

*Outstanding Student Awardee's Sharing*  
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Growth is a Process

Time flies. I still remember vividly every ups and downs that I have gone through, and I hope to take this opportunity to share my experience with you all.

When I was a little kid, I focused on individual sports and longed for personal success. So when I first played volleyball, I wanted to be a spiker, admired by others. However, as time went by, I realized that our team needed a setter, a post that is away from the center of attention and usually forgotten by the audience. So I became the setter. Some of you may ask: 'As a setter, do you feel discouraged?' Indeed, I felt discouraged at the beginning, but in the process, I have learnt what self-denial is. Watching my teammates spiked and got points, I found myself even more excited than getting points on my own. As a sportsman, failures and defeats are inevitable. In the process, I was taught to let go and accept my own limitations. It is okay as long as you have tried your best.

My studies also do the same magic on me.

Since F.4, many people have told me to give up some of my extra-curricular activities, for they thought that would consume a large portion of my energy and time, becoming a drawback to my academic results. I think my extra-curricular activities have become a motivation for me. I am not telling all of you to make your schedule as packed as possible. The point I was trying to make is that we have to know our own goals and objectives, striking a balance between studies and activities. What is more, you should find and do what you truly love instead of forcing yourself to do what you have no interest in just for a title. Yes, this is going to be hard, but I can assure you that one day when you look back what you have come through, you would not regret it, and it would always be one of the best memories in your life.

The road is long. Be that as it may, I am not afraid for I know that I am not alone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my teachers and friends who have always been there for me and have trust in me. Your unwavering support has brought out the best in me. It is my pleasure to have you.

Finally, I would like to end my speech by quoting a line from our 35th anniversary musical: "Because everyone in Lui Ming Choi believes that we have a spark to influence others." I sincerely hope that all of you can explore your potential in your secondary school life!

