

## Find Your Goal, Thrive for it without Hesitation

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Two years ago, I never imagined who I would become. At that time, getting good grades seemed to be my only goal. My attitudes took a turn I saw the outstanding student of the year receive his award on stage at the Form 3 graduation ceremony. When the emcee read out his achievements, it suddenly dawned on me that excellence not only meant having impressive academic results but also doing great in various aspects. At that time, I joked with my friends that I would be the one standing on stage in two years, but even now, I still cannot believe that day is almost here.

Perhaps by that inspired moment, I began to join various extracurricular activities to try new things and challenge myself since then. I never dared to speak on stage before, let alone participating in a debate competition. But with the encouragement and support of my classmates, I mustered the courage to take that historic step to represent my class in the Form 4 debate competition. My teammates helped me a lot from the first rounds to the semifinals, which eventually earned us a place in the finals. I remember standing in the hall with a hundred people staring at me, I could hear the echo of the microphone as I trembled and stumbled through my argument. I was scared but also brave. At least I dared stand up and challenge myself.

This competition seemed to have turned on the switch within me, and I became more motivated and looked forward to my next breakthrough. Later, I signed up for many different activities such as mock trial and biological literacy competition. Each of them was a completely new experience for me, and each was a step forward. Along the way, I met many people, including peers who were much more talented than me. Working with them allows me to learn a lot. Of course, there were also times when I had arguments and conflicts with teammates, but these experiences also guided me to keep moving forward.

Over the past two years, I also tried to participate in some elections, which required filling out numerous resumes, writing personal essays, and attending countless interviews and training sessions. These left me with inadequate time to prepare for tests and exams. Some people asked me if these activities were worth the time and effort since they did not guarantee a prize. Indeed, sometimes I spent a lot of time writing a long article but failed to even advance to the first round. The other time, I made to the semifinals but did not win the award at the end. It was frustrating. These experiences told me that I still have room for improvement and they gave me the motivation to keep pushing forward. Perhaps the effort I put in won't always have the desired result, but it gave me a chance to challenge myself.

I was not the only one struggling along this path. Besides my friends, teachers at LMC also gave me a lot of encouragement. Sometimes I would hesitate and felt like I was not qualified to participate in these activities, but they would say 'How would you know if you don't try?' I think they are right. At least I need to give myself a chance. Even now, I do not feel that I am good enough. As the saying goes, it is never too old to learn. I will continue to move forward, hoping my future self will be what I imagine.

These are what growth is all about: from success to failure, every effort made leaves its mark. Failure is inevitable, but what is important is never to give up and always believe tomorrow I will be a better self.

## 成長

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兩年前的我從未想過將來的自己會是怎麼樣的，只將自己封鎖在舒適圈內，考好成績是我唯一的目標。但在中三的結業禮上，我看見那年的傑出學生上台領獎，司儀有條不紊地讀出他的成就，我才猛然地意識到，真正優秀的人不只有亮麗的成績單，還需要在不同方面突破自己。那時我跟朋友打趣道，兩年後站在台上的會是我，可現在我仍然不敢相信這一天真的快要到來。



自那次以後，許是受到了鼓舞，我開始留意各種課外活動，開拓一些新範疇來突破自己。以前的我絕對不敢站在講台上說話，更從未想像過自己有一天會參加辯論比賽。但得同學的鼓勵和支持，我還是鼓起勇氣踏出了這歷史性的一步，代表班級參加了中四級辯論比賽。從初賽到複賽，身邊的隊友幫了我很多，才讓我最後有進入決賽的資格。還記得那時站在台上，下面有一百雙眼睛齊齊望著我，耳邊是麥克風的回音，我用顫抖的聲音，磕磕絆絆的將論點表達出來。我很害怕，但我也很勇敢，至少我有站出來，挑戰自己的勇氣。

這一戰像打開了能量的開關，我變得更有動力，期待著下一次突破。後來我更一口氣報了許多不同的活動，從去年的模擬法庭、北京大學領航計劃，到今年的前海創業大賽和生物素養比賽，每一個都是全新的體驗，都是進步的台階。一路上遇上很多人，其中不乏比我優秀的同齡人，和他們合作讓我學到了很多。當然也會遇到和自身性格不合的隊友，我們會有爭執，會有衝突，但我這些經驗也都豐富著我，引導著我繼續向前走。

這兩年我還嘗試參加一些區域性的選舉比賽，這需要填簡歷，寫簡述，去面試和訓練。有一段時間我甚至連續幾個週末奔波不同的機構，完全不夠時間準備測驗和考試。有人問我這些活動這麼耗費時間，卻又不能確保得獎，值得嗎？的確，有時候我寫了長長的一篇文章，卻連初試的機會都沒有；有時候過三關斬六將，卻在最後一刻落敗。很累，很失望，但也很充實。這些經歷告訴我，還有不足的地方，還有進步的空間，也讓我更有動力繼續向前。也許付出了不一定會有結果，但我獲得了挑戰自己的機會。值得嗎？答案是：值得。

這一路上不止有我一個在奮鬥，除了身邊的同伴，學校的老師們也給了我莫大的鼓勵。有時候我會猶豫，覺得自己沒有資格參加這些活動，但他們會說「不試一試怎麼知道？」是啊，不讓自己試一試，闖一闖，又怎麼知道自己行不行？我至少得給自己一個機會，去突破、學習、進步。現在的我仍不覺得自己足夠優秀，俗話說活到老學到老，我會繼續勇往直前，期待未來的自己會是想像中的樣子。

我想成長就是這樣，從好的到不好的，從成功的到失敗的，一步一步都是努力的痕跡，是進步的最好證明。失敗無可避免，沒有人是常勝將軍，但重要的是永遠不要退縮，永遠相信明天的自己會變得更好。也不要忘記身邊的人，他們的鼓勵和支持將是自己成長路上最好的動力。