanks to a lot of people. However, we don’t seem really understand the purpose of doing this. Why have we been educated to be grateful to somebody? What if we don’t know how to express gratitude?

I suppose the simplest answer is that expressing gratitude to someone is an action to show one's kindness, and it is better than contemplating what kind of gift you should give to provide a feedback.



## An Unforgettable Experience

Everyone has an unforgettable experience. So do I. My unforgettable experience happened in Singapore. When I was nine years old, my family and I traveled to Singapore. It is my first time traveling abroad. So, I was excited.

After four hours, we arrived at the Singapore airport. The travel guide led us to our hotel. We were so hungry, so we went downstairs to buy local food. The price was expensive there.

After eating, my mum and I watched a concert. Suddenly, my stomach was painful, and I ran to the toilet to vomit. After my mom saw me like this, she took me

to the guide but the guide was not there. So, she took me to seek help from a receptionist. However, the hotel receptionist spoke English only. My mom was very worried, so she went out of the hotel to find a taxi. I vaguely heard the taxi driver say 'hello' in Chinese. My mom was very excited and asked, 'are you Chinese?' the driver explained, 'I am Chinese but I have lived in Singapore for many years. I came here to visit my friend. What's wrong with your daughter?' my mother explained briefly about what happened. 'Remember to take a picture of the name of the hotel. I am going to the hospital now.'

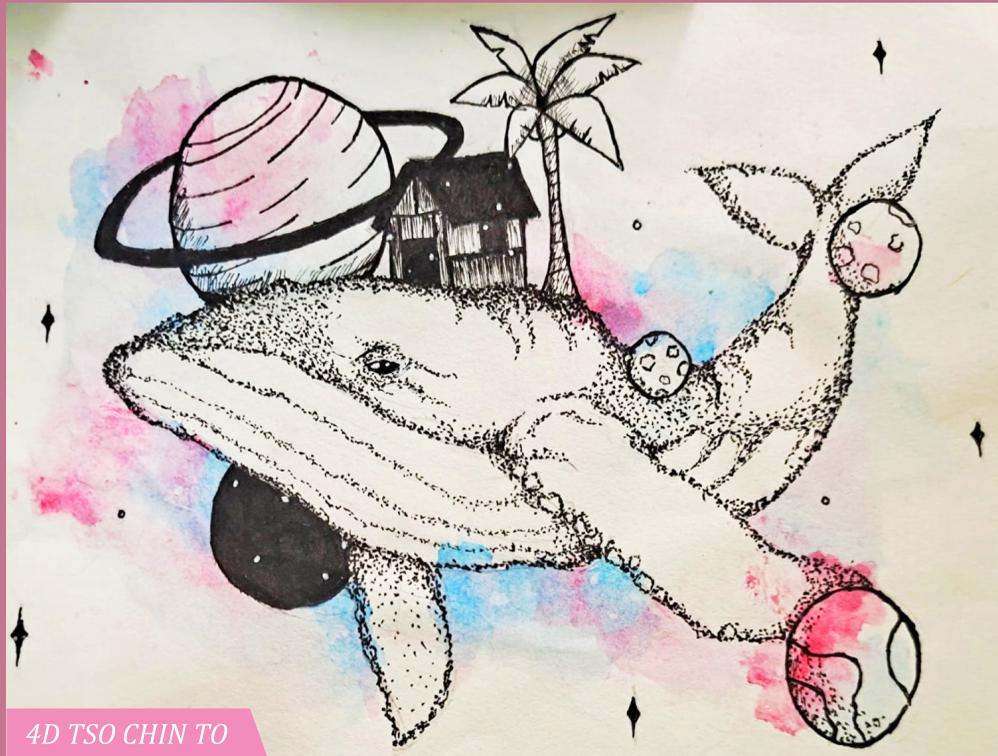
Then, we arrived at the hospital. 'If your daughter is not used to the environment here, she will be sick. After the diagnosis, the doctor gave three kinds of medicine to me, which costed \$9000. It was so expensive.

Finally, I thought I must learn English well so that when I need help, I can understand and find someone to help me. This is a very unforgettable memory for me!

**I thought I must learn English well so that when I need help, I can understand and find someone to help me.**

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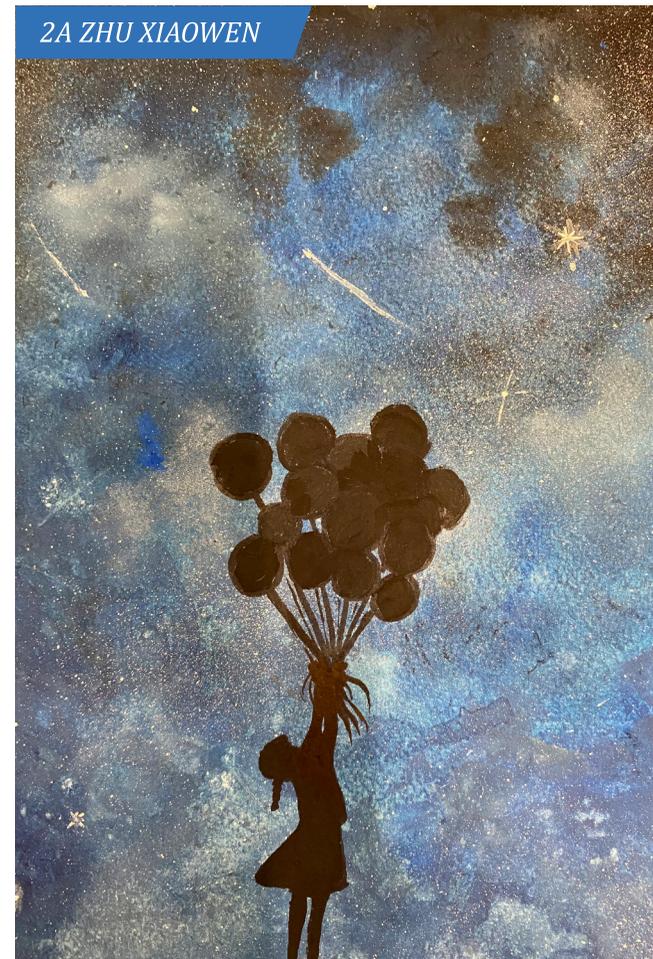
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**We will succeed if we make an effort. We will do better if we work hard!**

2B 08 Lam Sze Ki Chloe

## An Unforgettable Experience

2A ZHU XIAOWEN



If I am asked to share an unforgettable experience, it will be joining a singing competition and singing on the stage when I was in Primary 2. It was my first time to stand on the stage.

My teacher notified me and my friend about the competition a few weeks before the competition. She asked me and my friends to participate in the competition on behalf of our class. We only had a few weeks for practice. I remember that my friend hurt her foot during the practice. But she didn't give up. She knew that we only had a limited time. She still joined our practice even if she could not walk easily.

We did our best in the competition. Our teacher clapped her hands under the stage for our performance. Finally, we got the first runner up and we cried on the stage when we received the award. This experience made me realize the importance of team work and we should not give up even if we encounter difficulties. We will succeed if we make an effort. We will do better if we work hard!

## An Unforgettable Experience

If someone asks me what my unforgettable experience is, what comes to my mind immediately is that I went abroad from Hong Kong to Singapore alone last year. It was the first time I travelled abroad by myself.

I have never been abroad by myself before, so I found the trip very exciting. And what made me more surprised was that I had a lot of contact with people from other countries. It made me realize the importance of learning English because I had to speak English to communicate with them. I found those people

extremely friendly. When I felt unwell sitting on the plane, I asked the person next to me to change the seat with me, and he immediately agreed. I was so grateful to him. It was very lucky for me to have this opportunity to meet people from other countries.

I learnt from the experience that travelling alone can give us a new experience. It made me more independent and knowledgeable. People should learn how to make their life more fulfilling by exposing themselves to the culture and environment of other countries. It helps us appreciate different cultures in different parts of the world.

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2B 19 Chen Zezhong David

# We sang a song

with Jason Zhang! I hope I can keep the heart of trying everything hard and taking things, such as studying, seriously.

2C 09 Ng Yuk Yi Angel

## An Unforgettable Experience

If I am asked to share an unforgettable experience, I will definitely share that experience. It happened during the training of singing and dancing.

It happened on a day in 2017 summer. My mother saw a contest

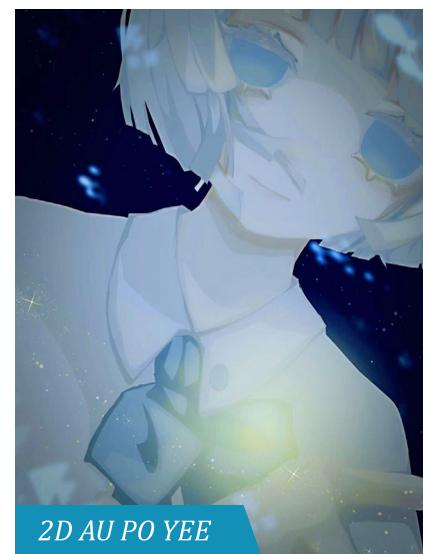
singing and dancing for a month. Finally, the judges would select 50 trainees out of 200 to have a vocal concert. They would sing a song with singer Jason Zhang. After my mother had told me this competition, I said that I wanted to join it immediately because I love singing and dancing, and I wanted to show off myself. Although I was not so good at performing and I didn't know why I had the courage at that time, I joined the competition and was selected. So I was trained in the camp for a month.

At the beginning, the 200 trainees were divided into 20 groups. There were 10 trainees in a group. Every day, there was a dance lesson, vocal lesson, performance lesson and physical training. Every day, I didn't relax because if I did not focus for a minute, I would fall behind. So sometimes I felt nervous at night. The first reason was that I was

only 10 years old in 2017, and my mum wasn't with me for a month. The second reason was that I was afraid of being eliminated. The purpose for me to go there was to learn things and I wanted to stand on a big stage. At that time, I only had one idea—never relax, practice hard and focus on class every day.

Finally after a series of training and tests, I stood on a vocal concert stage to perform with other trainees who were selected. We sang a song with Jason Zhang!

That was an unforgettable experience that I will never forget. I hope I can keep the heart of trying everything hard and taking things, such as studying seriously. And I hope I can continue through my own effort to stand on the stage with my favourite super star. I realize that fruitful gains come with persistent efforts.



2D AU PO YEE

poster online. It was about a singing and dancing competition. If I entered the competition, I would go to a training camp of

6A HO SZE MAN



**I think everyone** has different kinds of experiences. Those experiences can make you glad, upset, angry or touched.

2C 17 Zhou Wai Yi Angel

## An Unforgettable Experience

**I** think everyone has different kinds of experiences. Those experiences can make you glad, upset, angry or touched. I am going to talk about an unforgettable experience which made me feel quite embarrassed.

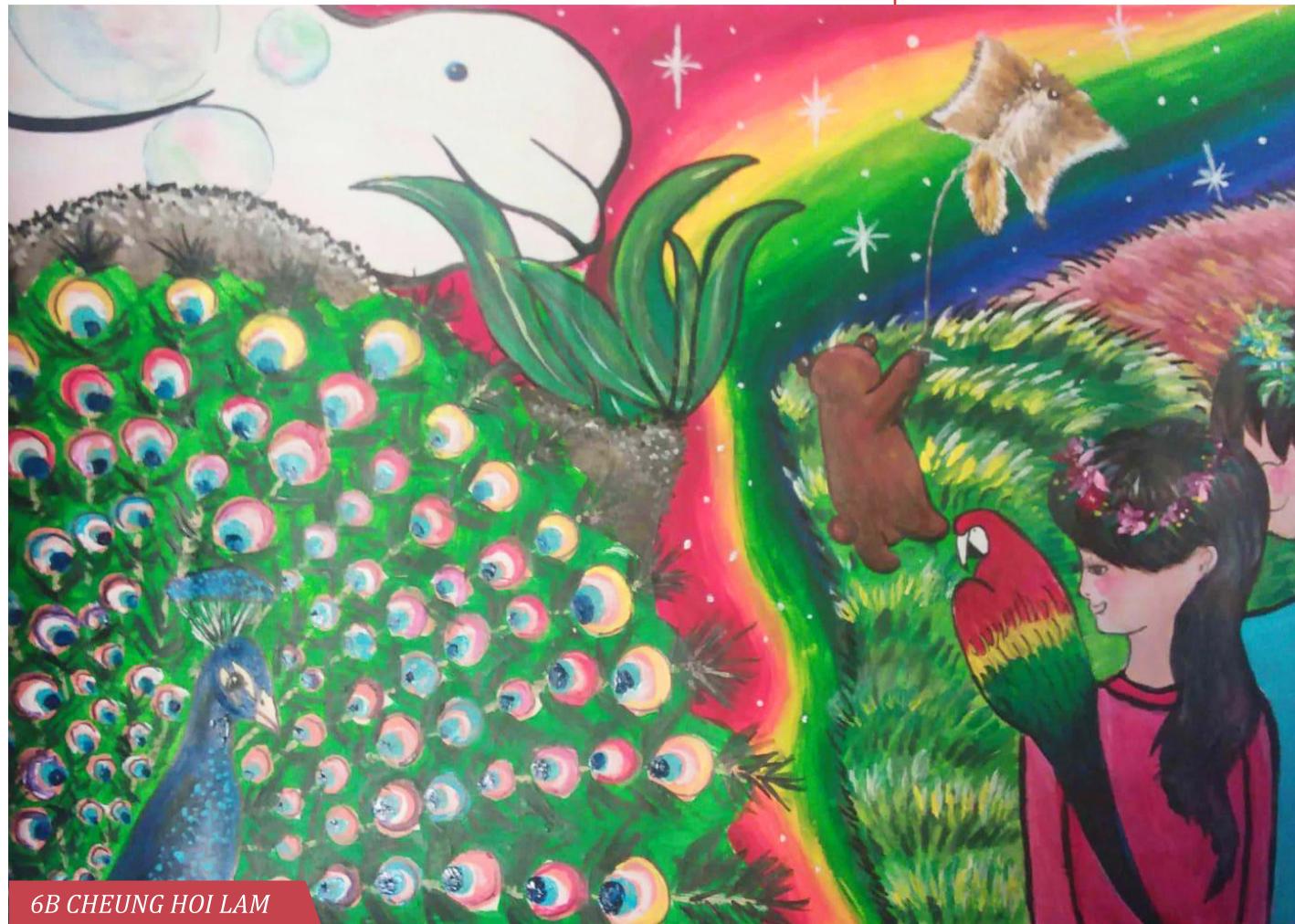
Remember when I was in primary six, I joined the English drama club. The teacher asked me to act the main character in a drama and told me that she had great expectations of me. At first, I was so proud of myself because there were many members in the club, but I was the only one chosen by the teacher.

After some days, I got my lines. I thought it was easy for me to act and I could read it pretty well. I was confident, so I did not spend too much time on practice and recitation. When the teacher practiced the drama with the whole club, I didn't pay attention to it.

After about one month, our club performed the drama in the school hall. When the spotlight was on me, I suddenly forgot my lines on

the stage. I felt extremely nervous and embarrassed at that time. Although I didn't stop thinking of the lines, my brain was blank at that time. Fortunately, my teacher

reminded me of the lines so I could continue to act. After the drama, I felt sorry to my teacher as she had great expectations of me but I didn't perform well.



6B CHEUNG HOI LAM

## An Unforgettable Experience

**W**hen I was 11 years old, one week before the uniform test, I was hospitalized and I will never forget this experience.

A month before I was hospitalized, many parts of my legs had been bitten by mosquitoes. At the beginning, they seemed like normal mosquito bites, but after a month, they started to rot. Some skin began to fall off and tissue fluid leaked. After many medical visits, I was hospitalized. First, the doctors said that perhaps my legs were infected by bacteria. They were not really sure about that what it was. Then, my nightmare began... After all the rotten flesh was cut off, my legs had a lot of holes. They were very disgusting! You can imagine that I had human legs with no skin. Next, every day I needed to irrigate the wounds. When I was irrigating

the wounds, I thought that I was almost going to the hell. It was painful. However, at that moment, an angel gave me a hand. I held it tightly to

reduce the pain. Angel? Yes, I mean the nurse. Then, at night, I cried in bed secretly because the tissue fluid stuck with the bandage. I could not sleep as it was very painful, but I could do nothing about it. Although I was really sad, thankfully on the next day a social worker talked to me. She was kind and comforted me to make me feel better. She told me when I got nervous or painful, just took a deep breath and listened to music. That really worked.

Finally, five days passed luckily. I could be discharged from the hospital the day before the uniform test. However, at the beginning, when I walked on the street, everyone was looking at my legs because the "black holes" were weird. I felt uncomfortable and offended because they had looked at them for a long time. I started to feel unconfident and was afraid of eye contacts. After a long time, I started to accept the situation. I stopped worrying about what other people think of me. I have become more optimistic nowadays. This makes me live more comfortably.

**However,**  
at  
that moment,  
**an angel** gave me  
a hand.

2D 02 Cheng Man Wai Wendy

## An Unforgettable Experience

Remember when I was in primary six and I was about to graduate at that time, there would be student representatives to deliver speech in English and Chinese at the graduation ceremony.

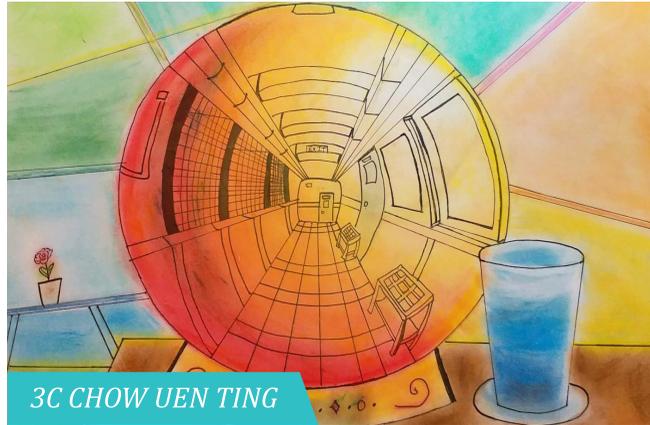
I was chosen by the teacher who was in charge of the English graduation speech and she asked me to practise with another classmate. After practising, the teacher would choose one of us to deliver the speech.

After that, we got the speech lines. We needed to practise by ourselves first. I thought the first impression was very important and my classmate's oral skills were better than mine. If I didn't practise harder, I must be defeated by her.

After a few days, it was the first time of our practice with the teacher. The night before, I spent a lot of time practicing myself so I wasn't too nervous. The teacher let me try to deliver the speech first. After I had read the lines, it was my classmate's turn. I thought I read it very well, but after listening to hers, I felt I was not as good as her. After this practice with the teacher, it pushed me to practice harder. In the next few days, I practised almost all the time after I had finished my homework and during spare time.

*I was extremely glad at that moment because my efforts were not in vain. Opportunities are always reserved for those who are prepared.*

2C 16 Zhou Wai On Cherry



3C CHOW UEN TING

After several practices with the teacher, I was getting better and better, but the other classmate did the opposite. It was time for the teacher to choose one of us to deliver the speech at the graduation ceremony. The teacher actually chose me. I was extremely glad at that moment because my efforts were not in vain. The English speech at the graduation ceremony was also delivered well by me.

This experience is really special to me even now because it was the result of my hard work.

I am not just sharing this experience with you guys. This experience can also let us learn and let me experience a golden sentence "Opportunities are always reserved for those who are prepared."

## An Unforgettable Experience

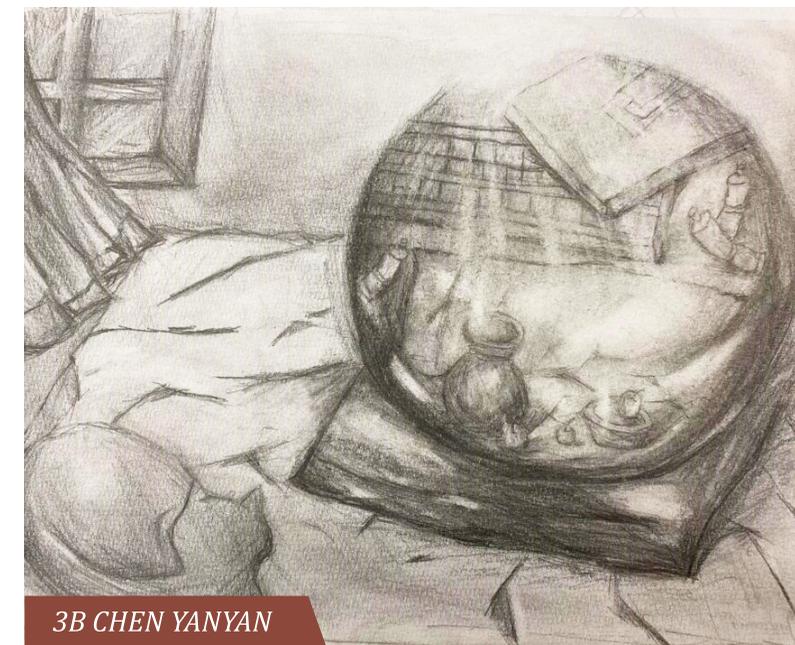
Almost everyone has one or more unforgettable experiences. So do I. It happened when I was in the third grade of elementary school.

My home was close to the school, so I usually went to school on foot. On a normal afternoon, I went to school on time as usual. I crossed the road into an alley. Then I looked around and found a man in a blue T-shirt sneakily following me. I didn't know why I thought I was in danger, probably because I read too much news. But I also tried to confirm he was a bad guy. I went from the left side of the alley to the right, but he also followed me, which made me even more scared.

Although I was nervous, I was trying to stay calm. Because I knew I could not run faster than an adult. I

**What does not kill us makes us stronger' -Friedrich Nietzsche.**

2D 05 Lam Tsz Fei Elaine



3B CHEN YANYAN

quickly gave up the option of running away. Finally, at the first intersection, I did not hesitate to turn directly into another lane because there is a school at the end of the road and the time required was shorter than going to my school. I thought about asking people for help but there was no one else on the way. I could only

try my best to keep myself calm and walked to the school. I imagined that if he continued to follow me, I would go into the school and ask for help! In the end, when I stepped into the school, he turned into the next corner and left. I breathed a sigh of relief and continued to go to my school.

Although it was a very thrilling experience, I am proud of my calm response and glad that I have had such an experience from which I know the importance of calmness. I hope that in the future I can calmly face everything.

There are many difficulties in the way of personal growth and for many times that you even have to face them alone. 'What does not kill us makes us stronger' - Friedrich Nietzsche.

## An Unforgettable Experience

Little by little, one travels far. "by J.R.R.Tolkien. This is one of my life mottos. It has become my motto because of an unforgettable experience. Not long ago, I climbed up Yangtai Mountain.

That mountain is very famous in Shenzhen, and it's also very high. There are two routes to the top of the mountain. One is rugged but short. The other one is flat but long. I chose the flat but long one.

That was the hardest mountain I had ever climbed. Although the road was very smooth, it was still formidable for me to climb the mountain. Coupled with the fact that I was forced to climb it, both my body and mind were exhausted. If it had been shorter, I could have accepted it, but it took a whole day to climb that mountain.



6B CHEUNG HOI LAM

**At that moment,  
I knew that great  
things never came  
from comfort zones.**

2D 08 Peng Yu Huen Canny

However, when I saw the view from the top of the mountain, I thought it was all worth it. The clouds were dispersed by the sun. The sky was clear and blue. Impatience was replaced by surprises. Everything looked so good. At that moment, I knew that great things never came from comfort zones. This is suitable for learning, working and dreaming. If you do not insist, any dreams will not come true.

It was an unforgettable experience in my life. I share it at this moment. I hope that all the readers of this article can stick to it when they encounter difficulties in life, because only by sticking to it can you know how beautiful the scenery ahead is. Life is a tree, one must experience countless wind and rain to thrive.

**I found that our visit brought some  
colour to their boring life.  
We all had a happy time that day.**

2D 27 Pak Chi Kei Ken



6C MA KWAN YAU HORACE

Then, we went inside. We played games, performed a drama and sang songs with them. The smiles on their face never stopped. After we finished all the activities, our teacher wanted us to talk with them. I went to an old man and talked with him. He looked very kind and told me that most of the time nobody came to visit them. They had nothing to do because there were only a few people there. It was so boring and no one talked to him. I found that our visit brought some colour to their boring life. We all had a happy time that day.

After that day, I have learnt many things. The visit let us take care of old people and changed my opinion of the elderly. I was very moved in this activity. I hope I can join more voluntary visits and talk with more old people in the future.

## An Unforgettable Experience

My unforgettable experience happened when I was in Primary 4. My school organised an activity to visit old people's home. At first, I didn't want to go there because I thought old people were all bad and dirty. I felt disgusted with getting along with old people. But I changed my mind after the visit.

On that day, we went to a place called Not Lonely Bead House but I found that the people there were not 'not lonely'. They all looked sad and had nothing to do. When they saw us, they smiled. The smiles were from their hearts. I felt very warm when they smiled. It touched me a lot as the smiles were brought by us.

**If** I could add a new function to my smartphone, I would like to add a built-in English and Korean translation function which allows me to learn Korean and English words.

4A 02 Chow Ying Ying Cherry

## Information Technology in 2020

**T**echnology is important in our daily life. I think we have the technology available for us to enable the management of our daily lives and the sharing of valuable information with our friends. We are using it every day. For example, I use my computer for online lessons on Zoom because of the pandemic.

Like many other teenagers, I have some electronic gadgets such as iPad, laptop and smartphone. Those electronic gadgets have different functions. For example, I use the laptop and iPad to watch the famous YouTubers. The smartphone allows me to send messages to my parents telling them where I am. My favorite



6C FAZENDA TSZ TUNG

gadget is the smartphone because I enjoy listening to wireless music using my smartphone.

We can learn many things from watching online videos. I particularly like watching videos about travelling because we cannot travel during the pandemic.

Also, I use my smartphone to do online shopping and play games. More importantly, I need it to do online classes every day.

I think I can't live without my smartphone because life has become very dependent on the cellular phone. Many people can't live without it. If you don't have a phone, you cannot attend online lessons. If I could add a new function to my smartphone, I would like to add a built-in English and Korean translation function which allows me to learn Korean and English words. Smartphone is a really great invention.

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## Information Technology in 2020

**I**n 2020, the outbreak of COVID-19 made information technology play a very important role in the world. The outbreak of the pandemic has affected our normal life. To curb the virus from spreading, the government took a series of measures to encourage social distancing. Schools were closed temporarily and workers were asked to work at home. Our daily life was affected.

Information technology helped us a lot during the pandemic. Besides having Zoom lessons every day, teachers also used a variety of apps to help students learn. Some teachers produced videos to help students to learn better. This allowed students to continue their studies during the pandemic. After finishing the homework, students scanned the work and converted it to pdf and sent it to their teachers via eclass. All these were done on the computer.

For businessmen, information technology helped them to continue their business. To minimize the risk of infection, many bosses let their employees work from home. Meetings were conducted using Zoom conference function.

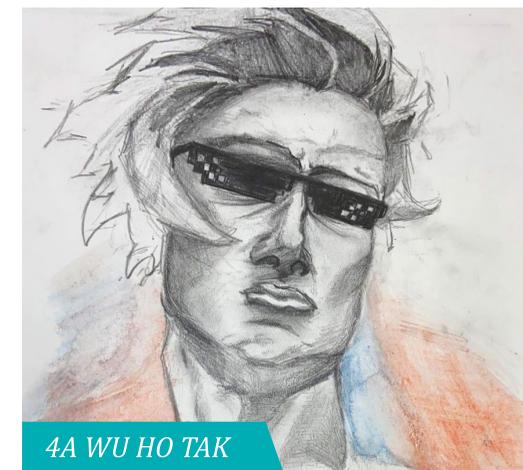
In addition, information technology also helped people to get what they needed

4B 03 Lam Cheuk Yan Rita

without the need of going out during the pandemic. Many people did shopping online. Shopping apps such as 'Taobao' or 'HKTV Mall' were popular applications for people to purchase daily necessities or food they need.

Despite the convenience Information Technology brings to us, it doesn't come cheap. There are families which cannot afford computers and even the Wifi coverage. Moreover, a lack of real human communication between teachers and students affects students' performance. People who order takeaway express how much they miss the fun of real dining experience with their friends in a restaurant.

Although information technology has brought a lot of convenience to people's lives during the pandemic, it can't solve all problems.



4A WU HO TAK

## Information Technology in 2020

Information technology plays an important role in 2020 because of COVID-19. People use information technology to study and work. During the effect of COVID-19, I have changed my mode of learning from face-to-face classes to online classes.

I am a “tech” person, because I use technology very often. I usually get information from the internet or from friends and teachers. I think that having knowledge about information technology is important because it is just all around our lives.

I have a lot of electronic gadgets, for example, mobile phone, iPad and computer. The most often used app is WeChat because I usually send messages to my friends and check the homework in class groups. I am a big fan of the latest gadgets too because they really bring me convenience. If I could get one free, I would choose to get a new computer because my computer is already broken, I need a new computer for my online classes.

I use my mobile phone often. I usually use my mobile phone for sending messages, playing games and watching videos online. I find the alarm clock function of my mobile phone most useful because I use it to wake me up every school day.

I think the advancement in information technology has made social media more popular because nowadays more and more people are exposed to electronic devices. They find it much easier to access different social media. I enjoy accessing and sharing on social media anytime and anywhere as I want to read some funny things to broaden my horizons. I think being “always online” has improved or even changed my lifestyle because I now rely so much on it no matter for schooling or for leisure.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I have experienced different types of e-learning as part of the face-to-face classes are suspended. We have tried online classes and self-learning at home. For homework, we need to spend more time logging on to the school network to download and upload. We even tried to have our test online, which was a very tiring thing actually! We need to complete the test by a specified time and upload the paper to the school network. The period may not be well networked at the time of upload, so some of us encountered different issues during the test. This took us a lot more time than usual exams. Anyway, it was still a new experience for us.

I think my information



3C LAM HOI CHING KRISTY

technology skill has improved this year because I use it every day for school. I think in the future, e-learning will be one of the most important ways to learn because of COVID-19. We often need to use mobile phone, computer and iPad apps to do the work.

I think being “*always online*” has improved or even changed my lifestyle because I now rely so much on it.

4C 04 Chen Zhilin Carol

## Information Technology in 2020

Information technology plays an important role in 2020 because of COVID-19. People use information technology to study and work. During the effect of COVID-19. The students have also changed their mode of learning from face-to-face lessons to online lessons during the effect of COVID-19.

I don’t think I am a “tech” person, because I don’t use technology very often. I usually get information about information technology from my friends. I think that having knowledge about information technology is important because many things in our life are connected to information technology nowadays and information technology can make our life become more convenient.

I have a lot of electronic gadgets, for example, smartphone and notebook computer. My favorite gadget is my laptop computer because it is new and easy to use. The most often used gadget is my smartphone because it is light and handy. I am not a big fan of the latest gadget but if I could get one free, I would choose iPhone 12. It is because the phone I’m using is getting slower.

I use my mobile phone often and I usually use my mobile phone for sending messages, calling friends and watching videos from Netflix. I find Instagram the most useful app of my mobile phone because I can communicate with my friends by using it and its functions suit my needs.

I think the advancement

in information technology has made social media more popular because people can share their life events with their friends by posting photos on social media and get more information about our society on social media. I enjoy being able to access and share on social media anytime and anywhere because it can help share my feelings and thoughts to my friends and broaden my horizons through the news. I think being “always online” has changed my lifestyle because my eyes will get hurt if I always focus on the screen of the electronic gadgets.

The advancement in information technology has made social media more popular because people can share their life events with their friends.

4C 08 Fong Sum Yin Felacia

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I have experienced different types of e-learning as part of the face-to-face classes are suspended. We have tried online classes and self-learning at home. I have tried having lessons online, for downloading, scanning and handing in homework. We used the scanning apps and e-class to finish it all. We even tried to have our tests online but many of us still support having tests at school more. I think my information technology skill has improved this year because the face-to-face classes have been changed to online classes and we use

more different apps to get our homework done. I think e-learning will become more common in the future but I think the face-to-face classes are more effective though.

Let’s hope the pandemic would end soon and we can have our face-to-face classes resumed very soon.



3C FANG TRACY

I can read news and learn online now, both of which I have never imagined before.

4C 12 So Sin Yiu Yoyo

## Information Technology in 2020

Information technology plays an important role in 2020 because of COVID-19. People use information technology to work and study during the effect of COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic changed my mode of learning from face-to-face lessons to online lessons. We also have to hand in the softcopies of homework online instead.

I think I am a “tech” person, because I use technology very often. I usually get information about information technology from the internet or from friends and teachers. I think that having knowledge about information technology is important because I use information technology very often. Having knowledge about information technology can make my life even more convenient.

I have a lot of electronic gadgets, for example, mobile phone and notebook computer. My favorite gadget is my mobile phone because it is portable and has many different functions. Though I am not a big fan of the latest gadgets, if I could get one free, I would choose to have a tablet because I can bring this portable gadget around and use it anywhere I go.

I use my mobile phone often. I usually use my mobile phone for sending messages, calling friends and watching videos.

I think the advancement in information technology has made social media more popular because people can easily share their life events on social media by posting photos and texts. I enjoy being able to access and share on social media anytime and anywhere I want. For example, when I try something good or I go to a fun place, I usually upload these contents to my social media. Then, I can broaden my horizons because there are many people from different countries on social media. Through reading their sharing, we can have more understanding of people from different countries and their cultures. And then I can view some funny things on social media. There are a lot of videos, for example, about the pets. I like this type of videos



4A WU HO TAK

because it can help me relax. I think being “always online” has improved or even changed my lifestyle because I can read news and learn online now, both of which I have never imagined before.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, I have experienced different types of e-learning as part of the face-to-face classes are suspended. We have tried online classes and self-learning at home. For handing in homework, we need to know what homework is available from the lessons, and then we have to download the homework from the Internet. We can do it on paper, we scan the homework into a file, and finally upload it to the teacher. We even tried to have our test online, and the school allowed us to have an open book format. I think my information technology skill has improved this year because in the past, we had all face-to-face lessons. Now online lessons are adopted and we need to explore the correct methods in order to make the lesson go smoothly.

I think in the future, e-learning will become the way for students to attend classes and I am sure information technology would advance our learning in the future.

*Though IT can never replace real human interaction, it certainly plays a crucial role in our life.*

4C 19 Chang Wai Hin Kasko

Since the virus was highly contagious, people were advised to stay at home as much as possible. If it was a must to leave the house, people must wear masks and clean the hands with sanitizer. To avoid the trouble, many people chose to do online shopping using shopping apps such as HKTV mall, a popular online shopping platform. It has become a trend because the apps are easy and convenient to use. The groceries were delivered to your doorstep within a few days.

Information technology provided people with entertainment too. Many entertainment venues were closed temporarily due to the pandemic, for example, theme parks and cinemas. There was a rise of viewing rate of Youtube and a surge of subscription to Netflix, a streaming platform which provides thousands of movies and TV shows for people to enjoy whenever, wherever they are. People played online games at home too. However, not all people could enjoy the benefits brought by information technology. Many people couldn't afford the equipment and lacked the money to pay for Wifi coverage.

On the whole, IT was so important to us in 2020 as it helped to keep our society running during the pandemic. Though it can never replace real human interaction, it certainly plays a crucial role in our life.

## Information Technology in 2020

I agree that information technology has played a very important role in 2020. It is because the COVID-19 pandemic was all over the world. Many people in different countries were infected. We were advised to stay at home and avoid physical contact with other people. In order to keep the world going, people used information technology to run their business or communicate with others.

COVID-19 has changed the way we learn. Before the pandemic, we went to school to study with my classmates. These days we stayed at home and had Zoom lessons with our teachers and other classmates. It was all new to us but soon we got used to it. At least we didn't stop learning.



2D PANG YU HUEN

## Information Technology in 2020

I agree that information technology has never played a more important role in 2020. In the past, people could communicate face-to-face. However, 2020 is everyone's



nightmare. Our daily schedule is messed up because of the pandemic. Students learn at home. Office workers work at home as well. Without information technology, the problems will be more serious. It is extremely important for us to obtain the latest information about COVID-19 as quickly as possible. Global discussion on vaccine development is also done through the web. My lazy mode of learning has made me slack up during the pandemic. I sometimes can't pay attention in online classes. My daily schedule is also disrupted and therefore I sometimes feel tired and cannot concentrate in class.

I think I am becoming a 'tech person' because I get to know more knowledge about information technology during

the school suspension such as how to change assignments to pdf file and hand in my homework online. I think that having more knowledge about IT is important. I am a big fan of robots. Advancing information technology development can research into medical robots which can improve treatment or even assist in surgery. It is amazing that we can use IT to conduct distance meetings which allow us to catch up on the learning progress even during COVID-19.

I think the advancement in information technology has made social media more popular. It can make message delivery faster anywhere and save lots of data. Because of this, social media can spread the information quickly. Users are able to share their opinions and create

posts to interact with others. Recommendations can be made easily on digital platforms. I enjoy being able to access and share on social media anytime and anywhere. I also like sharing some joyful posts with my friends who will laugh with me. It has already become my great memory. Being 'always online' has improved my lifestyle. I think IT has become a part of my daily life. When I am free, the first thing I do is browsing the Internet. Sometimes, I think I have been addicted to it. However, I am confident that I can discipline myself and make good use of information technology.

**It is amazing that we can use IT to conduct distance meetings which allow us to catch up on the learning progress even during COVID-19.**

**4C 22 Chu Ho Wang Howard**

## In the 21st century, technology is indispensable to our lives.

**4D 08 Lau Ho Ching Jess**

### Information Technology in 2020

I agree that information technology has never played a more important role in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our mode of study. This shift from physical classroom to online class is a big challenge for us, such as technology problems on the digital platforms. Over time, technology has played an important role in 2020.

I consider myself a "tech" person. It is because I can use many electronic gadgets. I usually get

information about information technology from the internet. When I have a technology problem, I will search the internet to find a solution. I think that having knowledge about information technology is important. It is because in the 21st century, technology is indispensable to our lives.

I enjoy using gadgets, such as iPad, MacBook, etc. I think it improves my quality of life. My favorite gadget is the iPad because it is very convenient. I am a fan of Apple.

I love my mobile phone. I have used my mobile phone since I was 7 years old. I will use my phone to chat with my friends and family, and look for entertainment such as playing online games, watching movies, etc. Taking photos with my phone is one of my favorite activities.

Online learning through Zoom is part of our life this year. I have tried having lessons online, downloading, scanning and handing in homework, or even having tests online. My information technology skills have improved this year. I think e-learning will be more popular in the future. The integration of information technology in education will be further accelerated. So I think we must get used to this new mode of learning.



**3C LAM HOI CHING KRISTY**

## Information Technology in 2020

I agree that information technology has never played a more important role in 2020.

The pandemic, COVID-19, has made everyone scared. We need to stay at home most of the time. We need technology to help us to lead a normal life. Under the pandemic, I need to stay at home and face my computer for online learning at all times.

Due to the pandemic, I need to face my computer all the time. I usually get information about information technology from the internet and friends. When I don't know how to solve problems on my computer, I will search the solution on the internet. I think having knowledge about information technology

is very important. Nowadays, technology is part of our lives. Everyone needs to learn more about information technology.

I only have two electronic gadgets-my computer and my mobile phone. My favorite gadget is my mobile phone. Because it is easy to use. I am a big fan of the latest gadgets but I have no money to buy them all. If I could get one for free. I would like to get a PS5 because I love playing games.

I always use my mobile phone. I usually use it for playing online games and chat with my friends. The most useful function is the mobile data. When there is no Wi-Fi, I can still play online games by using mobile data.

Advancements in information technology have made social media more popular. I very much enjoy sharing things on social media anytime and anywhere because I can share my life with others. "Always online" has changed my lifestyle. I can get information instantly.

I have online lessons every day and I need to hand in my homework and even have online tests. My information technology skills have improved a lot this year. I think after ten years, online education will become an integral component of school education.



6C LAI SZE MAN

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online education will become an integral component of school education.

4D 22 Ling Chun Ho Dicky

## Information Technology in 2020

I agree that information technology has never played a more important role in 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting countries all over the world. Everyone is scared of this fatal disease and it has brought suffering to all. Governments have announced that students need to study from home, while adults need to work from home. Therefore, the time we spend on information technology is much more than before. As a student, learning online isn't a good thing at all. I have low motivation to study at home. I can't focus on my study so digital learning really affects my learning progress.

I really enjoy  
accessing and sharing  
on social media

anytime and anywhere because I can get lots of information almost instantly and share my beautiful life with others.

4D 24 Lo Man Lok Alex

I consider myself as a "tech" person. The first thing I do after finishing my homework every day is surfing the Internet. I like to explore how computers work. I get most of the information about information technology from the Internet. When I have technical problems that I don't know how to solve, I always use the search engine to find relevant information. In my opinion, having knowledge of information technology is very important. Nowadays, everything is "connected" to the Internet. You can order food online, buy things from Taobao, message your friends using social media, have online lessons, etc. Technology is part of our lives. Thus, it is important for us to have knowledge about information technology.

Although I am a big fan of electronic gadgets, I don't have much money to buy them. My favorite gadget is my computer because it has many functions and appealing games. If I can have one for free, I will change my computer hardware to the newest, so I can play games with very high graphic settings and have a nice gaming experience.



6B CHEUNG HOI LAM

I cannot go a single day without my smartphone in my hand. I use my phone to search information, listen to music, watch YouTube videos, and chat with my friends and family members using apps like WhatsApp.

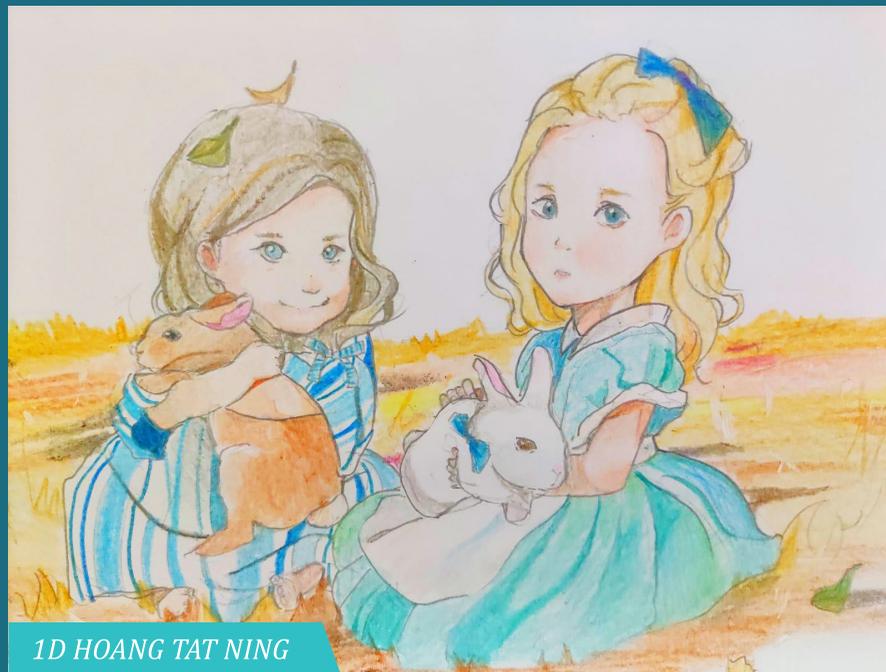
Advancement in information technology has made social media more popular. In the past, people could only call others and send texts to others. But nowadays, people can upload photos and videos to social media, and can make conference calls to others with social media. I really enjoy accessing and sharing on social media anytime and anywhere because I can get lots of information almost instantly and share my beautiful life with others. It has made my life more fulfilling and enjoyable.

This year, I have learnt how to use online meeting apps to study and hand in my homework online. My information technology skills have improved. I think after 10 years, all students may not need to go to school. Digital learning may become the dominant form of education.

**My best friend**

**M**y best friend is Sally. She is my primary school classmate. She is twelve years old. She lives in Shenzhen. She has one brother. She loves her family very much. I first met her in my primary school. It was the school Open Day. We played some challenging games. One of them was called ‘two people three legs’. We played the game cooperatively. By the end of the game, she said ‘Hi! My name is Sally Chan. Nice to meet you.’ Then, we became friends.

Sally is tall. She has long straight hair and she wears glasses. She is beautiful because her eyes are as bright as the stars. She is cheerful, passionate, gentle, generous and kind. She is brave, too. When she is in trouble, she will face it. She often shares her things with me, too. Her hobbies are swimming and playing phone games. She likes playing phone



1D HOANG TAT NING

games in her free time. I also like to play games with her.

One day, we went shopping and bought a lot of clothes. On our way home, we seemed to be followed by some strangers. Sally was very clever and she thought of an idea. Finally, we got rid of the bad guys after getting on the train. The experience helped us develop our friendship. Also, it showed that Sally was smart and brave. She not only stayed with me, but also saved me.

I want to say ‘thank you’ to Sally with me in the six years of study in primary school. I hope that our friendship will never change and we will never leave each other.

*Sally was smart and brave. She not only stayed with me, but also saved me.*

1A 01 Ho Yan Ying Ruth

**My best friend**

**M**y best friend is my neighbour. She is eleven years old now. She lives in Shenzhen. She has an older brother. She loves him very much.

I first met Yoyo at her home. She sat on a piano chair playing the piano. I listened to her. After that, she saw me and said ‘Hi, my name is Yoyo. What’s your name?’ ‘My name is Coco. I am your neighbour.’ I replied. ‘Can you play other melodies?’ I asked ‘Yes, I can. I will play them for you.’ she said. She is very nice.

I usually call on her in my free time and admire her playing the piano. In Grade 4, I started to play the piano, too. So, I usually played the piano with her, but she is still better than me.

Yoyo has big eyes. She usually wears glasses. She has some freckles on her face. She has got long wavy hair. Yoyo is very patient. She always plays the piano with me and teaches me how I can do better. I am not good

**She is as patient as a teacher. She teaches me a lot.**

1A 03 Qiu Yu Huan Coco

at playing the piano but she doesn’t give up. She is as patient as a teacher. She teaches me a lot. Yoyo has some hobbies. She likes playing the piano, dancing and singing. She likes dancing, and I like singing with her.

One day, I visited her and I found that she sang songs in the bedroom. She sang poorly. So, I went to her and taught her how to sing well. The experience helped us develop our friendship.

I usually call on her and do what she likes to do in the free time.

**No matter what we did, we were together. Having friends like her makes me happy every day.**

Zhang Tsz Yu Flora  
1A 08

**My best friend**

**M**y best friend is Kathy. I met her in Primary 4. At the beginning, we were common friends. Then, we always got home together after school. Soon, we got familiar with each other. On the way home, we played phone games and chatted quietly on the train. We were very happy together although we were not in the same class.

In Primary 5, we were in the class. We just said ‘hello’ to each other. But after a week, she became my best friend. No matter what we did, we were together.

Kathy is very creative. She often has ‘strange’ ideas. For example, I gave her a birthday cake last year. Surprisingly, she bit one of the candles on the cake.

She even wanted to eat it up! That

couldn’t be eaten. So, she couldn’t swallow it. She told me that ‘it’ was very hard! Then, everyone laughed loudly.



1A ZHANG YU HING

Having friends like her makes me happy every day. Even though we are not in the same secondary school, we still chat with each other and we often discuss what to learn during online lessons.

**HE IS MY BEST FRIEND AND NO ONE CAN REPLACE HIM.**

1B 07 CHENG HO YIN BENNY



1A QIU YU HUAN

**My best friend**

**M**y best friend’s name is Jack. I have known him for 4 years. He wears glasses. He has a pair of small eyes. He looks weak but he is stronger than me. He likes playing games more than studying. He likes reading books, playing basketball and playing Sudoku.

I first met him in a P.E. class. When we were going back to our classroom after the P.E. class, he went very slowly in the front so I pushed him a little. But he thought I was provoking him, and so, we had a quarrel.

Fortunately, as our teacher acted as our mediator, we finally became good friends.

He is a funny guy who likes telling jokes. He is very understanding. When I am sad, he will take care of me. He has a very good temper. He is hardly angry with me. He is generous, too. Whatever I want to borrow something from him, he always lends me that thing without hesitation.

He is my best friend and no one can replace him.

# My school life is amazing

1C 09 Leong Lok Ying Jasmine

## My New School Life

I remember that I was very nervous when I entered Hebron on my first school day. I thought teachers were strict that they would scold students madly. Also, I was scared that schoolmates were rude and I could not meet any new friends. However, I found that I was wrong when I had finished my first day of school in campus because the teachers and schoolmates were nice and kind. I talked with my schoolmates happily during the class.

My school life is amazing. About learning, I find my new learning experience special. For example, I could choose my favourite cross-curricular activity, playing the flute. I play the flute every Tuesday afternoon. I am glad that I can learn a new musical instrument and this makes my learning experience in Hebron different from that of my

primary school.

Apart from the learning experience. I enjoy having music lesson the most so far. The teacher Mr. Shum always tells jokes during the lessons and he is very funny. We can also praise our God by singing hymns. My classmates are humorous. I think making friends with them is wonderful. My best friend is Abby. Even though we cannot go to school and are having online lessons at home now, we still chat by using Whatsapp.

Last but not least, going to school without wearing masks would be the first thing that I want to try in Hebron. When the COVID -19 pandemic is finally over, then my school life can return to normal. Wearing mask is hard to breathe and I am very excited to see the whole face of my classmates and teachers.

## My New School Life

My name is Yuki Li. I am twelve years old. Now, I am studying at Hebron Secondary School. I want to talk about my learning, my teachers and my schoolmates in Hebron.

When it was the first school day, I was very nervous because it was the first time for me to go to secondary school and meet the class teachers and classmates. The first school day was conducted online. At the end of the day, I could only use one

# At the end of the day, I could only use one word to describe it. It was happy.

1C 12 Li Nga Man Yuki

word to describe it. It was happy. Although I could not meet the teachers and schoolmates officially on the first school day, I could see that everyone was excited and some were even nervous.

This year is very special. We have half-day school only, wear masks but attend zoom lessons in the afternoon. It is a big challenge for us because it is different from the traditional learning mode. In secondary school, our class time is very short and urgent so it is difficult for us to have a good communication with others. I feel very confused.

I like music the most because I enjoy listening to music. My favourite teacher is our English teacher Miss Lui because she is funny. I also made many new friends. They are Fiona, Jessica, Fion, etc. They are all very friendly and kind.

When the COVID-19 pandemic is finally over, the first thing I want to do at school is to take off my mask and breathe some fresh air. So far, my secondary school life is enjoyable. I can learn a lot at Hebron.



# When I finished my first day of school, I thought it was amazing. I am going to use 'colorful' to describe the experience.

1C 22 Wong Yan Ting Tracy

## New School Life

In September this year, I began to study in this school, Hebron. Let me talk about my new school life!

On the first school day, when I first entered Hebron, I felt awesome. I thought it was very different from my primary school. When I finished my first day of school, I thought it was amazing. I am going to use

'colorful' to describe the experience.

I have a special learning environment now. We all have to wear masks in face-to-face lessons. Since we only have a half-day school, we need to attend afternoon Zoom lessons. I also have to adjust to the heavy school workload such as a lot of daily homework and frequent dictations. I think

the learning environment at Hebron is freer but more demanding than that of my primary school.

I enjoyed Visual Art lessons the most. It is because drawing makes me feel relaxed so I love the subject and enjoy every single lesson. My favourite teacher is Miss Ng. She teaches us Geography. In her lessons, the atmosphere is pleasant

and encouraging. Of course, I have made some great new friends in school. We always chat at recesses.

When the Covid-19 pandemic is finally over, I think I will organize some fun activities for my classmates like 'room escape'. In my six years of study in Hebron, I hope I can improve my English and get a better grade.

# If I'm going to use a word to describe my experience, I would use 'happy' because everyone helped me and tried to make friends with me.

## My New School Life

The feeling that I had when I first entered Hebron on my first school day was weird and shy. I felt weird because I could only see my classmates online.

I was shy because I didn't know anyone in the classroom. I found that the teachers were very nice and always gave me chances to correct myself. After a day at Hebron Secondary School, I felt excited and wanted to go on

having a lesson again. If I'm going to use a word to describe my experience, I would use 'happy' because everyone helped me and tried to make friends with me.

1C 26 Cheng Yan Ho Gabriel

I would say learning at Hebron so far is great. The senior form schoolmates showed me where the school facilities were. Now, I know that the library is on the first floor, the basketball court is in front of the school gate and it is humongous! I don't think my new learning experience is special because I have already worn a mask, attended half-day school and had zoom lessons since I was in Primary six.



3B CHEUNG TSZ YAN

My favourite subjects are English and Science. I think these two subjects are interesting. My favourite teacher is Miss Lui because she teaches me English very well. She always gives feedback on our work. She corrects the words that we have misspelt so that we can get the right spelling and make improvements. Harry and Oscar are my first friends in Hebron. We like to talk to each other and we have the same interests. I befriended Harry when we were in the Parents' forum. He is friendly and cheerful. One day, I left my pencil case at home, and he lent a pen to me for the whole day. How nice he was!

If the COVID-19 pandemic is really over, I will love to read books and do homework with my friends and remove my mask because the mask makes me breathe uncomfortably. I plan to work hard, study more to get better grades in my six-year study at Hebron.

If it is over and the school resumes, I think I will participate in the school trip. It will be very interesting and it can widen my social circle and broaden my horizons.

1D 08 Li Fung Yi Rainbow

After I entered the secondary school, I have found that my favourite subject is Integrated Science because I am able to do some experiments with some of my new classmates.

I also met some friends in other classes. One of them is Minnie. We met each other in English lessons. She often helps me when I don't know how to do English exercises.

I don't know when the epidemic will end. If it is over and the school resumes, I think I will participate in the school trip. It will be very interesting and it can widen my social circle and broaden my horizons.

In my six years of study at Hebron, I hope I can improve my learning ability and become an accomplished person to contribute myself to society in the future.

### New School Life

**O**n the first day of school, I saw the principal, Mr Choi, and the vice-principal, Mr Lai. I felt nervous on my first school day. Now, I love to go to school very much.

I think I am doing well in school but I sometimes feel uncomfortable because I need to wear a mask during the lessons, especially Physical Education lessons. Because of the epidemic, I just have half school days. So, I need to have Zoom lessons in the afternoon.

When I was in my primary school, I only had to study eight subjects. Now, I have a total of eleven subjects! I think this is a very new challenge. Sometimes, I am afraid of not being able to study well.

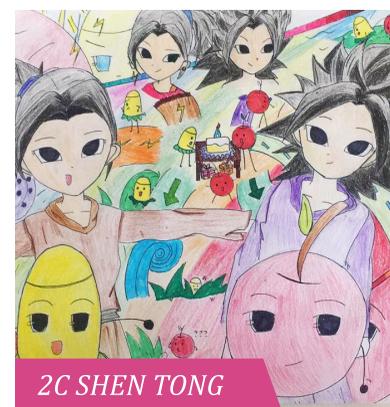


3C LAM HOI CHING KRISTY

### My New School Life

**I** was very elated when I entered Hebron on my first school day. I was relieved when I had finished my first day of school in campus. If I am going to use one word to describe my experience, it would be amazing. It is because there are a lot of facilities in Hebron, such as laboratory and many special rooms.

Some subjects are more difficult now so I have to concentrate in lessons and ask teachers for help immediately when I encounter problems. Then, the problems will be solved. I can find some special learning experience, such as wearing masks, attending



2C SHEN TONG

half-day school and having zoom lessons. Primary school learning methods are based more on writing, more memorizing and doing exercises and secondary school learning focuses on thinking and exploring.

The subject I enjoy most is English. It is because I can recognize different

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It is because she is approachable .

1D 27 Leung Chun Hoi Ringo

English words. Miss Lui is my favourite teacher. It is because she is approachable. I love her very much. I have made new friends in Hebron. They are Hei Chi, Shawn and Thomas. Last time I encountered difficulties with homework, they taught me so we became friends.

When the COVID-19 pandemic is finally over and my school life returns to normal, my first thing that I want to try in Hebron is having lunch at school. I hope to have a full-time class and participate in different extra-curricular activities. I will work hard to get good grades and go to university to study medicine.

### My Hebron Memory

**T**ime flies. It's difficult to face my last few months of my years in Hebron.

Facing graduation, there are two things come to my mind: how I spent my seven years in Hebron, and the adventure I am looking forward to.

Looking back on the past seven years, there were both hard and good times. In general, S1 to S3 was the happiest one. It was carefree and everything was new to me. I looked forward to going to school every day. Although it took me some time to get along with my new classmates, I made some good friends. However I discovered that the school work was a big challenge to me that I couldn't catch up. I was beginning to feel tired all the time and I

gradually had no expectations of going to school. Thanks to the support from my teachers and schoolmates, I gradually picked up the courage to face the challenge again when I was promoted to S4. Lessons were tough but these angels were always by my side. I did my best to catch up, though it went slowly, I felt a sense of achievement. It was a big lesson I learnt in Hebron.

There are many aspects of my secondary school life I enjoyed, for example, school picnic, Christmas party and overseas trips to say a few. The talks I had with the social workers were always the support I needed in times of difficulties. They gave me



6C TSE SIN YI

good guidance and I always had a loving company.

After graduation, I am planning to take up some beauty and makeup courses because I am always fascinated by the way makeup changes a person's appearance. I would also like to be a DJ as I love music. I hope my dreams would come true in 10 years.

I have a piece of advice to my junior brothers and sisters in Hebron. Always do your best as if it were the last day of your life. Cherish the people around you and get along with your teachers.

I gave my heartfelt gratitude to Hebron for these seven years.

*Lessons were tough but these angels were always by my side.*

6A 07 Lo Ho Yee Andrea

# The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

6B 07 Leung Hang Lam Helen



6A LI MANG WAI

## My Hebron Memory

I was ignorant when standing in front of the school campus the first time. Time flies. Now I am a Secondary 6 student and I will say goodbye to the campus soon. If I am going to use a sentence to sum up my six years of study in Hebron, it would be "The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

Looking back on the past six years, I found that my student life is full of hope. I was grateful to become the chairperson of Student Union. I think it was a meaningful thing to serve people, so I decided to challenge myself and did my best to keep our promise for the benefits of the school and students. Student Union should also be a bridge between the two sides. Although COVID-19 had an impact on all our affairs, we still tried our best to do our work. I believe all students enjoyed what we prepared for them. In the process, I have strengthened my communication and leadership skills. I will apply these skills on my work in the future. Moreover, I would like to thank those people who have helped me!

There is a moment in my secondary school life that I think is the most memorable. It happened when I was in Secondary 5. We went to Singapore for a study

trip. In the trip, we learnt and enjoyed ourselves. We went to Universal Studios Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and Gardens by the Bay. It was an eye-opening experience for me. In this trip, I learnt about conservation and different cultures of the two places. It was a valuable experience for me. I have benefited a lot from it and it is one of the best parts in my life. It gave me a profound experience.

At last, if I am going to give a piece of advice to my junior brothers and sisters in Hebron, I would tell them to cherish every opportunity and everyone around them. Our secondary school stage is the most precious time in life. All students need to play hard and work hard. We need to try to learn hard, concentrate in the lessons and have the courage to try something new in order to find our future goals and get ready for our future job. The people and things we met in secondary school cannot be repeated, so all of us need to treasure those who are with us right now. Now, our task is to get good grades in HKDSE. If your grades are not good, work hard and do your best! Do not worry about your study or your job in the future. Just equip yourself to meet the new future. Remember, HKDSE is just a little test in your life. You will face greater challenges in the future!

## My Hebron Memory

Facing graduation, I have to leave my secondary school soon. I feel so sad as Hebron is like my second home, and my classmates and teachers are like my family. The time which I spent with them was more than I spent with my parents. I am glad to have a chance to study in this school and meet all these people. Hebron has equipped me with the knowledge, skills and attitude needed to embrace the challenges in the future.

Looking back on the past six years, I enjoyed my school life very much because the school gives me lots of chances to join different activities. For example, I joined the exchange programs to Singapore, Taiwan, Hangzhou, and Guangzhou. During these exchange tours, I could broaden my horizons and learn to be independent. I knew the culture of different places through talking with the local students. Also, I met many new friends. Besides, I

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6C 09  
Hung Sze Nga  
Cynthia

joined our social service team and participated in different activities to help the disadvantaged. As the chairperson, I have learned how to lead a team and communicate with others. Moreover, I had a sense of satisfaction after helping those people. Therefore, I think I have tried to experience many new things in these six years. However, there are some regrets. We don't have the sports day, picnic and Christmas party last year. As a result, I miss some memorable moments with my classmates and teachers.



Although there are some regrets, I gained a lot in Hebron. I met my best friends at this school. They always support and encourage me. Also, they will be my listeners and accompany me when I feel stressed. Moreover, we will study together before the exams and help one another. My favorite teacher is Mr. Cheng. He is nice and always willing to spend time helping me solve different problems. I like him as he cares about our class a lot, not only academically, but also our daily life. He will use some funny ways to help us de-stress and encourage us. Therefore, this makes me confident and feel so warm. The most important thing is I become more hardworking in order not to disappoint him.

I would like to thank all the teachers who have taught me and helped me. Also, I would like to thank the teachers who trust me and have given me chances to take part in different positions and activities. I am so grateful that I can meet Mr. Lai, Mr. Cheng, and Mr. Chow as they are very nice to me. They also taught me a lot of things, so I would miss them most after graduation.

After graduating from Hebron, I would like to go on enriching my knowledge. I would like to study some programs of BBA. I want to work in a big company or run my own business in the future.

At last, I would like to tell the junior brothers and sisters to make good use of their time to equip themselves and experience new things. Thanks Hebron again for providing a good environment for me to study and grow.

## My Hebron Memory

Facing graduation, no doubt that friendship is the first thing that comes to my mind. As Helen Keller once said, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart". This sums up my

many precious opportunities and potentially great memories have been lost.

I have many regrets and things that I wish I had done better. When I was a junior form student, I never took the initiative to participate in class activities. As a result, I missed a lot of friendship building opportunities. I wasn't familiar with even some of the students in my own class. That was my biggest regret. Also, in Form 5, I had a conflict with my best friend, and we haven't had a conversation until now. I was so self-centered that I ignore her feelings, and I regret that I haven't taken the initiative to apologize to her and reconcile with her.

Let me describe my friends. Now I don't have a fixed best friend, but I still enjoy the process of meeting new friends. They have changeable personalities. Although they are emotional sometimes, they are very optimistic in life. They always prepare small gifts for each other, like holiday gifts. At the same time, they study hard and often encourage each other.

I am going to say "thank you" to my teachers in school. In senior forms, my class teachers have taken very good care of us. They are very humorous and will always find ways to relieve our stress. I am grateful for being taught by them.

The Bachelor of Business Administration in Management is the course that I want to study in university the most. Business is an important section in Hong Kong, which is also one of the biggest business centers in the world. With the commercial activities going on, the demand for employees in this sector would be large. I would like to be part of this sector. It is going to be fascinating and I want to know more about it.

I would like to end by using a quote to encourage Form 6 students and also encourage myself - "the way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing - Walt Disney". Before we dream, we need to take action, and work hard.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

6C 11 Lai Sze Man Bobo

six years of study in Hebron. Although relationships cannot be seen or touched, they are everywhere. This school is full of love. This is the magic of relationships.

Looking back on the past six years, I would like to use unpredictable to describe my student life. We never thought about the emergence of COVID-19. If the new coronavirus hadn't appeared, we would have conducted our sports day, flag sales and Christmas party as usual. I believe that we are the most special Form 6 students in recent years, because



3C FANG TRACY

## My Hebron Memory

How time flies! My colorful days in secondary school are coming to the end. There are mixed emotions in my six years' study here. The school and teachers have witnessed my growth. I really don't want to leave this school.

When I was 12 years old, I started my secondary education as a Form 1 student here. I remember I was nervous at the opening ceremony. There were many strangers. We didn't know each other. Over a period of time, my classmates and I became familiar and established relationships. We were very naughty. Teachers often complained that we were noisy. However they won't give us up. They are so kind and hardworking that I love them very much. Most of the teachers treat us as their own children. Also they are strict with us and their work. They care about our studies. When I have

company, leaving me beautiful memories.

In these six years, I have been given a lot of chances to develop myself. There are different learning activities for me, such as musical events, volleyball,



3C LAM HOI CHING KRISTY

learning problems, they will teach me patiently and encourage me not to give up. They also care about our health. I feel grateful for their good

basketball, charity events, cooking and IT events. Among all, the most memorable moment in my school life is Christmas party. On that day, we can wear casual clothes. We take lots of photos and exchange Christmas cards. We also have a food party. I think the food is the best even though the food is cold. The most

indispensable thing is to exchange gifts as it is very exciting. I am a little disappointed when thinking of this because of the coronavirus

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6C 13 Lee Oi Shan Susan

in my graduation year. Many events have been cancelled including Christmas party. It is a pity but I hope the graduation ceremony can go smoothly.

The most important thing in my school life is not just subject knowledge but friendship. I meet a lot of friends, who all have different personalities and hobbies. I always think it may be God's arrangement that makes us become students and friends at Hebron School. We play and study together. We sometimes quarrel, but we eventually get reconciled. Our friendship can be strengthened even after an argument. Maybe we have different directions after graduation, but we will surely keep in touch.

My school life is full of happiness and fun. Although I have new challenges after graduation, I will try my best to overcome them.

## My Hebron Memory

Facing graduation, the first thing that comes to my mind is the memories with my classmates and teachers. Time flies, and these memories will always be in my heart.

Looking back on the past six years, I would describe my school life as amazing but short. In Hebron, what I remember most is running a stall in the Academic Expo. My classmates and I jointly conceived and designed a product. In the process, we came across a string of failures. But in the end, we successfully completed the booth activities and even won the championship. It was an unforgettable experience.

In Hebron, I am very grateful that I met some confidants who really know and understand me. When I face confusion and trouble, they are there to support. We will share ups and downs in our campus life. Without them, I don't think I can have such a fruitful life in Hebron.

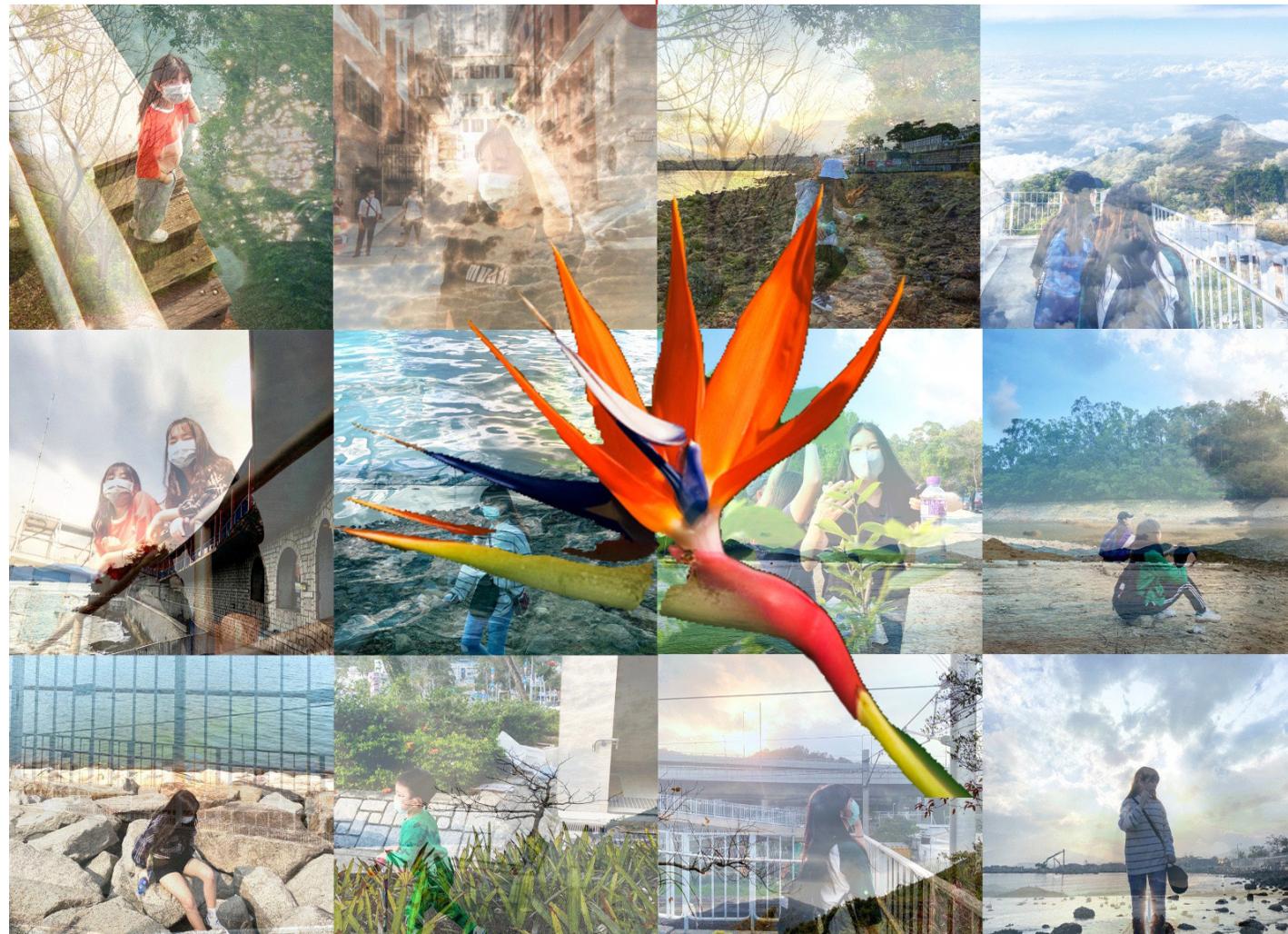
I would like to thank the teachers who taught me in these six years. I lost myself in junior forms and didn't study seriously. Under huge academic pressure, I am very grateful to the teachers who kept encouraging us. It was the teachers' words and encouragement that made me understand that knowledge is power. Only with knowledge can I have the ability to pursue my dream. Teachers, thank you for inspiring me to make my dream come true.

After graduating from Hebron, I hope I can go to university and become a designer in the future. I can't express in words how much I like visual arts. Six years' Hebron life has gradually realized my artistic potential. I think art can influence life and convey my personal feelings. I believe that as long as I work hard, I can finally fulfil my dream. I hope that one day I can devote myself to the development of visual arts.

My secondary school life has given me a sound and firm foundation which helps build my life. I could always learn from mistakes and failures. I am so lucky to have this valuable experience in Hebron. I will miss my teachers and fellow schoolmates. I shall always keep my school days in mind fondly.

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6C 29 Ma Kwan Yau Horace



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*After graduation,*

*I want to be a teacher. I hope that all aspects of the knowledge and skills I have learned can be passed on to the next generation, just like what I have been receiving from my teachers.*

6D 02 Kwan I Ki Kiki

## My Hebron Memory

While I'm facing the graduation, the first thing that comes to my mind is time flies so fast! I have been studying here for six years. When I first entered this school, I didn't know anyone and I was unfamiliar with this and that. Up to now I have met many classmates and friends at school. I would like to use an hourglass to sum up my six years of studying at Hebron. My time in the school is like the sand in the bulb of the hourglass. I am new in the state that all the sand has almost run through from one bulb to the other.

Looking back on my school life for the past six years, I find it so colorful. In addition to classroom learning, there were extracurricular activities. I often encountered problems in learning, but my teachers were willing to help me solve the problems.

My most memorable activity is drama. The school specially invited professional teachers to guide us. All the props, scripts and costumes of the characters were taken good care of by my classmates. At the beginning I didn't know much about drama. It was a new experience to me.

It takes a lot of time and manpower to complete a drama, which is a big challenge for me. The Drama Society members are from different grades. We all need time not only to know one another, but also understand and cooperate among ourselves. I think that trying new things is a new experience for me, allowing me to leave a footprint in the process of growing up. Joining the Drama Society allows me to understand the concepts and techniques of drama. It's a fun way to increase my knowledge.

I want to say "thank you" to all the teachers who have taught me. They teach me knowledge and impart their life wisdom to me. Apart from teaching and guiding me and my schoolmates, they also care for and love all of us, as well as foster our moral development.

After graduation, I want to be a teacher. I hope that all aspects of the knowledge and skills I have learned can be passed on to the next generation, just like what I have been receiving from my teachers.

As a senior student, I would like to encourage you to study hard and cherish your school life. Remember, never give up! Keep pursuing your dreams.

## My Hebron Memory

**N**o matter where life takes us, we are friends for life. I am about to graduate and when suddenly recalling the past, I find that I have left many precious memories in Hebron. I am very grateful to have met the teachers and classmates here, and to have learnt so much useful knowledge that I can take away.

Looking back on the past six years, I think my school life is both colorful and wonderful. The school has given us a lot of opportunities to study, to travel and has organized many activities for us to learn and play. The Singapore study tour is the most memorable for me. That was the first time that I had to leave my family and go overseas travelling with my friends and teachers. I had relaxed myself immensely in that trip, too. After those few days of travelling together, my relationship with my friends became closer. We became inseparable family members, relying on each other.

It is the time to talk about my best friends in school. I consider every single classmate who has appeared next to me to be my friend, for having shared my youth with me. They would always help me, support me and love me unconditionally, even when I was having

difficulties or when I had done something wrong. They would sometimes teach me and advise me as though they were my parents, but in other times they would talk to me and play with me as though they were my brothers or sisters.

Besides my friends, I have also met a lot of great teachers. I don't have a favourite teacher, because they are all the best in my heart. Being a "compass" for life is not good enough to describe them – they are like my "Google" for life. No matter what questions I have, they can always answer them. They can be about ways of life, family problems, or any other problems, not to mention that they have a wealth of knowledge and they can teach me anything I need to know.

About my future, I don't have a very clear goal. But I believe that I will gradually find my



direction and goal, and in the end, I can achieve my dream. I want to advise my junior brothers and sisters that you should try to enjoy school life, because when you are willing to participate, you will find that life in Hebron will be different. Also, if you don't play while you can, you may regret it when you are promoted to Form 6, for then you will be so busy that you will barely have time to sleep due to the large amount of homework and tests. You should probably sleep more now while you can.

Leaving is not an end, but a new beginning. It is fate that brings us together. It is friendship that ties us together. On 1st of September next year, the ones sitting in this classroom will no longer be us. Please don't be sad. Let's bring up our most gorgeous smile, and look forward to the beautiful dreams of tomorrow.

**No matter where life takes us, we are friends for life.**

**6C 16 Poon Ka Ching Cherry**

## My Hebron Memory

**F**acing graduation, I start to think back to my six years of study in Hebron. The memories of my secondary school life are unforgettable. I must say that Hebron is a place where I met many people that had great influence on my life.

I am satisfied with my performance in the past six years. I attended all inter-class activities and tried different types of co-curricular activities.

I remember that I joined our school's violin class in Form One and the Mathematics Club when I was in Form Two. My school life seemed to be colorful but gold can't be pure. I felt a tinge of regret that I have never won a gold medal for my class, always silver in the school relay race. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the school sports day had to be cancelled. As a result, I miss my last chance to fight for my class. That's why I feel a little bit disappointed.

**I admit that I get a little teary-eyed while thinking of leaving Hebron. I love my alma mater.**



Hebron taught me a lot, not only knowledge in textbooks but also getting along with others. One of my first memories as a Form 1 student was that I had no communication with others on the first day. I was too shy to talk to my new classmates. Luckily, they are my best friends now. I am a bit more confident in myself after these six years. I am amazed at really how much my time at the school has influenced my growth.

The most memorable moment in

school was in the summer holiday of Form 5. I had a journey to Singapore with my best friends in my class, Michael and Lancelot. It was the first time I went abroad. I was excited when I held my passport at the HK International Airport. I still remember that I was so nervous while I was going through the customs in Singapore.

I couldn't even confirm the fingerprint recognition. I owe my classmates an apology as they had to wait for me for a long time. I am lucky to have kind and generous people around me. My Mathematics teacher, Mr. Chow helped me solve many extra-difficult questions patiently. He often encouraged me to try my best and strive for success. I am thankful for these people.

After graduation, I hope to study Engineering in university and work as an engineer in the future. I admit that I get a little teary-eyed while thinking of leaving Hebron. I love my alma mater.

**6D 25 Man Pak Hing Philip**

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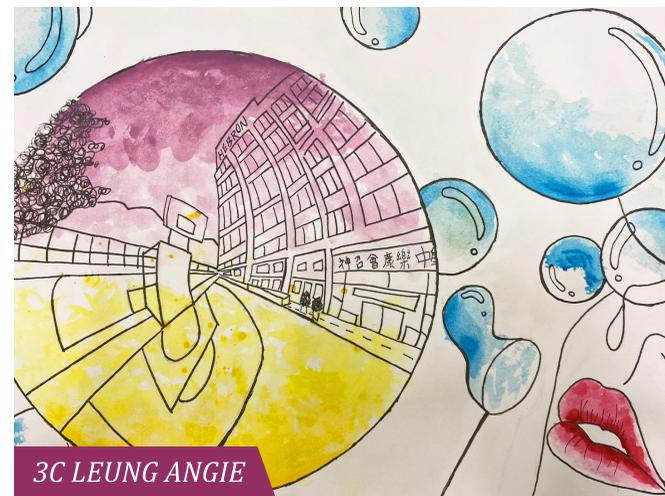
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## My Hebron Memory

Gone are the days when I had no worries and pressure on studying. Nowadays, I have enormous trouble which is in stark contrast with my junior secondary life. Nevertheless, I got plenty of wonderful memories.

I still remember my first tour, my first award, my first process paper and my first time leading a team in Hebron, to name but a few. Of all my invaluable memories, none is as memorable and impressive as the Singapore exchange tour in Form 5. We took a coach from Hebron to the airport at 3:00am. When we were checking in, we could watch the sunrise. On the last night of the trip, we had a wonderful party where we could share to our heart's content.

Thanks to the trip to Singapore, now I have a more solid friendship with my lovely classmates. When I was down, I got their company and consolation. Thank you for all your support. They gave considerable amount of my impressive memories in my secondary school life. Thanks, bros!



3C LEUNG ANGIE

Also, thank you for all the teachers who have taught me, especially Mr. Choi. He gave me a lot of support not only about learning, but also emotional development. Thanks to Mr. Choi for taking care of me always.

Although I got a host of beautiful memories, I still have some regrets. I wasted a lot of time, especially in junior forms, playing computer games. As a result, I have to put extra effort into keeping track of my progress so as to better prepare for the HKDSE.

If you are a junior form student, you'd better strike a balance between playing and studying. It definitely gives you a distinct edge over your peers. If you are a senior form student with the intention of studying in

university, you should study every day until the end of the public exam. You have to equip yourself in order to fulfil your dream.

During the pandemic, everything grinds to a halt. There will be a lot of difficulties which may drag you down. We have to overcome these obstacles in the hope of shining in the HKDSE and contributing to society in the foreseeable future.

# The Angel from Heaven

Graduate Wong Sum Yu Jenny

Amy was sent to hospital again due to a relapse of heart disease. 'Mom, look! Daddy and I have brought you your favourite sushi! Are you happy?' 'Of course, my dear.' Looking at the warm scene of the family in the opposite sickbed, Amy reminisced about the merry life she was supposed to have. She took out a photo and caressed the picture of her unfortunate daughter inside the frame, who was dead because of a rare disease, smiling joyfully like an angel.

Amy's heart was so sore that endless tears streamed down her cheek. 'Excuse me for asking, Ma'am, why are you crying?' a sharp and clear voice said. Amy found the voice was a little girl on the bed next to her. 'If my daughter hadn't died, she would have been almost at the same age as this kid', Amy thought, which made her cry even harder. 'Ma'am, don't cry, tears as precious as pearl.' Amy was amused by the girl's innocent words. 'My dean always says this to me whenever I cry for my parents who abandoned me.' After knowing the girl was an orphan, Amy felt sorry for her miserable background and so she hugged her tenderly and asked, 'What's your name?' 'My...my name is Angel.' Angel was surprised by Amy's sudden embrace.

Since then, the two lonely souls became each other's solace. Amy decided to devote her maternal love to poor Angel. On Christmas morning, Angel found a portrait of her face inside her Christmas stocking and she screamed with joy. She saw some scribbles in the corner of the draw: "Merry Christmas to my little Angel. Best wishes from your Santa, Amy".

She climbed on Amy's sickbed and kissed her cheek hundreds of times.

The woman in the opposite sickbed gave Amy and Angel each one pack of cookies, which were made by her husband and daughter. Angel took a bite immediately and exclaimed, 'It's so yummy! I've never gotten to eat this kind of snack in my orphanage.'

Amy loved seeing Angel being happy, so she gave her cookies to Angel. 'I love Santa Amy!' Angel cried. 'I can make you a myriad of cookies when we are discharged.' Amy said while pinching Angel's face dotingly. Meanwhile, Amy didn't notice that Angel's face showed a trace of sadness after she had spoken.

That evening, the sky thundered heavily and flashed with lightning. Angel was so scared that she curled up in her quilt and shivered uncontrollably. Amy approached Angel's sickbed and slept beside her. She comforted Angel by patting her gently. 'Ma'am, why did my mother abandon me?' 'C'mon Angel, today is Christmas, let go of your gloom. Close your eyes Amy and Santa is going to tell you a funny story...' Amy and Angel slept on the same bed every night from then on.

As usual, Angel and Amy slept together. After listening to a bedtime story, Angel snuggled up to Amy and said, 'Can I...ca...call... you mom for once?'

Angel's heartbeat rose.

'For sure, honey, you can call me mom forever.' Amy's tears dripped.

'Mom... don't cry, tears as precious as pearl.' While Angel cried secretly. That night, Amy wasn't aware that Angel's body was as cold as ice. Angel finally lost breath after falling asleep.

The next day, Amy woke up and found Angel was not sleeping beside her nor on her own bed. When Amy was searching for Angel, a nurse came into the ward and gave a Christmas card to Amy. Amy opened the card with confusion. In the card was written:

Dear Santa Amy,

Merry Christmas!

Sadly, I might have gone to heaven already when you read this card. The Doctor has said I could live no longer than a month, I don't want to upset you so I didn't let you know until now. My life was incredibly sad and desolate before I had met you. You gave me love and brought me joyfulness that I have never had. I have nothing to repay you except donating my heart to you as I know you are a patient with heart disease.

P.S. It is such a shame that there is no chance to taste your handmade cookies.

Love,

Angel

The emergence of Angel pulled Amy out of the woe of losing her daughter, as well as rejuvenating her life. Meanwhile, the care and kindness from Amy lighted Angel's hope to life and let her feel beloved. Whenever Amy put her hand on Angel's chest to feel the pulse of her heart, she would be amazed by how influential and magical love is to affect people so deeply and eternally.

After leaving hospital, Amy created an organization called 'Angel's Parents', which was created for parents who have experienced losing a child. To console the grief of the unfortunate parents, Amy encouraged them to be the voluntary workers of orphanages. Amy not only helps remedy the parents' trauma of losing their children, but also spreads love and humanity to the orphans, as well as the community, with her daughter and Angel inside her heart.

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