



Servant Leader

19-20 Outstanding Leadership Awardee

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What does 'leader' mean to you? When I was a kid, being a leader was a pride as a leader seems to be holding great executive power and play a critical role in a community. Yet, after having experiences of being the chairlady of class association as well as a committee member of different societies, I have realized that being a good leader is not as simple as I thought. I have learnt that a good leader is not a King, but a servant. Gratefully, I have a few opportunities to be a leader at school, which makes me grow a lot and be more mature.

Being one of the directors of the 3D drama performance in the English drama competition last year, I figured out the importance of communication. Coordinating with other directors and stage managers is indispensable to ensure a perfect performance. Since most of the students in our backstage crew do not have much experience of preparing for a performance, a sense of uncertainty engendered and I even had arguments with them, which caused the progress of production to stagnate. Indeed, the root cause of the problem was the lack of communication. This, after the argument, reminded me of what 'leader' means. A leader is the one who leads a group of people to confront obstacles by sorting out a fair solution together, as well as shares her own experiences with the team so that the quality of the product could be improved and the goal could be achieved successfully. Proper double-sided communication here exactly allows my team to share opinions and raise questions, preventing unwanted misunderstanding and maximizing the efficiency.

In addition, it is inevitable that different voices come up in a group. Despite the situation mentioned, balancing opinions and choosing the most suitable method is vital for a leader. When I was evaluating the pros and cons, as well as the reasons why my teammates would suggest such pieces of advice, they made me become more considerate while making every decision, and learn how to express my thoughts in a gentle and appropriate way. Apart from that, sometimes when the actors are struggling, I can immediately use the correct ways to encourage him or her. To be specific, playing games with them or mere a direct chat would make them relax, enjoy the show and perform well.

As I become the chairlady of the Drama Club this year, the responsibilities I have got to bear have increased. Apart from taking care of my group, following up the work done by other groups of the club is equally important. Meanwhile, I should also focus on my own studies as a Form5 student. Therefore, this required me to do a better time management so that I could finish all the work with certain quality and efficiency.

Last but not least, working in the Mathematics Society has made me acquire a lot as well. Although I

am not the chairperson of the society, I am one of the old members and have the responsibility to help the new members. One of the challenges is that I ought to work with junior students who find designing a board hard. In the process of cooperating with them, I become more proactive to guide them in a suitable way

By working in my position, I manage to find out my deficiencies and improve from my experience, especially through working with my teams. Maybe it is still so far for me to be an “excellent” leader. Yet, hopefully, one day I could be a good leader by gaining more and more experiences.