

What people say is really true—Time flies!

I still remember my first day in Pope Paul VI College (PPVIC) when I was shaking with fear, scared with the possibility of what the future beholds for me in this school. Now, I know that my fear was useless. PPVIC gave me all I dreamt of and so much more than that.

In my six years, there were so many incredible experiences that I got to experience with all the special people in my life. One of the most impressive one was when I got to organise some activities for ADHD children together with my friends to allow the children to experience some normality as they may not be able to due to their special condition. For instance, some may not be able to sit still in a place for as little as five minutes while some may lose focus easily. After taking their needs into consideration, we took them on a tour to various places in Hong Kong using different public transports. During the activity, I noticed how difficult it can be for some people to make friends as their differences may not be accepted. I realised the importance of friendship and felt grateful to have such wonderful friends in my life.



I faced the biggest challenge at the beginning of school in form 1 as I had no idea how to speak a complete sentence of Cantonese without stuttering. This disabled me from communicating with my classmates properly but those days also taught me the mentality and the attitude I need to conquer adversities. I recognised that the first thing I could do is to improve my Chinese so I actively sought help. I did face hardships in the process of learning as I thought it was too much for me to absorb and learning Chinese is definitely not a child's play but after spending countless hours in trying to improve my Chinese, I made a huge improvement. I am grateful for the people who supported me until today because I improved so much! The encouragement of the people around me and the determination in my heart enabled me to continuously improve my Cantonese till now.

I have honestly met so many wonderful teachers in PPVIC but I enjoyed Mrs Lo's lessons the most. Our whole class would be waiting for her each and every lesson as she always surprised us by sharing new stories with us. We did not only learn about liberal studies but so much more than that. I was inspired by her as I learnt that there are so many things that we have yet to see in life. Life is like a never ending journey and we are the travellers. We have the right to choose our destinations and walk the path we want.

I have learned so many other life lessons as well in all my six years. People that surround you can truly make a huge difference in your life and it is important to appreciate each and every one of those who make your life more special. I treasure all those beautiful moments that I got to experience with so many people. I could not forget the lessons, parties and picnics with my classmates. The smiling faces of school workers that greeted us everyday and of course, all the discussions on all kinds of topics with the teachers are also included in my unforgettable experiences!



I believe greatly in this—Make your goal not to be better than anyone else but better than you used to be. If you treat everyone around you as your opponent, you couldn't be satisfied as there will always be someone better than you. I had to become a better version of myself in order to be good in Cantonese but if I kept on comparing myself with other locals around me, I would have given up a long time ago. I focused on myself and tried learning from my counterparts to become better. Be humble and learn from everyone around you in order to become a better person.

