



Westlake
International School



WIS Boarding

Home Beyond Borders





Dear Parents/guardians,

I AM ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED

to extend my heartfelt welcome to all of you as we embark on a new chapter in our boarding program. As the Head of Boarding, it is my privilege to welcome all of you to this incredible community of students, parents, and staff.

First and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude for entrusting us with the responsibility of overseeing the boarding program. We are fully committed to providing a nurturing, supportive, and enriching environment for each and every one of our boarders.

Boarding life offers a unique opportunity for personal growth, lifelong friendships, and the development of essential life skills. Our primary focus is to foster an inclusive community that embraces diversity, encourages individuality, and celebrates the achievements of our boarders.

Together, we hope to create a safe and welcoming space where every student feels a sense of belonging. Communication and collaboration will be the cornerstones of our community, as we work hand in hand to ensure the well-being and success of our boarders.

Throughout the year, our dedicated boarding staff will be here to guide and support our students, both academically and emotionally. We will promote a healthy balance between academic pursuits, extracurricular activities, and personal well-being, encouraging each boarder to reach their full potential.

Once again, a warm welcome to all of you to the boarding program. Let us fill your child's stay with growth, camaraderie, and remarkable achievements.

With warm regards,

Leroy Tan Head of Boarding



As the President of the Boarding Council, I would like to take a moment to share why **OUR BOARDING COMMUNITY IS SIMPLY THE BEST**. It's like living in a real-life sitcom, but with better friends and fewer laugh tracks.

First off, being a boarder teaches us valuable life skills like independence, responsibility, and the art of sneaking back into the dorm after curfew without waking the whole floor up. We become masters of time management and experts at multitasking (who knew you could study, eat, and have a dance party in the common room all at once?). But don't quote me for crossing rooms! I don't recommend it ;)

Academically, boarding life is like having a 24/7 study group. You can't escape it, but that's honestly a good thing! We have access to dedicated study spaces, helpful resources, and classmates who are always down for a late-night study session fueled by caffeine and snacks. Plus, we get to build solid relationships with teachers who genuinely care about our success (and can help us decipher the mysteries of stoichiometry).

Now, let's talk about the best part: the friendships. Living together, sharing meals, and surviving the occasional cicak invasion bonds us in ways that can only be described as family-like. We come from all walks of life, which means endless cultural exchanges, hilarious misunderstandings, and a buffet of international snacks to sample. These friendships are the kind that last well beyond our time in boarding school, because who else will understand our inside jokes about dorm pranks?

And of course, we can't forget the Boarding Council. We're like the superheroes of the boarding world, here to save the day (or at least make it more entertaining). We organize epic events, and make sure everyone's voice is heard. We're your go-to source for all things boarding-related, so don't hesitate to approach us with your ideas, concerns, or requests.

In a nutshell, boarding life is a rollercoaster ride of growth, laughter, and unforgettable memories. So buckle up, fasten your seatbelts, and get ready for the adventure of a lifetime. And remember, when in doubt, just blame it on the boarding experience!

Yours sincerely,

Zoie Sip President of Boarding Council

SCHOOL MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

Westlake International School's vision is to transform minds and change lives in the pursuit of excellence as a responsive, relational and reflective school.

EXPERIENCE THE



Boarding Education Sports Talents

Our **mission** is to provide the B.E.S.T. education experience through:

1. Boarding that develops independence, integrity and emotional intelligence
2. Excellent and holistic Education
3. Sports that build determination and discipline
4. Recognising and nurturing Talents

Our **Vision & Mission** aim to produce a school culture where everyone is aligned to the Cambridge Profile.

We value this opportunity to equip our boarders with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to achieve their full potential. By providing an environment that aims for high moral standards, academic excellence and integrity, our boarders will be powerful life-long learners, respected leaders and critical thinkers. They will have the aspiration and ability to make their world a better place for generations to come. WIS focuses on the **Three Pillars of Excellence** to achieve our goals.

THREE PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE

ACADEMIC APPROACH

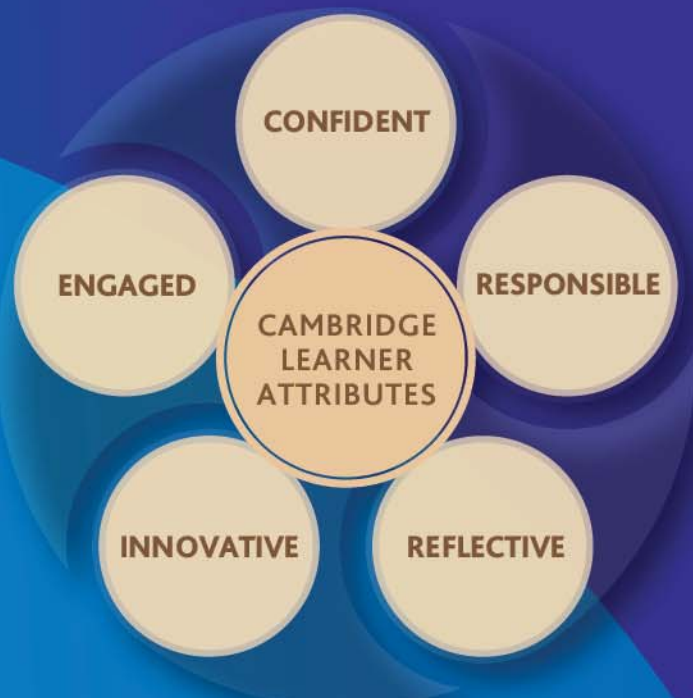
Our classrooms encourage active learning and critical thinking. We follow the Framework of 21st Century Learning, helping boarders develop essential skills like critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration. We prepare them for the challenges of the 21st century.

CHARACTER BUILDING

Throughout their time with us, we focus on developing the character attributes that make well-rounded individuals. This includes instilling moral values and teaching them how to effectively manage life's challenges.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

We believe that parents are crucial partners in our mission. Together, we provide opportunities for children to thrive and become happy, successful individuals. Our boarders also learn the value of meaningful community service, which enhances their leadership and communication skills.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

INTRODUCTION OF BOARDING

Welcome to Our Vibrant Boarding Community!

Step into our welcoming boarding house, where you'll find a tight-knit community filled with laughter, shared stories, and the promise of new friendships. Life here is a journey of self-discovery and transformation, with endless possibilities. It's not just a place to live; it's a sanctuary of growth, learning, and belonging.

Beyond the classroom, our boarding house is a cocoon of knowledge and exploration. Late-night study sessions, debates, and collaborative projects foster academic excellence. Our boarding staff are mentors who nurture your potential and ignite curiosity.

Living away from home cultivates independence, responsibility, and important life skills.

We celebrate diversity, and embrace cultural exchange that makes us more compassionate global citizens. Life here is about extraordinary moments – from impromptu dance parties to midnight feasts, from weekend adventures to heartwarming festivities.

Welcome to your "Home Away from Home." Embrace this journey with an open heart, as the beauty of boarding life lies not just in the destination but in the remarkable adventures along the way.



WIS BOARDING PARENTS

"One thing I love about this job is working in a team of boarding parents who help and support each other. I also find it very rewarding when boarders who have graduated, return to visit us as young responsible adults to thank us and show their appreciation."

Ms Foong Chan

"I love my job as a Boarding Parent because it was always my passion to know how the young mind thinks, playing a role in shaping the future generations and guiding them to explore great friendships and be a considerate and respectable person."

Ms Vanessa

"What I love about my job is having work-life balance and colleagues that are supportive and helpful. I find it rewarding when I see a positive growth and development in the child under my care."

Ms Prescila

"A single guy taking care of other people's children can be an enriching experience that defies traditional gender roles. It requires fostering strong bonds, being a positive role model, and providing a stable and nurturing environment. Despite societal expectations, this role can bring personal growth and a sense of fulfillment through the impact made on young lives."

Mr Wilson

"I am delighted to work as a Boarding Parent because I have the opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of Westlake Boarders as they go through their adolescent period."

Ms Audrey

"I find my work fulfilling because I can make a difference in a child's life, impacting them in one way or another. My boarders and I overcome challenges together and we journey towards a common goal with love, kindness and perseverance."

Mrs Leong



"As a Boarding Parent, I have the opportunity to provide guidance, support, and mentorship to the students. Helping them navigate through challenges and celebrating their achievements can be incredibly fulfilling."

Ms Jacklyne

"I enjoy being with this big family. Over the years, I have seen many boarders transform into mature and responsible young men and women. That gives me a lot of joy and fulfillment as a boarding parent. Although there are many challenges and surprises, our team constantly seeks to improve our methods and techniques to work with the boarders. We are a group of boarding parents that are talented, energetic, creative and caring who like to work with young people."

Ms Patricia

"Personally I love children. I like caring for them, mentoring, guiding, and spending time with them. Although it can be challenging, I still find love and joy being with them."

Ms Christina



WHERE ARE WE?

Westlake International School in Kampar has served as a boarding school since 2013.

Kampar is a small & growing town, nestled in the shadow of a mountain range in the Kinta valley. It is known as a once-prosperous tin mining town, famous for its local delicacies. It is also an education hub with UTAR and TARUMT right in town, and UTP, an easy 30 minutes commute away.

With the establishment of UTAR hospital, medical facilities are easily accessible to the community.

Lastly, Westlake International School provides transportation support for the WIS community to travel to designated locations.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A WIS BOARDER

DAILY BOARDING ROUTINE



06:00 to 07:30

KRINGGGGGG! My alarm goes off and my day begins with a simple yet the best meal of the day: Breakfast!



07:40

School day begins with the attendance taken. Remember mates, punctuality is important here!

07:40 to 15:00 or 16:30 (Wednesdays)

Lessons begin and are followed by two breaks in between lessons. Having meals together at the cafeteria is something that I greatly look forward to.



Apart from school lessons, we have CCAs on Wednesdays and House Sports activities on Fridays. There are lots of clubs to choose from. For me, playing the trumpet in the school band is a highlight and I can't wait till our next performance. I also love trying out a new sport every Friday at House Sports.

15:00 or 16:30 (Wednesdays)

Ah! School is over and I'm back in the comfort of my room at the house. Time to rest & relax.

16:30 to 17:45

I grab my ball and shoes. It's time to head out for Boarders Sports! I will be at the basketball court, sweating it out. It feels great looking around, seeing my friends training at football, working out in the gym, and playing badminton at the hall.



17:45

I take 5 to freshen up.

18:15 to 19:00

I am all fresh and it is time for dinner at the school cafeteria. At this moment, I am grateful that the boarding house and the school are just within walking distance as I am tired after a long day of activities.

19:15 to 22:00

After dinner, we have our prep time. Our Boarding Parents are around to supervise our work.

When we have exams, my friends and I get to stay up until 10:30 to study. Otherwise, we fill our free time with fun & laughter as we bond and build lasting memories.

22:00

Lights out! This means gadgets are kept, and it's time to get ready for bed. However, when I get to A Levels, I will be able to stay up until 11:30. Kinda cool right!



Weekends

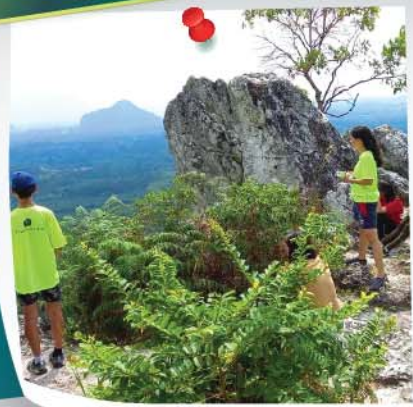
Weekends are really fun to be a boarder. Plenty of free time and we get to go on exciting trips and activities. As a person who is active in sports, I usually have captainball, football practices during the weekends. The best thing though is spending time in the House with all my friends and Boarding Parents, sharing food and watching a movie.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

ACTIVITIES & ENRICHMENT

DofE awards



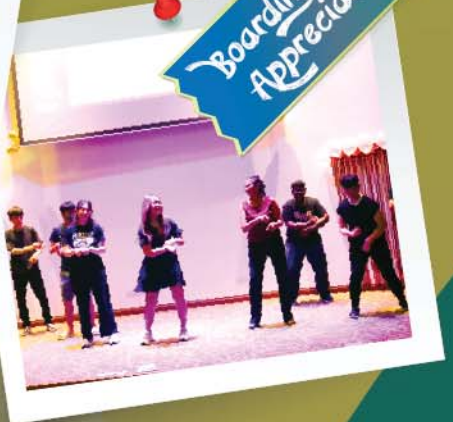
Culinary Arts



Excursions



Boarding House Staff Appreciation Day



Sports Activities



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Kampar has amazing nature. Within an hour, boarders can find themselves at waterfalls and campsites. Boarding House camps are annually organized for the boarders which includes kayaking, hiking and water rafting. We also have activities over the weekends such as:

- BBQ sessions
- Culinary activities
- Archery
- Birthday celebration
- Boarding House Staff Appreciation Night
- Weekend Excursions

SPORTS & FITNESS

Boarders are encouraged to take part and make the most of the variety of sports available at WIS after school. The school caters for athletes of all abilities with coaches. The school has a gym which is open to boarders.



ASSERTIVE MENTORING

Our WIS Boarding program prioritizes nurturing students' academic, social, and personal growth. Assertive mentoring is a cornerstone of our community.

Here's a glimpse of what assertive mentoring means to us:



BOARDERS' HEALTH & WELL-BEING

The teenage years are a pivotal stage of life. At WIS Boarding, we see them as an opportunity to equip our students with valuable life skills. We prioritize our boarders' well-being through:

- A dedicated, 24/7 staff providing personalized support
- Mental health resources and emotional development support
- Special initiatives like mindfulness coaching, stress management, and physical activities
- Building a strong sense of community through team-building, social events, and mentorship programs

Our goal is not only to support our boarders emotionally but also to empower them with skills like resilience, effective communication, conflict resolution, and stress management. We're committed to helping them grow into confident, empathetic, and proactive individuals.

Alasandrie Theseira

BH Well-Being Facilitator



BOARDING NURSE

For students who board at WIS, maintaining good physical and mental health is a top priority. Our certified State Registered Nurse with expertise in CPR, first aid, wound care, and medication administration is available to attend to injuries or illnesses outside of school hours in our well-equipped sick bay.

In more serious cases, students may be referred to a clinic or hospital for further medical attention. Coordination with the school nurse, boarding parents, including the assistant nurse, and teachers ensures that information about all students is well-managed.

The welfare of your child is our primary concern!

Rosdiana Sidi Davis

SRN & Boarding House Nurse



A LEVEL BOARDING

We understand that A Level students are at a crucial stage of their academic journey, where flexibility and independence play a pivotal role in their success. We take pride in fostering an environment that empowers our students with both the freedom to shape their routine and the responsibility to manage their academic and personal lives effectively.



FACILITIES



Kitchen



Accommodation



Chill-Out Area



A-Level Centre



Sick Bay



Gym Room

TESTIMONIES

OVERALL EXPERIENCE IN WIS & BH

Boarding house, once a scary term for me as a kid, has now taught me otherwise. Living independently, without my parents, has been an invaluable experience, teaching me important life skills such as making my own bed, handling errands, and self-discipline for efficient studying. Through boarding, I've made many amazing friends, although conflicts are inevitable. However, these challenges have enabled me to learn how to overcome problems, often with the assistance of Boarding Parents. Personally, I maintain a hectic schedule, and every day feels incredibly productive, which makes me proud of myself. Living in a boarding house has enabled me to realize my utmost potential, and I hope the same for every other boarder at WIS.

Zoie Sip Wan Xuan

Studying overseas presented one of my biggest challenges until I met my friends and teachers. During the first two years, I only mingled with the Koreans and never attempted to speak in English or engage in studies. In 2021, during my Year 9, most of the Koreans returned to Korea, and I experienced homesickness. It was then that I made new friends who not only brought a smile to my face but also helped me regain my confidence, providing daily encouragement. As I entered my Year 10, my classmates motivated each other to study diligently. Our teachers also organized extra classes and offered all the support they could muster. Slowly, I started noticing a transformation within myself.

I joined the student council and acquired a plethora of valuable experiences. This year, I had the opportunity to live independently in a boarding house. Sharing my life with all the wonderful girls and our Boarding Parents has been a remarkable experience. I consider myself fortunate to have Mr. Leroy and Ms. Jacklyne as my first Boarding Parents. This environment has nurtured my independence and responsibility as a student, and it will forever hold a special place in my heart.

I also had the privilege of attending the DofE camp, an ecstatic adventure that honed our skills to live under any conditions. Our team members supported each other, and I'm deeply grateful to both my teammates and teachers. I've actively participated in various school events in an effort to make the most of my school life and enjoy it to the fullest!

Park Juha

The boarding house is a friendly and secure environment where we can enjoy ourselves and develop independence for our brighter future. It is a home to people from diverse backgrounds and cultures, providing a rich learning experience to grow.

Thiruvarrasu

To enjoy a productive yet relaxing life, to bond with my peers and friends around the clock in a house filled with joyful laughter, and to have caring yet disciplined boarding house parents, staying in the boarding house is the way to go.

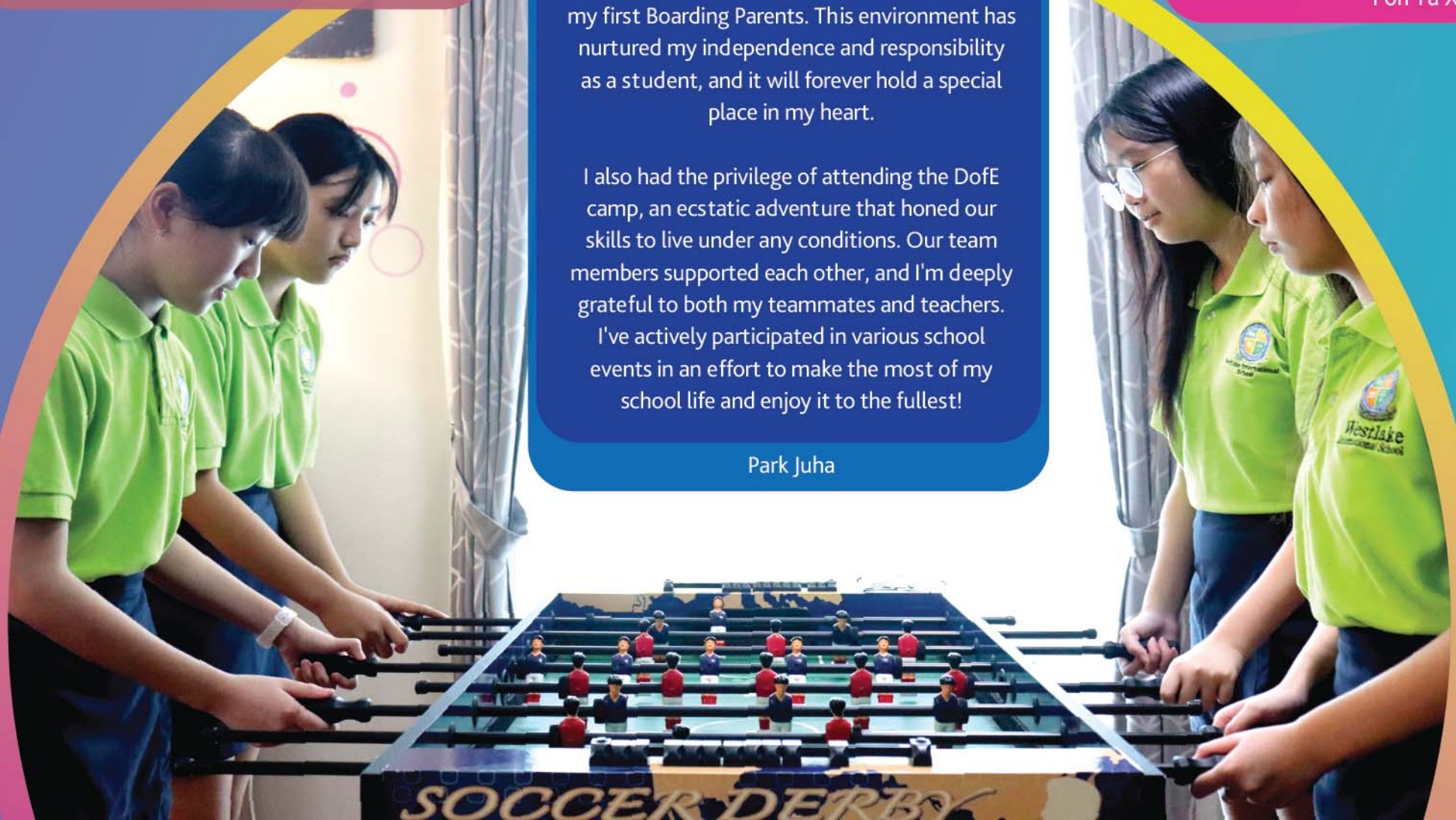
Poh Yu Xin

Stepping into Westlake boarding house was an unexpected experience, yet it has become a second home that consistently tends to your needs. The boarding house is a diverse place where you can learn from people with different cultures. Staying here has taught me to be more independent and organized.

Daphne Goh Hin Lim

The WIS boarding house is where I began to cultivate my independence. The daily schedule of the boarding house has helped me balance my studies and leisure time.

Ku Rendy



LIFE AS A BOARDER



Westlake boarding house is one of the best places to learn about independence and develop communication skills.

Chua Rintaro

Moving from the city to the boarding house brings about significant and admittedly challenging changes. You'll need to make new friends and adapt to a completely different environment. However, in the end, we all somehow manage it. Regardless of the challenges, you can find reassurance and unwavering support from the boarding parents. The boarding house is a place that pushes you out of your comfort zone and fosters independence.

Low Ean Joe

Westlake Boarding House has been a witness to my transformation from an immature kid to a young teenager. The boarding parents and friends here have provided me with the best memories of my high school life. My boarding parents, Mr. Leroy and Ms. Jacklyne, have always encouraged, cared and supported me. And, of course, my dearest friends at the boarding house, we've had so much fun in all the events held in the boarding house, like Boarding House Staff Appreciation Night and Boarding House Orientation, among others. I'm very grateful to be here in WIS.

Chong Zhi Xin

Coming to WIS in the middle of 2022 from Singapore marked a significant change for me, thrusting me into an entirely new environment filled with unfamiliar experiences. Although I initially struggled to adapt to both the new school life and boarding, I was fortunate to have the support of new friends, teachers, and Boarding Parents who guided me through the process. WIS has imparted valuable lessons, emphasizing the importance of teamwork, commitment, and responsibility, among others. To me, WIS represents an open and friendly community where everyone feels comfortable asking for help and expressing their ideas and opinions. Both the school and the boarding house organize activities that provide opportunities for everyone to get to know each other better and foster new as well as existing friendships, which greatly enriches my daily life. I eagerly anticipate the upcoming years at Westlake, fully convinced that each year will surpass the last in the best possible way!

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