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2020 has flown by so quickly. This year was very interesting and unique in its own way. We have overcome so many obstacles in the past few months that we never would have expected and learned many new things.

I am honoured to be this year's editor. I would have never imagined being the editor, but it has been an interesting and enjoyable experience over the last few months. I have learned a lot and gained more experience. This year was especially difficult for us, as COVID-19 impacted everyone's lives largely. Even though many things changed due to COVID, we were able to adjust to the new way of doing things. For instance, instead of printing a yearbook this year, we switched it up and made it into a multimedia yearbook including videos and more photos. We even included Virtual CCA!

With so much of this year spent online, we thought it would be appropriate that Yearbook 2020 would have a techie theme, complete with familiar apps such as Google, Youtube, Instagram, and more!

This yearbook would not have been possible without Ms. Choong, Ms. Ivy, The Editorial and Creative Writing Club, the WIS Marketing Team and the Photography Club. I would like to thank Ms. Choong for all the support and direction that she has given me. Despite her busy schedule, she managed to help all of us students with this yearbook. Even though she was dealing with students who had little to no experience, she was still able to lead us and guide us. I would also like to thank the Editorial and Creative Writing Club and Ms. Ivy for believing in me and cooperating with me. Lastly, I want to thank the Photography Club and the WIS Marketing Team for providing us with photos and videos and coordinating with us.

This year definitely had its ups and downs but I'm grateful that I was able to be part of this yearbook. I hope you all enjoy this year's yearbook.

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Dear Readers,

The year 2020 is like no other!

We started the year with excitement when Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) released the 2019 Year 11's IGCSE results: 66% A*/A. We were jubilant as our students accepted the challenge of 60% A*/A at the start of 2019 and achieved much more. Amidst the celebration, we were not aware of the greater challenge ahead. Soon, we had to respond to a global COVID-19 pandemic that led to the prolonged school closure. The government's implementations of the different Movement Control Orders affected the way we live, work, and learn. We also saw the suspension of the IGCSE and A level May/June examinations for the first time in the history of CAIE. Against a bleak future and uncertain times, WIS rose to the challenge. I am truly thankful for how the WIS community weathered the COVID-19 pandemic together, facing adversity and uncertainty with patience and trust. It was amazing to see how we adapted and showed resilience as we collaborated, communicated, created and critically thought of ways to ensure the continuity of learning and living as a school community. We are proud to highlight a few examples:

- Virtual learning journeys
- Virtual CCA
- Enrichment programmes
- Use of technology learning – Google Classroom/ClassDojo
- Apps to enhance learning e.g. Padlet
- Education Perfect Competitions and achievements
- Social projects, e.g. adoption of Zoo Negara animals, donation drive for the 'Rumah Soleha Anak Yatim' orphanage
- Student videos to celebrate and appreciate people

On a personal note, my greatest take-away this year is to live based on FAITH instead of fear.

- I have faith, first in GOD to see us through this crisis.
- I have faith in our SINGLE GOAL; to ensure learning continues!
- I have faith in our RELATIONSHIP; that it will prevail despite the strong winds of rapid change amidst trials, doubt and speculations.
- I have faith in our JOURNEY; persevering daily, finding new solutions to problems caused by the COVID-19 pandemic while we plan ahead for an unknown future.
- I have faith in our DECISIONS; they are made thoughtfully and in consideration of multiple factors as we live in unprecedented times that require timely, crucial and sometimes tough decisions to be made.

How about you: what was your greatest take-away?

Finally, I would like to applaud the effort by the Editorial and Creative Writing and Photography clubs as they captured the historical year of 2020 where adversity has given birth to unimaginable resilience, adaptability, innovation and growth. Let us treasure this yearbook as a memoir of a 'hard fought and won' year!



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On the 17th of March, the above post and caption on my insta account was intended for dramatic effect, without the slightest inkling on how the rest of the year would play out.

2020 will have many new words ascribed to it; 'Global Pandemic', 'new normal', 'social distancing', 'lockdown'. 2020 was to be special, the year Malaysia achieved all the goals set out 30 years ago as part of the Wawasan 2020 vision plan. Indeed 2020 has been special in so many ways that nobody could have anticipated on the 1st of January.

As I write this for the 2020 edition of the school magazine, rather than reflect on the challenges that 2020 has thrown our way, I would prefer to consider how the WIS community rose to the occasion and met every single curve ball that was thrown at us fast and furious. I would like to remember 2020 as the year that demonstrated the can-do spirit and resilience of Westlake. We have proven how we are able to push through the discomfort and adapt to any circumstance presented.

I am immensely proud of all that we as a school community have achieved this year. By every single metric and measure, we have outdone and outperformed our own expectations. A 'growth mindset' is no longer a concept in this school. Every single member of WIS has shown that they are living embodiment of this.

It is my hope and desire that this is the learning that we take forward with us, not just into 2021, but the years ahead. All of us in this school will be able to hold our head high, and tell the story of how we not only survived, but thrived through the greatest global crisis of our lifetime. We will tell stories of how everyday was something new, how everyday in 2020 pushed us beyond what we thought we were capable of, and how we are now today the better for it.

Looking forward to better and brighter days ahead. #WISgotthis
Anushia Senthe




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ACHIEVEMENTS



Teacher's Award

Primary

Early Years	Shimizu Chie
Year 1W	Lee Hankyul
Year 1I	Cheok Jinn Yee
Year 2W	Eunice Wong Shin Yuen
Year 2I	Shimizu Eita
Year 3W	Kim Yeeun
Year 3I	Elesha Wong Yan Yan
Year 4W	Lee Junseo
Year 4I	Wong Wen Hao
Year 5W	Tan Gavriel Lee
Year 5I	Wong Wen Min
Year 6W	Yee Jia Ern
Year 6I	Syed Fauzan Ali

Secondary

Year 7W	Ng Bowie Poon
Year 7I	Foo Jian Feng
Year 7S	Sarah Grace Soh Su En
Year 8W	Shawn Arun Javier A/L D Karunanithy
Year 8I	Caleb Hew Kai Han
Year 8S	Lim Jia Yee
Year 9W	Christopher Wong Zi Xiang
Year 9I	Tan Yi Sheng
Year 9S	Lee Pin Jing
Year 10W	Hannah Tan Sue-Lynn
Year 10I	Lee Junwoo
Year 10S	Pang Jing Yong
Year 11W	Isaac Soh Wei An
Year 11I	Benjamin Wong Mun Fhee
Year 11S	Chan Jia Jian
Year 12W	Andrew Chew Shan Yuen
Year 12I	Too Zi Ying



Honor Roll

Year 3

Kim Dain

Kim Yeeun

Cheok Jinn Kai

Dharveishh Kasi Rajan

Kim Haeun

Maeda Natsuki

Nabila Dian Putri

Sumughan A/L Mugunthan

Yip Shi Wei

Year 4

Wong Wen Hao

Dalia Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed

Dhaaniya Kasi Rajan

Nick Chan Yew Sheng

Shimizu Kota

Yash Sri

Year 5

Wong Wei

Ahmed Montasir Osman Ahmed

Chai Xin Ru

Foo Jian Wein

Kang Jiho

Tan Gavriel Lee

Wong Wen Min

Year 6

Syed Fauzan Ali

Abdalla Mohammed Abdalla Ayoub

Cheok Jinn Seng

Yee Jia Ern

Year 7

Foo Jian Feng

Lena Montasir Osman Ahmed

Logan A/L Mugunthan

Sarah Grace Soh Su En

Year 8

Lim Jia Yee

Chau Tik Sang

Chong Jun Yuen

Lam Joo Yee

Yow Fui Shan

Year 9

Sia Zhi Yi

Hira Akbar

Joel Soh Wei Rong

Lam Dorren

Leong Kai Jie

Ponnarasu A/L Kandasamy

Thee Min He

Year 10

Lee Junwoo

Anita Joy Reddy

Eugene Wong Guan Yue

Lean Yi Fan

Teh Zhi Qin



Music Award

Cheang Jing Yang

Kong Zhuo Yi

Lam Joo Yee

Lean Yi Fan

Low Kian Huat

Ng Zi Yi

Ong Shing Ler

Joel Soh Wei Rong

Wong Pui Xun

Yow Fui Shan



Primary Checkpoint Band 6 Awards

Triple Award

Cheok Jinn Seng
Syed Fauzan Ali

English

Cheok Jinn Seng
Syed Fauzan Ali

Mathematics

Abdalla Mohammed Abdalla Ayoub
Chai Cheok Hang
Kong Zhuo Yi
Lam Dorris
Li Minyang
Ng Oi Yat Hilda
Pon Teck Yu
Wong Bao Shan
Yee Jia Ern
Zhang Jing Jing
Cheok Jinn Seng
Syed Fauzan Ali

Science

Abdalla Mohammed Abdalla Ayoub
Chai Cheok Hang
Cheong Ting Fei
Kong Zhuo Yi
Lam Dorris
Li Minyang
Ng Oi Yat Hilda
Pon Teck Yu
Yee Jia Ern
Cheok Jinn Seng
Syed Fauzan Ali



Lower Secondary Checkpoint Band 6 Awards

Triple Award

Leong Kai Jie

Thee Min He

First Language English

Hira Akbar

Leong Kai Jie

Mathematics

Abdourahmane Faye

Abigail Wee Yue En

Boon Xian Long

Sia Zhi Yii

Tan Hui Yi

Tan Yi Sheng

English as a Second Language

Chong Jia Sin

Robb Mari Yoshino

Thee Min He

Bryan Law Kah Chun

Cheang Jing-Yang

Christopher Wong Zi Xiang

Ciaran David McGillivray

Fong Chen Chee

Tsubone Adeel

Wong Fu Yu

Wong Sheng-Wen

Leong Kai Jie

Thee Min He

Science

Abdourahmane Faye

Abigail Wee Yue En

Cheang Jing-Yang

Joseph Wong Yew-Hwa

Lam Dorren

Ponnarasu A/L Kandasamy

Saw Yin Qi

Sia Zhi Yii

Tan Hui Yi

Wong Sheng-Wen

Leong Kai Jie

Thee Min He

Henry Chai Cheng Heng

Hira Akbar

Hwang Hyeongjeong

Joel Soh Wei Rong

Joseph Wong Yew-Hwa

Lai Bo You

Lam Dorren

Lee Pin Jing

Lew Dickson

Louis Cha Hao Le

Mouhammad Faye

Ponnarasu A/L Kandasamy

Robb Mari Yoshino



IGCSE Top Performers (Overall)

Clarissa Wong Yu-Li

Fong Bi Qi

Isaac Soh Wei An

Krystine Koh Jia Huay

New Ying Ting

Haresh Jayant Mahalingam

Thiliban A/L Thiagarajan

Benjamin Wong Mun Fhee

Wong Xin Le

IGCSE Top Performers (By Subject)

Information & Communication Technology	Benjamin Wong Mun Fhee
Mathematics	Benjamin Wong Mun Fhee (Top in the World)
Additional Mathematics	Benjamin Wong Mun Fhee
Global Perspectives	Clarissa Wong Yu-Li New Ying Ting
Chemistry	Clarissa Wong Yu-Li
Physics	Clarissa Wong Yu-Li
Biology	Clarissa Wong Yu-Li Fong Bi Qi
First Language English	Haresh Jayant Mahalingam
English as a Second Language	Lee Yek Kin
First Language Chinese	Fong Bi Qi
Chinese as a Second Language	Goy Jun An
Foreign Language Malay	Krystine Koh Jia Huay Thiliban A/L Thiagarajan
Economics	Chan Jia Jian
Accounting	Nurin Saw Lily Binti Muhammad Rafiq
Business Studies	Krystine Koh Jia Huay New Ying Ting

A-Level Top Performer

Anthony Brendan



Governor's A-Level Scholarship

Andrew Chew Shan Yuen

Goh Tien Yang

Asha Joanne Reddy

Thooy Kok Pin

Avinesh A/L Ramesh

Timothy Wee Yan Yi

Gamez Maidanski Hugo Antonio

Tan Sri Hew Scholarship Year 2020

Year 7

Cheok Jinn Seng

Year 9

Eunice Khoo Jing Yen

Syed Fauzan Ali

Lim Jia Yee

Yow Fui Shan

Year 8

Eugene Khoo Yi Jeat

Year 10

Lam Dorren

Lena Montasir Osman Ahmed

Ponnarasu A/L Kandasamy

Lim Jing Xuan

Sia Zhi Yii

Logan A/L Mugunthan

Lucille Cha Hao Yeng

Year 11

Low Kian Huat

Sarah Grace Soh Su En



Chairman's Award

Isaac Soh Wei An



IGCSE Results



IGCSE
Results 2019
A* - A 66%

56%
ADDITIONAL
MATHEMATICS

73%
BIOLOGY

70%
BUSINESS
STUDIES

86%
CHEMISTRY

100%
CHINESE
(MANDARIN) -
FOREIGN LANGUAGE

76%
CHINESE -
SECOND LANGUAGE

87%
GLOBAL
PERSPECTIVES

100%
MALAY -
FOREIGN LANGUAGE

84%
MATHEMATICS
(WITHOUT
COURSEWORK)

66%
PHYSICS

A-Level Results



A-LEVEL

Results 2019

A*-A

60%

A/A* by Subject

56%

MATHEMATICS

78%

CHEMISTRY

80%

PHYSICS

A/C* by Subject

100%

BIOLOGY

100%


ECONOMICS

100%

FURTHER
MATHEMATICS

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019-2020

2019 Year 6 Camp

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DATE: 6th-7th November 2019

By Ng Oi Yat Hilda

Nothing ends a great school year like a fun, outdoor camp, especially after the hard work put in for a major exam like the Cambridge Year 6 Checkpoint. The 2019 Year 6 cohort looked forward to the two-day, one-night adventure camp at the SUFES campsite in the foothills of Cameron Highlands.

Early in the morning, we assembled in the school courtyard, chatting happily, before boarding the bus for the 45 minute journey. As soon as we arrived, we were instructed to leave our luggage for unpacking later, and prepare immediately for the first nature activity - river trekking. Dressed appropriately in socks and water shoes, lightweight shorts/pants and sports tees, we began the walk in a small stream, full of rocks and pebbles. The water was cold and fresh, and for many of us, it was our first experience of river trekking. In the beginning, it was rather easy and fun, but after a while, the water got deeper, and it was difficult, sometimes scary, to make our way through the rocks and strong rushing waters. We held hands, and helped each other find the safer paths and footholds. The teachers and guides helped us to cross dangerous sections. When we reached the end of the river trek, we found ourselves at a lovely waterfall with a large gentle sloping rock base. We had so much fun resting and playing at this waterfall. It truly was an amazing river trek.

We returned to the SUFES campsite by van, and proceeded to unpack our luggage, bathe, and change. Then, we gathered in a hall for team-building activities. We were divided into teams and played games like Unity and Diversity, as well as competed in some outdoor activities, like setting up a tent, climbing a high wall, making a campfire, and frying an egg. Sometimes our teams did really well, and we felt victorious, but sometimes, things didn't go as planned, like when our fire kept dying out, or when the egg burned, and we felt really bad. But through it all, we learned what real teamwork means, and how important it is to be helpful and patient.



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Dinner at SUFES camp was simple and nice. Maybe everything tasted so delicious because we were so tired and hungry from all our activities. but there was still more to come; after dinner was another highlight of the trip - the night jungle hike.

Armed with mosquito repellent and flashlights, we began our hike up a little hill in single file. It took quite a while for our eyes to get accustomed to the pitch-black darkness, and many of us felt very, very scared. Some parts of the path were very steep, narrow, and muddy. Many times, we had to stop and turn around to help our friends find their footing for the next step up the hill. Along the way, we could hear voices encouraging each other, cheering us on. We couldn't believe it when, after more than an hour of walking up and down hills and valleys, we finally came to a clearing, and with a sigh of relief realized we had returned to the campsite.

Later that night, we had a chance to share our reflections. Many of us gained new insights about each other - we found out that many of our classmates were very helpful and kind.

That night, we were very excited, and stayed up late talking and playing. Some of us had ghost stories to share and scare our friends with. We also played card games and ate lots of snacks.

The next day, we had a touching time of reflection, led by Ms. Lisa, our beloved Science teacher. She helped us to realize how important it was to work together, how acts of kindness and appreciation make us better people. Hearing the different teachers and students share their experiences made us aware of how much love was all around us.

After packing up and a debriefing session, we had free time to play and chill. Many of us returned to the shallow stream that runs through the campsite to enjoy a last splash. Some of us just lazed by the river, chatting and relaxing. Soon, the bus came and it was time to return. It was truly an unforgettable experience.



2019 Year 6 Celebration

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DATE: 15th November 2019

By Ng Oi Yat Hilda

The Year 6 Celebration marked our transition to secondary school. All my friends dressed nicely in their best clothes, and everyone was very excited for this special day. This was our primary school graduation!

The event was held in the Auditorium, and all my friends and their families came to celebrate the end of our primary school life. The two emcees, Aryana Jade Lim and Li Yi Cheng, started the event off by inviting everyone to sing our national anthem, *Negaraku*. Next, we recited the School Pledge together. Everyone sang proudly and said the pledge with enthusiasm. The emcees then gave a short introduction for the event and introduced the performing acts.



There were fun and beautiful performances by the students, such as a ukulele recital of *Beauty and the Beast*. And skits that gave the audiences a good laugh, such as “The Three Musketeers,” and “The Magic Show.”

There was also a fun game called “Guess Who?” which got everyone excited as they cheered gleefully when they guessed correctly. After that, a video was played for everyone to watch that showed us growing up through our primary years. It was very sweet, and I missed all the good times I had in those years.

Next came time to award the certificates to all Year 6 students. Everyone lined up neatly and walked up proudly to accept their certificate when they were called. Cameras clicked as proud parents inched to the front to capture the memory. At the end, all the students gave a heartfelt performance of *You Raise Me Up*, in tribute to our teachers for all their hard work in guiding us through our primary school years.



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Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event; there was a lot of laughter, and everyone made many unforgettable memories. After the celebration, we all went outside the Auditorium where food was prepared. The food was brought by the students - there were pizzas, homemade cakes, and many more. We ate and talked, till it was time to leave.

Although primary school has come to an end and I miss it, I await the new challenges of secondary school.



2019 Year 9 OBS Camp

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DATE: 12th-15th November 2019

By Mari Robb Yoshino

It was a cool morning. We gathered in the courtyard and got into the van to embark on our year 9 camp at Outward Bound School in Lumut, Perak.

When we arrived, we were introduced to our instructors, who gave us a briefing on the rules. To truly connect with nature, we had to surrender our mobile devices (gasp!). After lunch, we were shown to our rooms. We had a bit of free time before our ice-breaking activities started.

The next morning, we gathered outside at an early hour, sang the national anthem, and the state anthem of Perak. While we sang, three representatives raised the flags. We then sang our school song. After breakfast, we packed our bags, food, tents, bottles of water, and our kayaks. We did our final preparation and ate lunch. We were going to have an hour of kayaking. Although we discussed formations to use, when the time came, nobody followed the plan. Everyone was too excited, rushing off at their own pace. Luckily, nobody capsized, and we arrived at our destination earlier than expected. We set up our tents, and had a short break. Then, we hiked for an hour. The view from the top of the mountain was awesome! When we returned to camp, we collected some firewood and prepared dinner - Maggi Mee curry. We cooked it in a huge pot over the fire, which was hard to start. Once everything was ready, we realised we forgot the cutlery, so we had to use a knife to chop bamboo to make chopsticks!

After showering, we rested in our tents, then at night, made some Milo, and played a game until eleven o'clock. At bedtime, we paired ourselves up to take turns staying up at night to guard the camp against wild boars.

The next morning, everyone woke up early to pack, as we had to leave before 7:30, while the tide was high. We arrived back at OBS, and because we didn't have breakfast, we sat on the beach and ate canned curry with sugar biscuits. Once we were done, we unpacked and cleaned our equipment.

After lunch, we gathered materials for our next activity: building our own raft that could carry everybody, *and* the supplies given. We didn't have a clue where to start, but for ten push-ups, we could ask the coaches for hints. Once the raft was built, we had to go row it across a course without capsizing. We shouted "left, right" to help synchronise the rowing. After that, we were so tired, we took a break until dinner.



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After dinner, we gathered outside and the coaches gave us some tricky riddles and puzzles that require critical thinking and teamwork to solve. We could only have our supper after we completed all the tasks. That night, we had a good sleep.

After breakfast the next morning, we took a short hike before reaching jungle rope course set up in the trees. Our challenge was to climb up, complete the course, jump down, and ring the bell. We divided ourselves into two teams, each with four people. Each person had a role: challenger, belayer, support, watcher. Everyone took turns trying each role.

When that was over, we returned to our rooms to pack. The instructors presented us with our certificate of completion. After our final meal there, we were finally reunited with our phones.

When the bus arrived, we said our farewells and got on. On the way back, most of us were asleep, but a few stayed awake to play pranks on others. It was a short but really fun trip that was full of new experiences. We arrived safely back at Westlake with a newfound appreciation of all the creature comforts of home.





2019 Graduation

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DATE: 23rd November 2019

By Hong Keng Li

It was an exciting morning for the graduating class of 2019. Parents buzzed proudly into the winter-themed Multi-Purpose Hall, heartily festooned with snowflakes and fake ice specifically for this occasion – Graduation 2019.

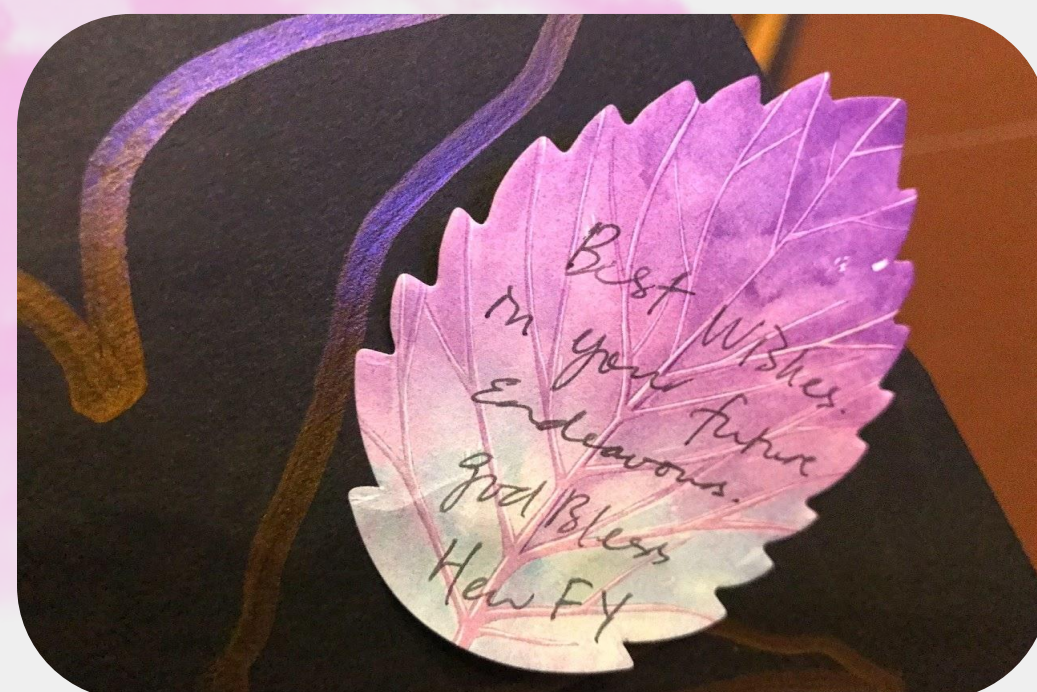
Behind the scenes, anxious graduands adjusted their robes and mortar boards, while giggling with their friends and snapping last minute selfies to remember the moment. They lined up restlessly on the artificial grass, awaiting the signal to enter the hall:

“Please rise to welcome the graduating class of 2019!”

The doors swung open. A gush of cold air rushed out. The graduands paraded proudly down the aisle as parents caught the moment on camera, beaming with joy for their babies. The applause continued as the graduands found their seats.

After the national anthem, outgoing Head Prefect, Chan Jia Jian, led the graduands in reciting the school pledge for the last time. Next, Mr. Hew, WIS’s Executive Director, gave his speech on the history of Kampar, and how it has grown through the years. After that, Isaac Soh gave his valedictorian speech, where he expressed his gratitude to his teachers, friends, and family, and shared some lessons learnt during his years as a student at Westlake.

Next was the presentation ceremony. The graduands went on stage one by one to receive their scrolls and leaver’s certificate. After the ceremony, the class of 2019 posed together one last time, and as the photographer signalled “One, two, three!” Mortar boards flew in the air and cameras flashed. It was a memorable event that will forever be remembered by the graduates of 2019.



2020 Orientation

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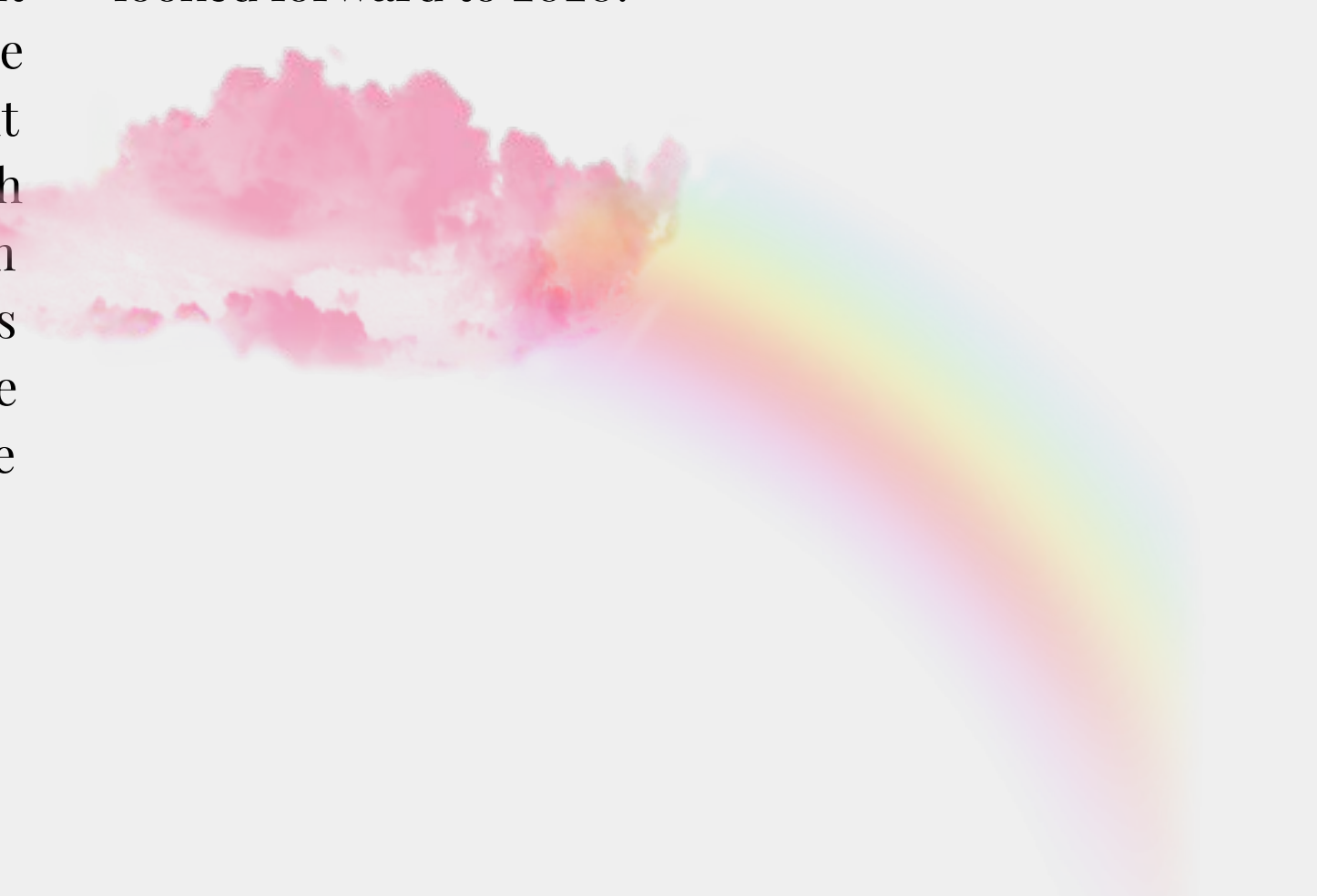
By Rashmikhah A/P P. Ravi

It's the dawn of a new year, and everyone was slowly getting back into their usual routines. *RINGGGG!!* My alarm clock rang violently, heralding the new school year ahead. Thoughts flashed through my mind; will I make new friends? Will it be a stressful year? School was buzzing with students looking to catch up with old pals, and teachers organising the students by class. We went to our designated classrooms, where we were introduced to new classmates and teachers. Our class teachers then conducted an icebreaker. We spent the day getting to know each other, and catching up on all our experiences through the holiday.

The next day, orientation activities organised by the Student Council began! All the secondary students gathered at the MPH, and they were separated into groups of around 17 people. Student Council President, Lam Dorren, conducted the ice breakers, which included fun games like "Fruit Bomb," "Human Knot," and "Zip Zap Zop." Each group also had to work together to create team cheers. There was loud laughter as the groups presented their hilarious cheers. After that, there was a break where we ate and rested before the next round of activities.

After the break, we returned to the MPH, where we were given instructions for the rotation of the station games. Each station comprised a game or challenge that lasted 20 minutes. It would either be against another group, or a challenge that required teamwork. There were fun games like "Music Pictionary," "Galah Panjang," "Mat Race," and many more. The students got really competitive! They motivated each other and supported each other till the very end.

After the end of the station games was the prize giving ceremony. The team which won the most points for the cheer and station games won a hamper consisting of yummy snacks for the team to share. Everyone cheered at the end, satisfied with the first event of the year. It was a great, motivational start for all the students, as they looked forward to 2020!



2020 Lunar Celebration

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DATE: 7th February 2020

By Yugashini A/P Gunalan

Whizzzzzzzzzzzz ... BANG! Yes, it was that time of year again! Vivid red decorations filled the cities, families gathered from far and wide for a reunion, and fireworks blazed through the night. It was Chinese New Year!

At WIS, our annual Lunar Celebration is aimed at kickstarting the year with happiness and prosperity. All the students and teachers gathered in the courtyard to watch the lively lion dance performance. The red lion “danced” to the sounds of the beating drums, clashing cymbals, and resounding gongs, then threw mandarin oranges in all the directions. Kids eagerly grabbed at them, as catching one is meant to be good luck. A second yellow lion then entered the stage. Both jumped atop a platform, and stood up on two legs. The crowd was mesmerized by the spectacular performance, and laughter filled the air.

After the breathtaking lion dance, the celebration continued in the MPH, kicking off with a performance by the Westlake Wind Orchestra (WOW). The ensemble played the popular Chinese New Year tunes *Da Di Hui Chun* and *He Xin Nian*.

Next, the KS1 students, looking adorable in their traditional attire, delivered a charming performance, complete with two mini lions. This was followed by a video on “do’s and don’ts” during Chinese New Year. The humorous skit made the hall overflow with laughter.

Last but not least, students lined up according to their respective classes to receive *ang pao* from their class teacher. All the students left with a red packet in their hand, and a smile on their face.



2020 Year 11 Learning Journey

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DATE: 21st February 2020

By Anita Joy Reddy

The trip started at the port. Around forty students waited to visit the Centre of Marine and Coastal Studies. The sun baked them as time ticked. Students prepared by lathering themselves with sunscreen while others played at the small beach. When the speedboats arrived, we split into 3 groups, and began our adventure.

The speedboat was deserving of its name. The students found themselves splashed by the sea as the boat shot through the water. we were beyond relieved to finally reach the island where the centre is located. While waiting in the conference room for the briefing, we took the chance to share snacks as nervous energy bubbled within us.

The head of the Centre of Marine and Coastal Studies presented a short history of the centre's origins. She then raved about her passion - dolphins, and shared a video of them. They were so adorable! After the briefing, we were again split into 3 groups to explore the centre with a guide.

The first location was the oyster breeding area. They raised oysters at different stages of life in separate trays. We were allowed to hold the shellfish, and take pictures. Many of us were particularly enraptured by a little seahorse in a small tank.

At the next station were huge blue containers, filled to the brim with seawater. They held a delicacy known as sea grapes (*Caulerpa lentillifera*). The seaweed looked like glimmering little emerald beads intertwined onto a short

stem, like grapes. It tasted distinct, like nothing I have tasted before; it had the right amount of saltiness to make your mouth water and wanting more. Before we moved on, a peculiar creature caught everyone's attention; it had smooth fair skin, and was shaped like a short tentacle. Many stood with a puzzled look on their face. They watched as one of the researchers reached their hand into the container to pull out the mysterious aquatic creature. Lo and behold, it was a sea cucumber!



2020 Year 11 Learning Journey (cont'd)

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The next stop was the museum. While not grand, it was rich in specimens. There were shells of turtles, and fossils of starfishes and sea cucumbers. Most surprising was the fossil of Megalodon, a prehistoric shark. Holding the giant shark's tooth was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. There were also the preserved bodies of jellyfishes in jars. When quizzed by the guide on what to do if a jellyfish stung someone, students answered with confidence that peeing on the wound was the way to go. We were wrong. In truth, peeing would not help, and you should just get that person to a doctor!

The clock struck twelve when we headed in for lunch at the dining area. Students queued up to collect mouth-watering plates of chicken rice. We chatted excitedly in anticipation of the afternoon's activities.

In the last part of our tour, we were ushered into a lab. In groups, we had to identify the type of plastic polluting the sea by testing its density.

Each group split into two pairs: one pair ventured to the beach to collect plastics while the other tested the density of known compounds of different plastics using different liquids. Once finished, each group nominated a representative to read out their findings.

Photos were taken after, and the students returned to the port. The boat ride back was treated with less enthusiasm, as most of us were so tired, we could have been casted in *The Walking Dead*. After an exhausting but exciting day, our bodies ached, but we wouldn't trade this day for any other.



2020 Year 12 Learning Journey

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DATE: 21st February 2020

By Aslyn Irvini A/P Ravinther

We left the school gates behind just as the sun finished lighting up the sky in a brilliant shade of blue. A single bus filled with noisy A-levels students made its way to the state best known for its amazing local cuisine, historical landmarks and sunny beaches – Penang.

The drive to Penang was spent socialising; students took the opportunity to catch up with old friends and forge connections with new ones. Some proactive students decided to get some shut eye to compensate for the early hour. As we crossed the famous Penang Bridge, everyone's gaze was drawn towards the sparkling Straits of Malacca. It was the type of sight that, regardless of how many times you'd seen it in the past, never failed to awe.

After a three-hour ride, we reached our destination, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), one of the oldest schools in Malaysia, accepting its first students in 1969. USM is a public research university that has its main campus in Gelugor, Penang. Notable alumni include our dear Principal, Ms. Sherry Ann Daniel.

The first building we approached was the art gallery and museum. Opened to the public in 1982, the museum is home to many beautiful works of art and several interesting displays on archaeology, space exploration, and mining, to name a few. While there, we took part in a Batik workshop, where we dyed white squares of cloth with hypnotic bursts of colours using special dyes and paintbrushes.

After lunch at one of the small cafeterias located throughout the campus, we made our way to the School of Chemistry, where we tried out hands at making essential oils. To our surprise, we realised it was way harder than we ever expected. After more than two hours boiling lemongrass in complicated glass equipments, we barely obtained a drop of essential oil. It's no wonder essential oils are so expensive!

At the end of our visit, the university presented us with the very special gift of a WHO-recommended hand sanitiser, that would prove to be invaluable in the months to come.

We piled back into the bus, tired from the excitement of the day. The return journey was quiet with resting students. We were welcomed home to Westlake with the setting of the sun, Kampar's breathtaking mountains reflecting the warm orange and red hues of the sunset.



Virtual CCA

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Virus cancels scheduled events but does NOT destroy WIS spirit

As a global pandemic puts the world into lockdown, several of our planned school events had to be cancelled. However, what this year's events highlights lack in actual events, it makes up for with the enthusiasm, creativity, and ingenuity of WIS students.

Part of WIS's Enhanced Remote Learning Plan, Virtual CCA is an opportunity for students to unplug and unwind, either with some healthy exercise, or through picking up a new skill.

The next segment showcases just some of our enterprising students, who refuse to let a virus stop them from self-improvement and enrichment!

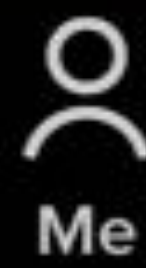
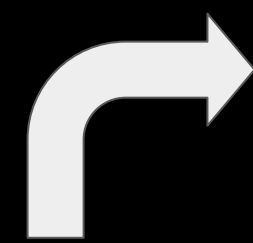


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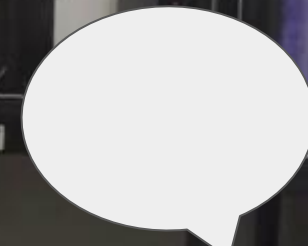


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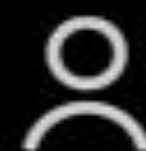
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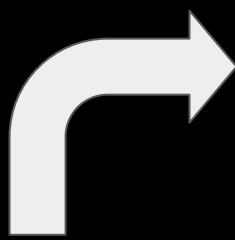


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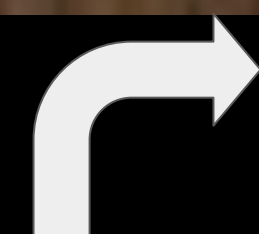
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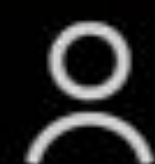
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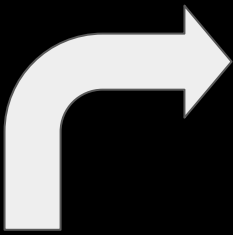


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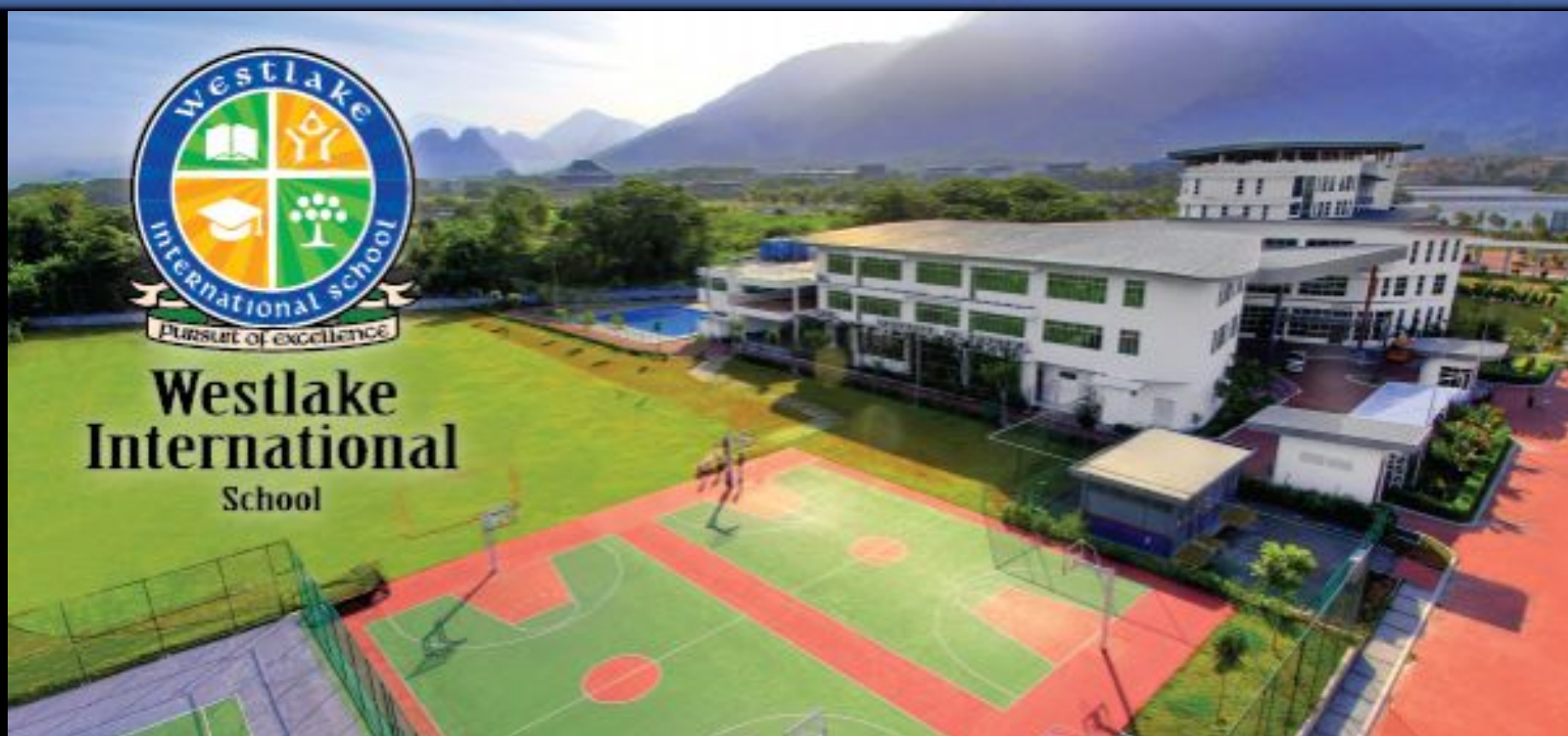
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President of Student Council

Being the only presidential candidate costed me a lot of my self-esteem and confidence. Nonetheless I knew what I signed up for. Few members signed up due to unfortunate events, therefore I had to make do with about 10 something members to handle 3 events. Meetings were fun, productive but yet again difficult. With the lack of members, there were very few creative ideas being put out and more tasks for each member to handle. There were many things, I could have done better. To be aware of the members around me and to use them to the fullest. To be aware that meeting schedules are crucial and to make use of the time I had. To make meetings as efficient and to not waste time in those meetings. I could list more. Much more and I take full responsibility of what could have been. With no past experience of handling such large scale events, as a 152cm boy that cannot see the front assembly row when standing on the lectern. I learned many things. Listening to the people around me, no matter who they were, gave me insight on how people think, and how people are different. Working on matters so large scale, it gave me an idea of how people handle even larger events. Brainstorming matters and working with the teachers gave me more experience onto how office life would be in the future. Handling large groups of people taught me how to stand firm, even when my legs are trembling, it taught me to keep a courageous heart keeping no mind to the future results. I could list more if it was not because of this word limit. And honestly, from the bottom of my heart, I do not regret a single moment of my presidency, instead I had hoped it lasted longer. The life lessons that I still and will cherish, came from the Teacher Advisors, Mr Emeric, Ms Livien and Ms Onn. They provided me the help they needed despite all the workload they had already been carrying. My secretary, Jing Shuen, who was and still is the most responsible person I have ever met. I could not have asked for a better secretary, especially taking into account the workload we had. My assistant secretaries who were reliable in their jobs. Lastly my members that always carried out the job I assigned. Thank you.



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Head Prefect

It was an absolute privilege and an honor to have been the Head Prefect of Westlake International School from 2019 to 2020. Firstly, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to my teachers and advisors that have guided me throughout this journey. I would also like to express my gratitude to all my prefects that have worked incredibly hard and diligently throughout this year. A position like this has given me a platform to express my proficiency in leadership skills and value the challenges and benefits of teamwork extensively. The holistic learning nature of this position has also nurtured me to be a person of strong character, composure and confidence. The experiences and the things I have gained from being the Head Prefect is truly immeasurable and its something I'll forever be grateful for. With that being said, I hope to leave a leadership body that is passionate, competent and translate many more visions into reality.



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Head Prefect


It was truly an honour to be the head prefect of Westlake International School for 2019-2020. This journey has inculcated a deep sense of leadership and responsibility in me which will follow me through life and I'm grateful for it. My courage to face difficulties has also grown strongly. I would like to thank everyone who has been supporting me by my side and always having faith in me. I wouldn't have made it this far without my teacher advisor Ms Subhatri as my pillar of support, my co-head prefect Bala and our secretary Jing Yong, who both lifted an incredible amount of burden off my shoulders alongside with all members of the Prefectorial Board. I hope that the next batch of leaders of the prefectorial board will continue to strive to create a culture of friendly cooperation and discipline in the school.

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart"

-Eleanor Roosevelt

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Oscar_fong_keng_tao I am really worried after you graduate and leave high school. I am not worried about you. What I am worried about is, who will be the next hapless teacher?



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aaron_hew_kai_ming To live is for Christ, to die is to gain.



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ker_reen_yi :) Maybe we'll meet again someday.



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mark_lai_kah_lok Don't follow @marklai_, follow your dream. :)



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moo_kai_jun If you want to fly, give up everything that weighs you down.



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park_jiyeon Wonderful journey in Westlake.



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hannah_tan_sue_lynn At least I can tell people I've graduated from the best international school in Kampar 😎... Oh wait, we are the only International school in Kampar.....



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tang_kai_feng I wanted to thank Google, Wikipedia and whoever invented copy and paste.



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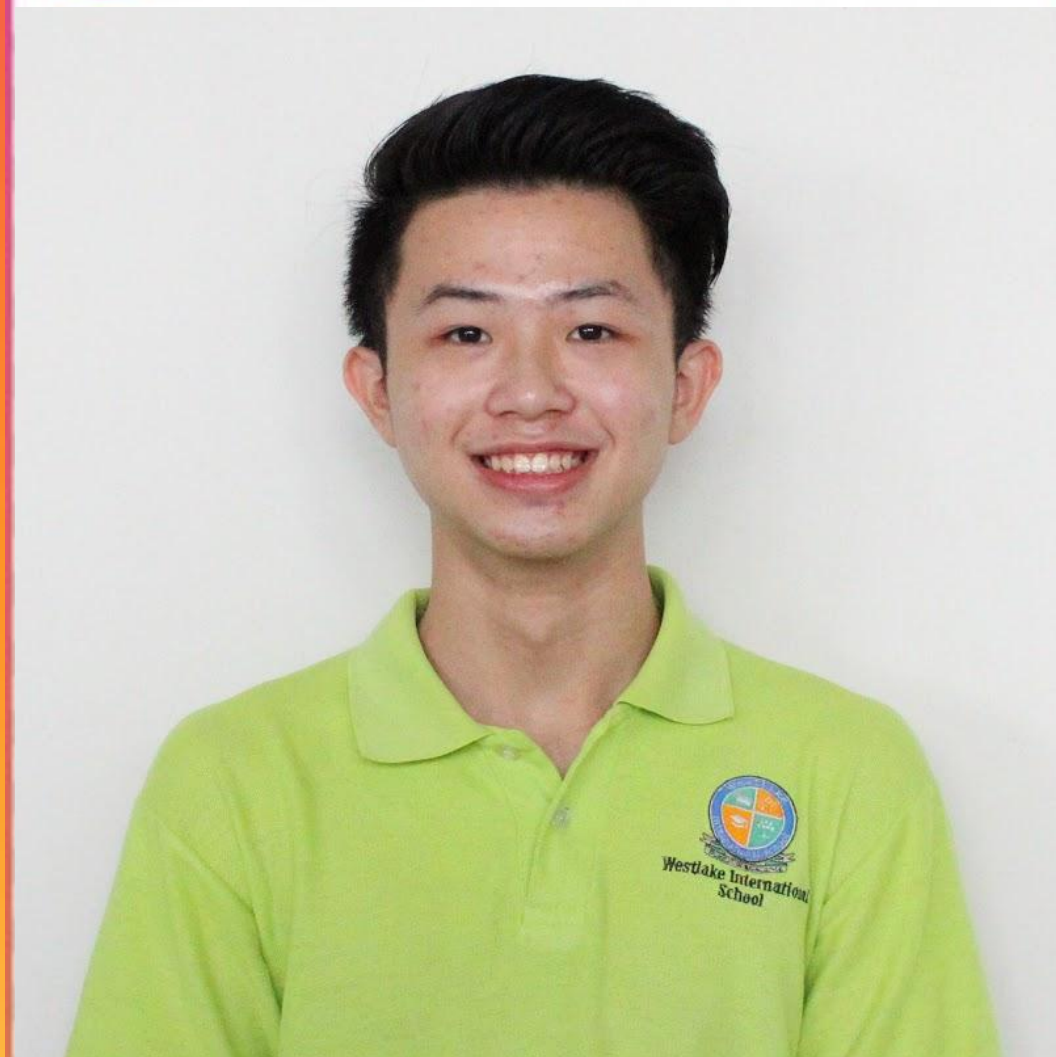


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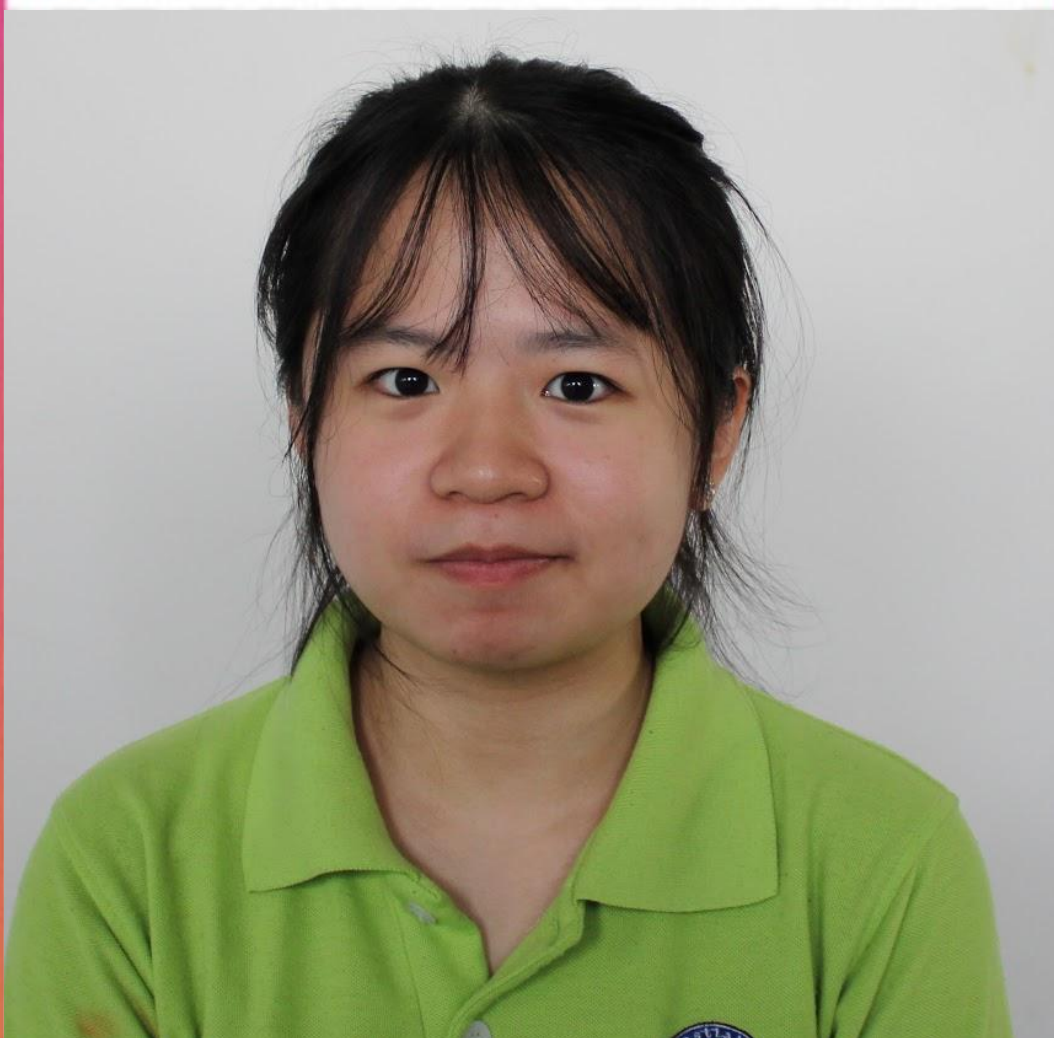


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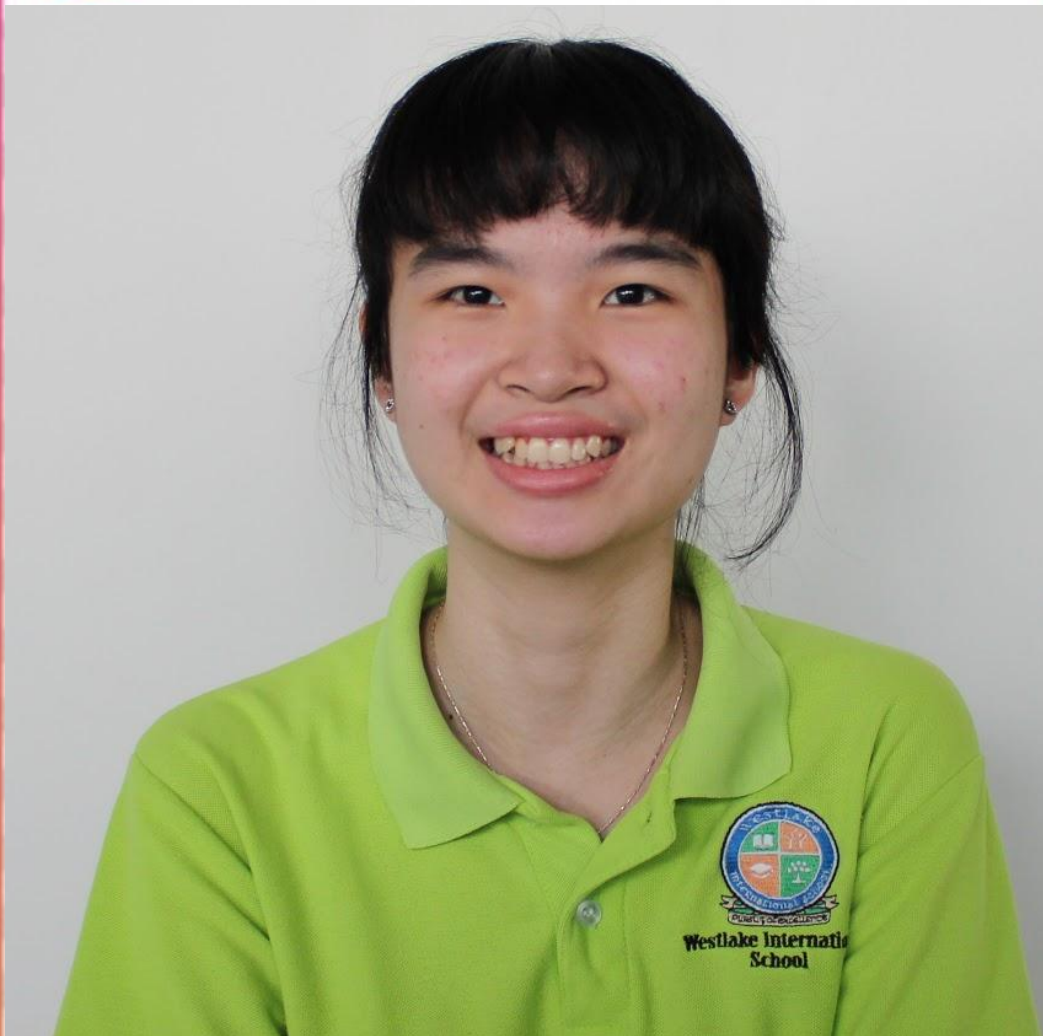


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Iris_ho_xin_yao Good good study day day up!!!!
(Study everyday to get good grades)



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lean_yi_fan Graduation is like an intersection; I wish everyone all the best no matter which turn you take.



lee_junwoo



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lee_junwoo I'm not Chinese.



lho_jinwoong



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lho_jinwoong Don't worry, the climax hasn't dropped yet. Always enjoy your challenges!



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lim_hong_liang Rules are meant to be broken.



clarence_cheah_wen_sheng



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rence_cheah_wen_sheng Life in school is living in hell, but at least you have friends to suffer together.



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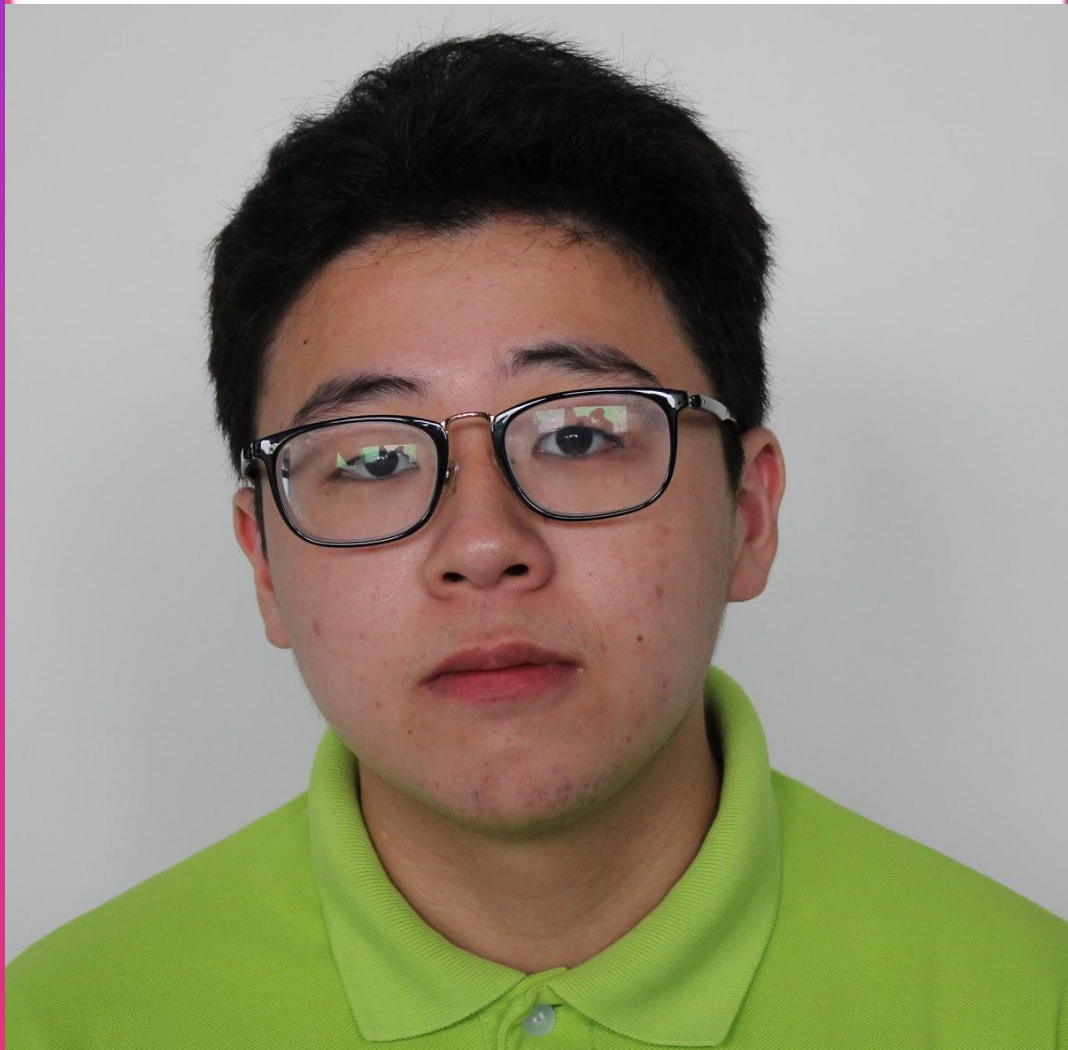


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kylan_ooi_wen_qi $r=a(1-\sin\theta)$



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saw_tze_yin I was in an illegal school before and the quality of teaching was as bad as the school's reputation. I was glad that faith brought me here for my life had changed for the better :3



balavikas_senthilpari



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balavikas_senthilpari The only thing that has been properly social distancing this year is my grades and my expectations for them.



gavin_thesario_setyadi

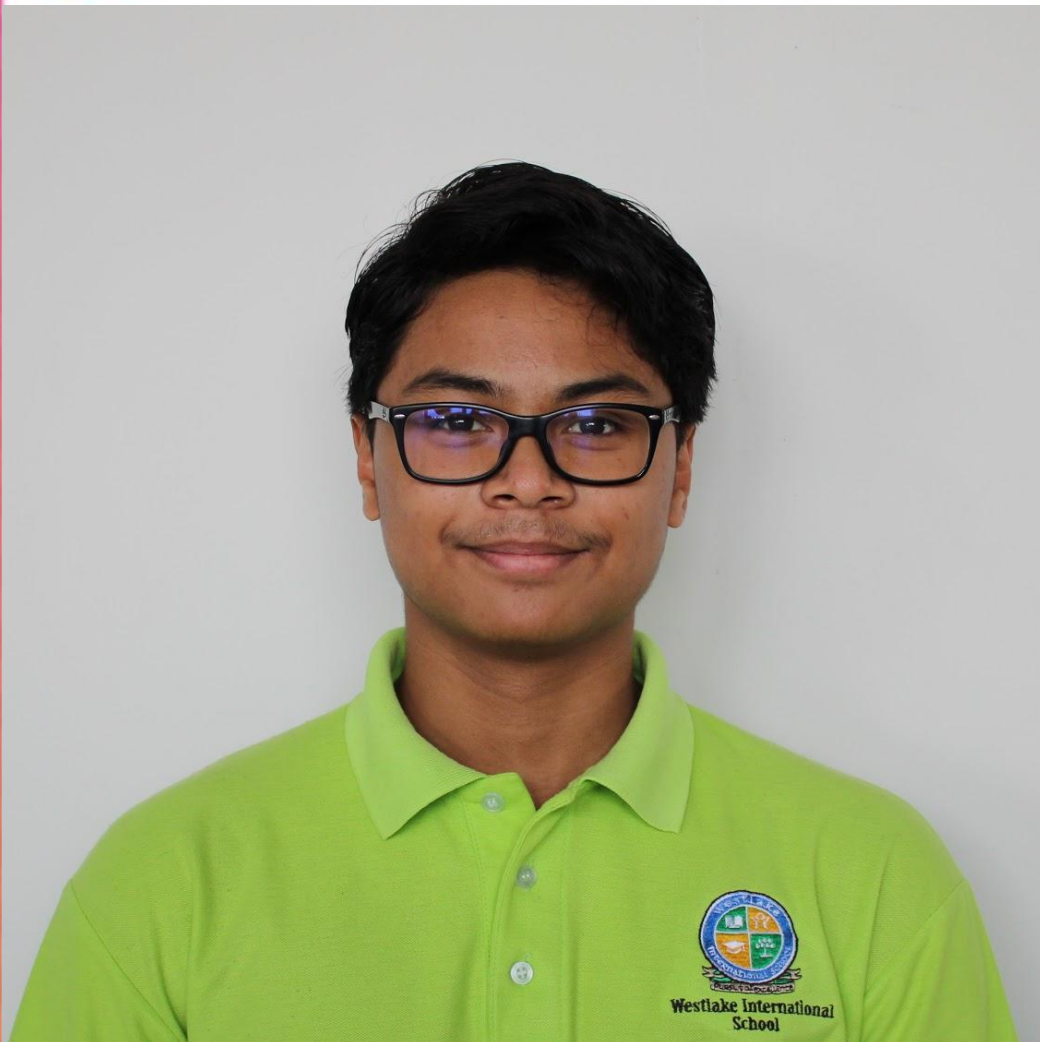


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muhammad_aidil_mukhlis_shaheezam



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muhammad_aidil_mukhlis_shaheezam My G's move in silence like lasagna.



teh_zhi_qin



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teh_zhi_qin Life is drawing with a pencil but no erasers. It is the imperfection of it that adds meaning and beauty.



angsana_nuo_vachira_angsana



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angsana_nuo_vachira_angsana The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you. Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that count.



wong_zi_feng



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wong_zi_feng Please don't argue so much. There's one out of 14,000,605 chances of winning an argument.



brian_yap_jun



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brian_yap_jun You can't create epic 🐵 by being ordinary 😊



lisa_jayaloshini



♥ 20

lisa_jayaloshini Sending warm thoughts and big congratulations to the graduates we're so very proud of. Always remember: There's no limit to what you can do if you keep believing in yourself.

#11S #graduation #classteacher #mslisa



mark_andrew_liew_kah_meng



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mark_andrew_liew_kah_meng First year
graduating during a pandemic.



chang_jing_wei



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akash_kumar_barani_kumar



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akash_kumar_barani_kumar 2014 Forest Hills
Drive, Track 8



chau_mun_tik



♥ 532 Likes

chau_mun_tik The school has the,*ahem ahem*
"best food" and *cough cough* wifi.



chia_wei_xian



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chia_wei_xian "Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm."



hong_keng_li



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hong_keng_li Live to the point of tears.



hong_woan_ting



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leong_chin_chen



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leong_chin_chen Nice, school made me submit a graduation quote without letting me know if I can even graduate.



claudia_lim_tse_yean



♥ 532 Likes

claudia_lim_tse_yean Take pride in how far you've come. Take faith in how far you'll go. But please, don't forget to enjoy the journey.



low_kian_huat



♥ 532 Likes

low_kian_huat I spent more time thinking about my quote than I did studying for chemistry.



ng_zi_yi



♥ 532 Likes

ng_zi_yi Yes.



oh_jun_hao



♥ 532 Likes

oh_jun_hao "Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfil your own purpose and potential."



mark_reuben_pang_ken_hung



♥ 532 Likes

mark_reuben_pang_ken_hung My teachers always tell me it's good to have a dream. Hmm... that explains why I sleep in every one of their classes 🤪😂.



pang_jing_yong



♥ 532 Likes

pang_jing_yong I sincerely apologise for encroaching your time on reading this quote. Please have a look at the photo above as many times as you wish as compensation. The pleasure is mine! 😊



rashmika_ravi



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rashmika_ravi Confidence may not bring success but it gives us power to face any challenge in life.



sun_hui_lin

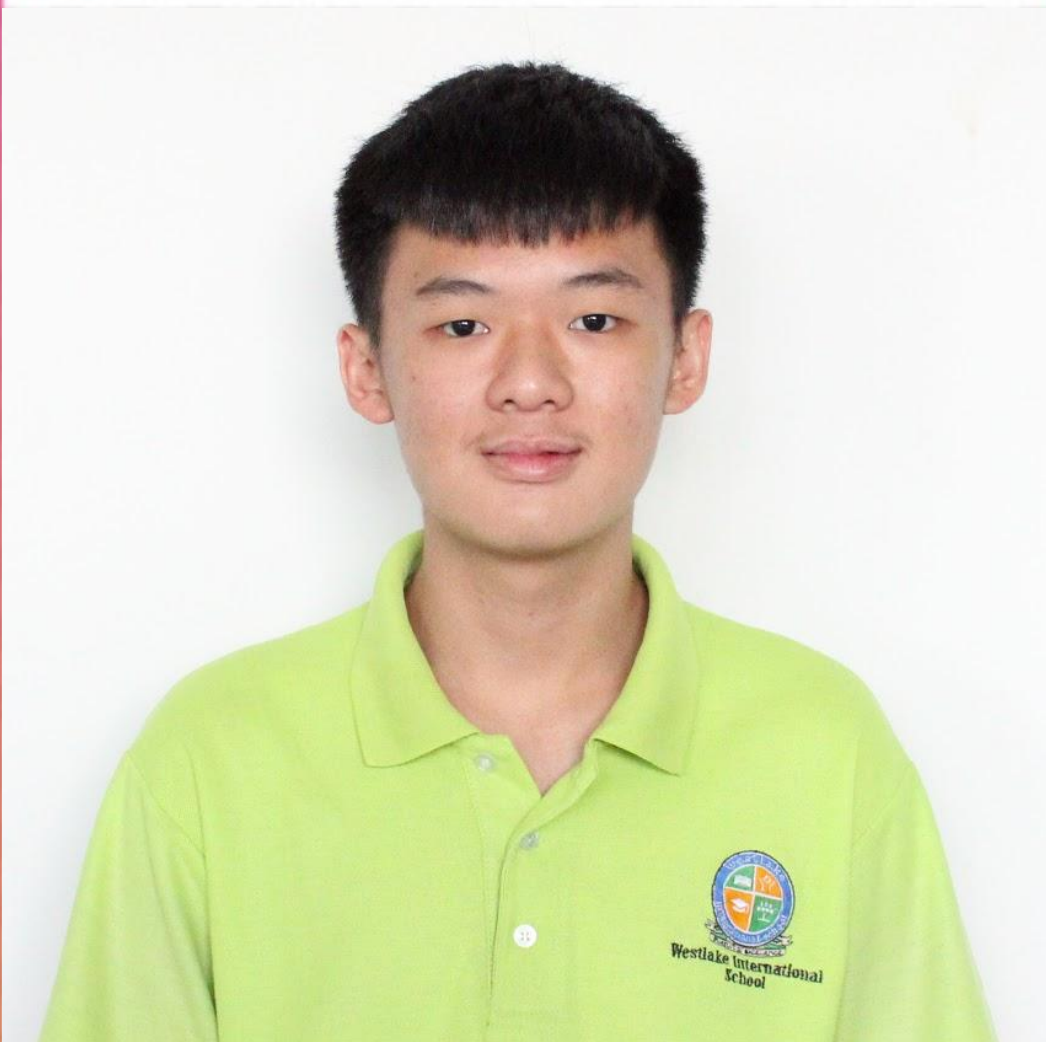


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sun_hui_lin Quiet and peace.



jordan_tan_jia_xian



♥ 532 Likes



joshua_tan_xue_xun



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joshua_tan_xue_xun I had to put my grades up for adoption cuz I couldn't raise them.



alicia_yap_wing_shien

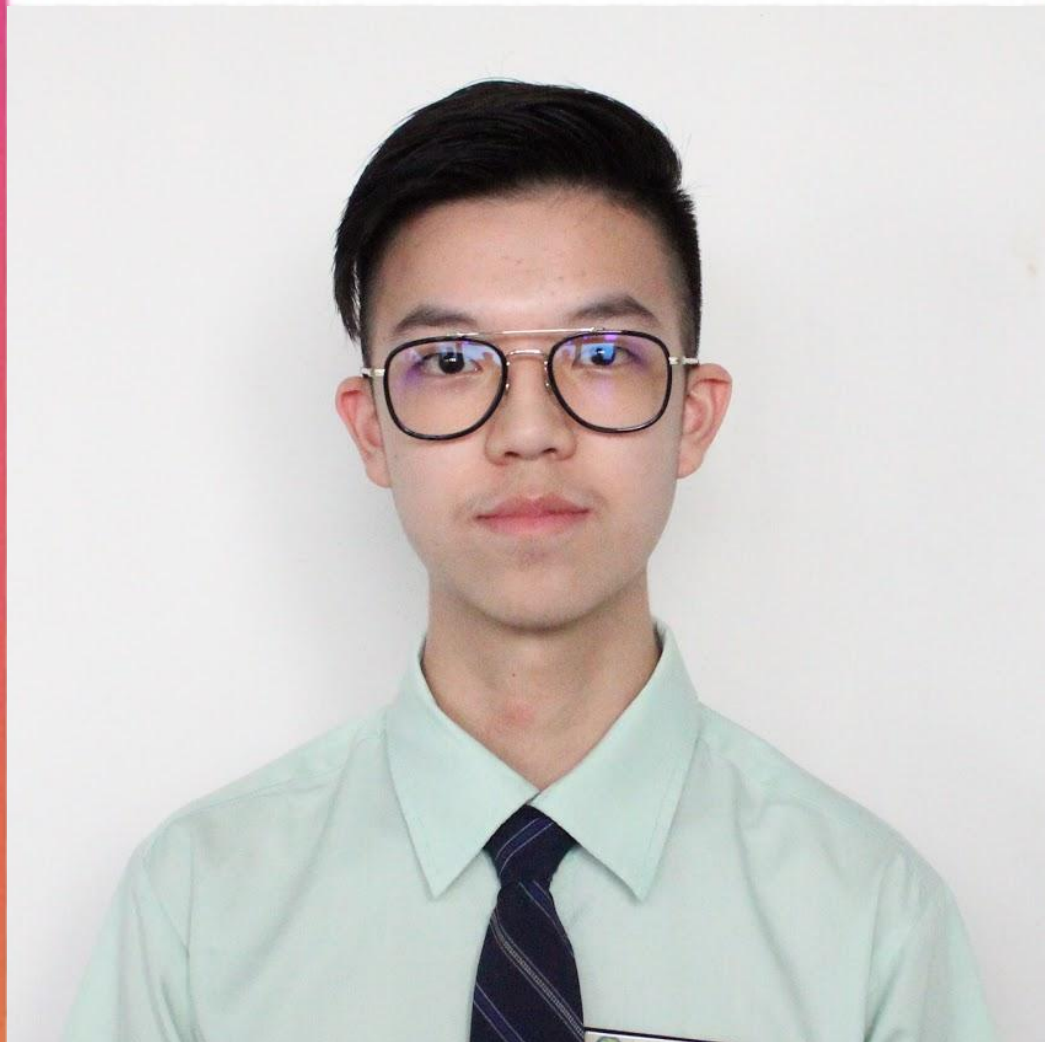


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alicia_yap_wing_shien I want to be a rock.



eugene_wong_guan_yue



♥ 532 Likes

eugene_wong_guan_yue Perhaps the most memorable part of graduating isn't graduation itself, but the unrepeatable youth that is deeply imprinted in our hearts.



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Poetry: Solidarity in Isolation

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Akash Kumar

The Dark and Twisted Reality

We are all blinded,
Blinded by this false reality,
We can't be open minded,
Because we are afraid of being judged,

We are all slaves,
Slaves to the culture,
They'll put us in graves,
They are like vultures,
What we should wear,
What we should say,
What we should support,
And what we should not,
They won't let us be rare,
They won't even care,
As long as you don't dare,
Say that you don't share,
The same views as them,

There are more things to life,
Than just materialism,
You got a gold chain,
But you never stopped to think,
About all the pain,
Your parents went through,
just to give you that grain,

Don't let them provoke,
For you being woke,
Life isn't a joke.

Hong Keng Li

Mirror

That look that you give me
when I look in your eyes,
They're bitter, plain cold and dry
You cry your tears out , sitting alone,
Wasting time in the bathroom
by the mirror for long

That look that you give me,
when I look in your eyes,
Sometimes I just wonder why
you hate me so much,
Through the mirror I feel the immense contempt
The longer I look, the more you reflect
The feelings you hold, the words you accept.

Chin Yi Cheng

Thoughts, Self Reflection

Here I am isolated alone,
feeling like everything is lost
hope slowly fading away,
and depression taking over life

Thoughts ran through my head
thinking,
Do I deserve to live?
Am I a mistake?
Was I never meant to exist?

While the world is swept away
by fear,
Here I am in a bubble,
reflecting on myself,
Thanks to quarantine,
I have overcome my death
thoughts.

Ms. Choong YJ

#TEAMWORK

#StayAtHome.
Together, united in isolation.
Even when
Apart,
Me and you,
We can
Overcome, and
Rise above it. All we need is...
KINDNESS.



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Hong Keng Li

Time Waste

So gentle and sincere was it,
that you were shocked to hear
The brutal words she spoke,
Illusive and unreal,
The feelings she evoked

Her voice caused violent
earthquakes,
and it had caused some rain,
but right after it stopped
drizzling,
Came a hurricane

And after the tornado,
The brutal storms, extremes
And after untold arguments,
The vicious cries and screams

And after your poor soul
Couldn't take another stormy
day
After you walked out the door
And drove far, far away

After a few years passed,
You still think about all the
times you've spent
On all the pointless arguments
And now you see her true
intent.

Agnes Wing Shin Uu

Stay Strong

The world we live in today is
different from before,

We can't go to malls nor any
stalls.

This virus is scary and we're
all panicking.

Therefore, we shall stay unite
and win this fight.

Qi

CCA

Here I come again
Writing a piece that would
bring disdain
For I only have 2 minutes left
to go
Swiftly I type on my phone
1 minute left I have to go
At last it was futile
For my efforts were lost in
vain
As I click on the bar, submit
The clock hits 5, and it was
handed in late.

Akash Kumar

Murder on My Mind

I look around,
But I see nobody,
Standing there,
Next to his dead body.

What have I done,
I don't even know,
I thought it was fun,
His blood overflows.

He was my friend,
But he was a traitor,
I gave him an end,
I guess it was murder.

Though I'm alive,
I cannot survive,
In this jail of mine,
I become pale by time.

To my old friend,
I am sorry now,
I hope you are resting,
While I am attesting,
All for the suppressing,
Of this
misunderstanding.



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Eimaan Saad Ali

A Dream

I woke her up that morning
If you could even call it so,
For the city lights were
twinking
And the moon was still aglow.

I ignored her sleepy warning
Her mumble "go away",
If she ever really meant it
She would never let me stay.

I crept under the covers,
Where it was soft and safe and
warm,
Where nightmares couldn't
find me,
Nor could the raging storm.

I closed my eyes realize;
They were, it's a dream-
Good thoughts are always far
too good
To be real as they seem.

Hong Keng Li

I Loved Quarantine

The sunlight danced on my skin,
engulfing me in a warm hug. I
embraced it. My feet were buried
in the sand, slowly sinking as the
waves pulled me in.

I love living by the sea and
waking up to the sound of waves
crashing everyday. Quarantine
brought me nothing but peace
and bliss. I finally had time,
although endless, to appreciate
and reflect about the people and
things in my life. I finally had
time to just stop and breathe for
once. I felt free and released
from the mundane schedule of a
student.

I love waking up knowing that I
didn't need to do anything and I
could shape my day however I
liked. I went on hikes, cafe
hopping, catching up with long
lost friends and finding
abandoned beaches. I had quite
an adventure you see, I was
never bored as the world offered
new places and people to
explore.

Being trapped and imprisoned is
a state of mind.

Hannah Tan Sue-Lynn

Finally, Freedom

As I stepped foot out of my
house, I could feel the lightest
whisper of breeze on my skin.
The birds sang in melody like
a harmonious choir. I looked
down at my feet, the wet
grass surrounding every nook
and cranny in between my
toes. I inhaled deeply, feeling
every stretch of muscle in my
body. It feels good to be
outside again.

Yin

Deja Vu

Study
Eat
Sleep
and repeat
everyday's the same
and it's kind of lame
it's like a time-loop i can't escape



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Anita Joy Reddy

Steps to Freedom

Clap to the drums that beats in
your chest
Sing a song that no one else
will hear

Dance to an audience that only
you can see
Look at a world before your
time

Hear the silence as you stroll
down a street
Laugh out loud because no one
is watching

Breath in deeply and keep it
steady
Take another step and now
you're free falling

Hannah Tan Sue-Lynn

Sunlight Hits Different When it's Forbidden

I can't take it anymore
I want to feel the soft warm
breeze brushing on my skin,
I want the sunlight to lightly
kiss my cheeks,
I want to hear the soft bristling
sounds of dried leaves
crushing under my feet,
I want the cool breeze to
gently flow as it strokes my
hair.
I just really want to go outside.

Ms. Ivy Teoh

Remote

I remotely use this word
But now I hear it more often
than ever
remote learning
remote teaching
remote relationships
Something new to me.
I learn that remote is not
remote after all
Modern technology brings us
closer together.
Modern technology teaches us
to never stop learning
Or we'll live in remote past

Lam Dorren

Void

Time feels absent, unknown,
unexpected.
School used to feel slow,
repetitive and crowded.
But now in isolation, the once
torturous experience was
more than ever desired
Looking outside, through the
windows of our room.
Reminded us of the days filled
with school food, homework,
ID Tags and black shoes.
Looking at a calendar as the
days pass by,
It looked just like a holiday,
even longer than the summers
and winters that we all liked.
But in the cages of solidarity,
it's different, logic does not
apply.
The emptiness, that thrives
and grows in the many
habitats of your heart.
A void, a never-ending absence
of joy, temporary but
everlasting.
A void, placed in a room alone,
left with the thoughts of your
insecurities and emotions.
A void, a need to once see the
people you never thought you
would one day leave.
A void.





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Hong Keng Li



Love in times of war

The moonlight illuminated my skin,
in the dark my thoughts begin.

A thousand miles away,
was where my heart laid.
My feelings I wish I could convey,
to the boy who made my heart ache.

I put my hands on the window,
watching the empty streets,
wishing I could go,
to where he sleeps.

I knew it was forbidden,
a love so pure,
must be kept hidden.
I wish there was cure,

for this invisible war.

Tan Hui Yi



Hope

The walls confined me,
within the dark.
The windows told me,
how secluded I was.

The streets seemed empty.
The lights felt dim.
The world moved so slowly,
behind the metal frames.

Pulling the curtains together,
morning never came.
Again, I was alone,
with only the music of rain.

In my dream,
I saw the crowded streets again.
I saw the sun shining again.
I saw the life I had before.

With a jolt,
I woke,
with the thought,
"There will be hope."

Joey



Untitled

In this house I lay,
Being in this quarantined isolated,
feeling a little bit neglected by people being attentive with their personal needs.
I miss the sun with a lot of fun people underneath, now I'm here wondering how long it will last as I'm daydreaming at this moment of time.





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Tenderhearted humans, who valued the principle of indulgence,
Graceful as a swan, but as ferocious as a scorpion.

Fighting for what's right, while shining in the spotlight,
Making others smile, while walking down the aisle.

Carefully taking measures, while succeeding to fulfil pleasures.
But not too long would it last, before the whole world went 'blast'!

Happiness was a thing, but not before the whole world went 'ding'!
Many strive to still smile, but what hides behind that is quite vile.

Trees started disappearing, while factories were rather cheering.
The temperature's getting hotter, while seals are faced with slaughter.

Pollution's revealing its identity now, while we humans don't even know how,
Civil wars still existing, you know what?
I'm getting tired of listing.

2020 has come. And pushed aside all other years.
Revealing all the problems that we humans, would have to endure.
And it's our fault, all our fault, that we destroyed our planet,
But that does not mean that we still have to take it for granted.

Everything can be lost, but 'hope' can't,
Because determination is what we have left to plant.

The seed will grow, leaves and flowers,
And soon the seedling, will develop powers.

The plant will make friends, perhaps companions,
They would work together, bring back our forgotten planet.

They would end all fights, but rather agree,
Would never mock anyone, or crave for greed.

Soon the plant would make a team, full with young,
The old, and even the teens.

Love would start to resurface, and peace would follow it close behind,
Then soon, the beauty would reveal, mankind.

The beast would leave, and we would start to believe,
That everyone can play a part,
The blind, the deaf, the unfortunate, the smart,
The old, the young, the mind, the heart.

If we humans choose to cooperate,
This world will start to operate.

Compassion is one thing, while teamwork is another,
If we let this winter pass, there sure would be another summer.

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