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Message From the Editor

Upon reflection, 2021 has not been the best year. We all had hoped that the transition of the year from 2020 when the minute hand had ticked to 0:00 would magically grant us freedom. Freedom to talk to fellow pupils instead of sitting in front of the laptop all day. However, there was no magic. Throughout our year, we have all faced our own difficulties both individually and as a group.

This year, I had the honour and prerogative of being the editor-in-chief of the WIS yearbook 2021. Initially, I wasn't especially willing to be the editor but being an editor was a fascinating and enjoyable experience. I was able to take on the responsibility of creating, designing and supervising and being supervised by others.

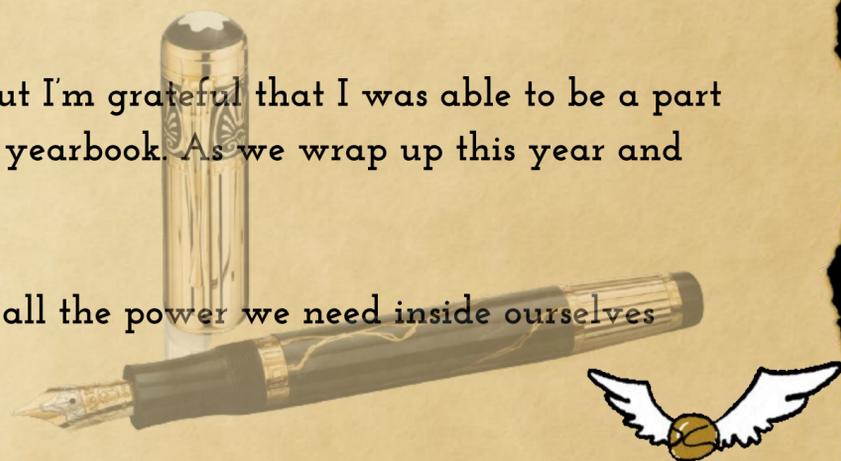


Our yearbook is themed after Harry Potter. With the base idea of applying 'grit, determination, resilience and perseverance to each of our house animals, we've remodelled WIS into a Hogwarts full of mysteries and adventures. We, the Editorial and Creative Writing Club wanted the yearbook to be as accessible as possible to freshmen including alumni who may not be able to get a physical copy. Also, from the previous year, we've made it more interactive by shifting platforms from PDF to Google Slides.

Despite the fact that the Editorial and Creative Writing Club once was a three-man show, we had a few late additions who joined us and contributed immeasurably to the contents of this yearbook. Without them, the yearbook would have looked entirely different from the near perfection it is now. I would also like to thank Ms. Choong for all the support and direction she has given. Even if she was dealing with a group of students who hardly had any experience except for two members from last year, she still led and supported us all the way. I would also like to thank Ms. Ivy who left WIS in the first half of the year. She was an absolute treasure trove of ideas for the task and was a wonderful English teacher who taught me for a term. Lastly, Mr. Josh, who came in as our new teacher advisor, contributed especially to what's being written right now, the letter from the editor. Thank you for believing in me and cooperating with me.

What brought us here definitely had its ups and downs but I'm grateful that I was able to be a part of this yearbook. I look forward to you all enjoying this year's yearbook. As we wrap up this year and prepare to take on 2022, remember:

"We do not need magic to transform the world. We carry all the power we need inside ourselves already." - J.K. Rowling



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Message From the Principal

We have reached the end of yet another extraordinary school year. The prolonged school closure and implementations of different Movement Control Orders in the last 2 years have affected us all; in our interactions as well as the way we work and learn..

Despite all of the many changes and challenges, I am glad to see that our students and staff have persevered together and grown stronger as a result. Our A Level students did not throw in the towel, instead they rose to the challenge to bring in an astounding result 63%A*/A! This is truly a demonstration of hard work, determination and perseverance.

I would like to applaud the effort by the Editorial and Creative Writing, and Photography clubs in bringing us this edition of Shine 2021. It captures the snapshot of the highlights and memorable events of the year and I hope that we are able to look back fondly at the good times with friends, the new people we have met (friends, teachers and staff) and the achievements amidst challenges thrown our way. It is truly a reflection of the learning and striving to be better in all that we do and instead of giving up, getting down, or becoming complacent, we have all adapted and persevered.

The Student Council found ways to unite for students to come together and collaborate using their creativity and technology knowledge. We now have WISdom; a platform for students to contribute their articles and share their thoughts.

In the face of adversity, we grew to be resilient and adaptable; we found ways to collaborate and work together. We use technology and creativity to maintain our sense of community, to find ways to connect, to not only have fun but be supportive of each other. All these while continuing to access education. This has helped make us stronger and built our confidence, knowing that we truly are stronger than we thought.

For each of the achievements in our lives, it has taken hard work and team work. Let us treasure this yearbook as a testimony that we are indeed courageous and strong and look forward to a much better and brighter future as we march forth to pursue excellence!

I would like to leave you this quote from Walt Disney:

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."



Message From the Academic Director

When I received the request from the School Editor to write a message for the 2021 Yearbook, I struggled to think about what I was going to share. If 2020 was the year of shocks, 2021 was to be the year of the New Normal! But was it really the New Normal??

Looking back at 2021, it is hard to pinpoint the standout moments, that I can confidently say have been pivotal in shaping what comes ahead. We were out of school for more days than we were in school. As the year progressed into the second half, it has felt more like an endless dreary trudge, a life on repeat cycle punctuated by weekends that feel more of the same of the weekdays.

Yet, there is one truth that I hold close. Each and every experience in our lives happens for a reason, it shapes us in profound ways that we do not even realize until years later and we must believe that we will be better than what we are now.

With this in mind, I would say that looking back at 2021, for us as a school community it has been all about courage and resilience.

The courage of the students, teachers, staff and extended WIS community to accept and embrace a year that has been so different from anything that we have ever experienced before. In particular the courage of the Year 11 students who left school on the 10th of May, only to return on the 4th of October to walk into their IGCSE examinations on the 6th of October. The courage of all the students and teachers, across all levels, who hunkered down and powered through without knowing what, when and how the next month would unfold. The extended WIS community who had the courage to take on that everything which shaped school life, would now look and feel so different. Collectively we have soldiered on - going beyond just attending lessons online, but participating in House Sports Challenges, attending Career Talks and Mental Health Wellbeing Workshops, signing up for competitions and supporting each other realizing that we were all in this boat together.

These are the life experiences that build resilience. The ability to be courageous - standing up and taking on the challenges that life delivers only makes us better people in the long run. Each and every one of us experienced 2021 differently, but we share in common that 2021 was unlike any other year prior. That - is the shared experience that will build strong bonds and build a resilient school community that can only flourish in the years to come.

Thank you all for staying on this journey that was 2021. Looking forward to a better and brighter 2022.

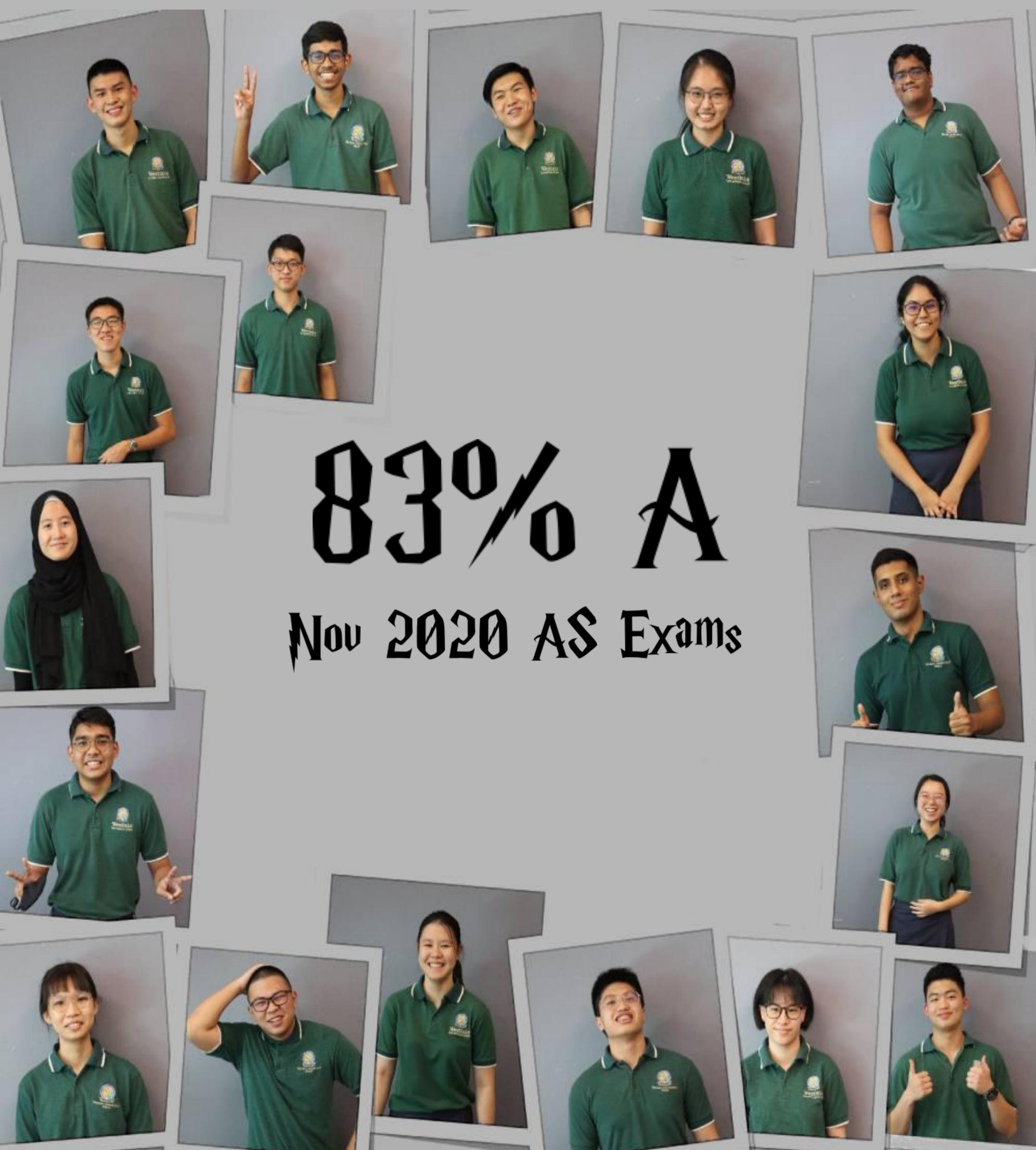
Ms. Anushia





Achievements

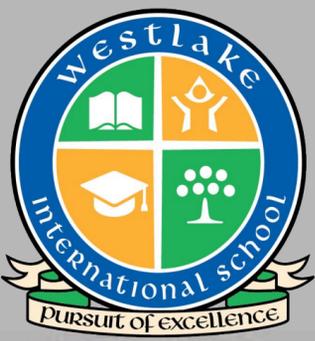




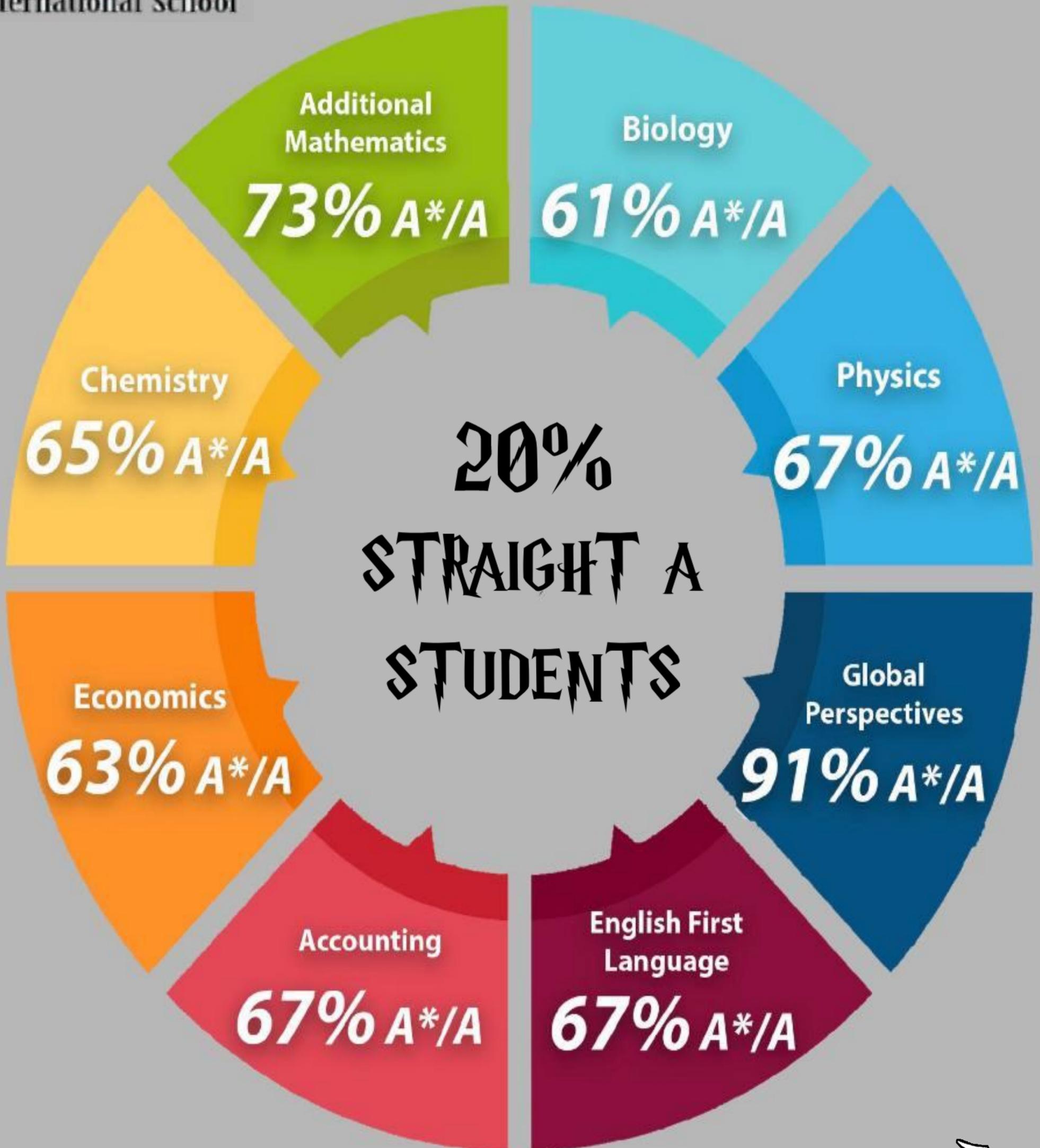
83% A

Nov 2020 AS Exams





Westlake International School



AS Level
November
2020
Results

OVERALL **A*-A**

83%

OVERALL **A-C**

95%

A*-A
67%
ECONOMICS

A*-A
67%
PSYCHOLOGY

A*-A
93%
CHEMISTRY

A*-A
82%
PHYSICS

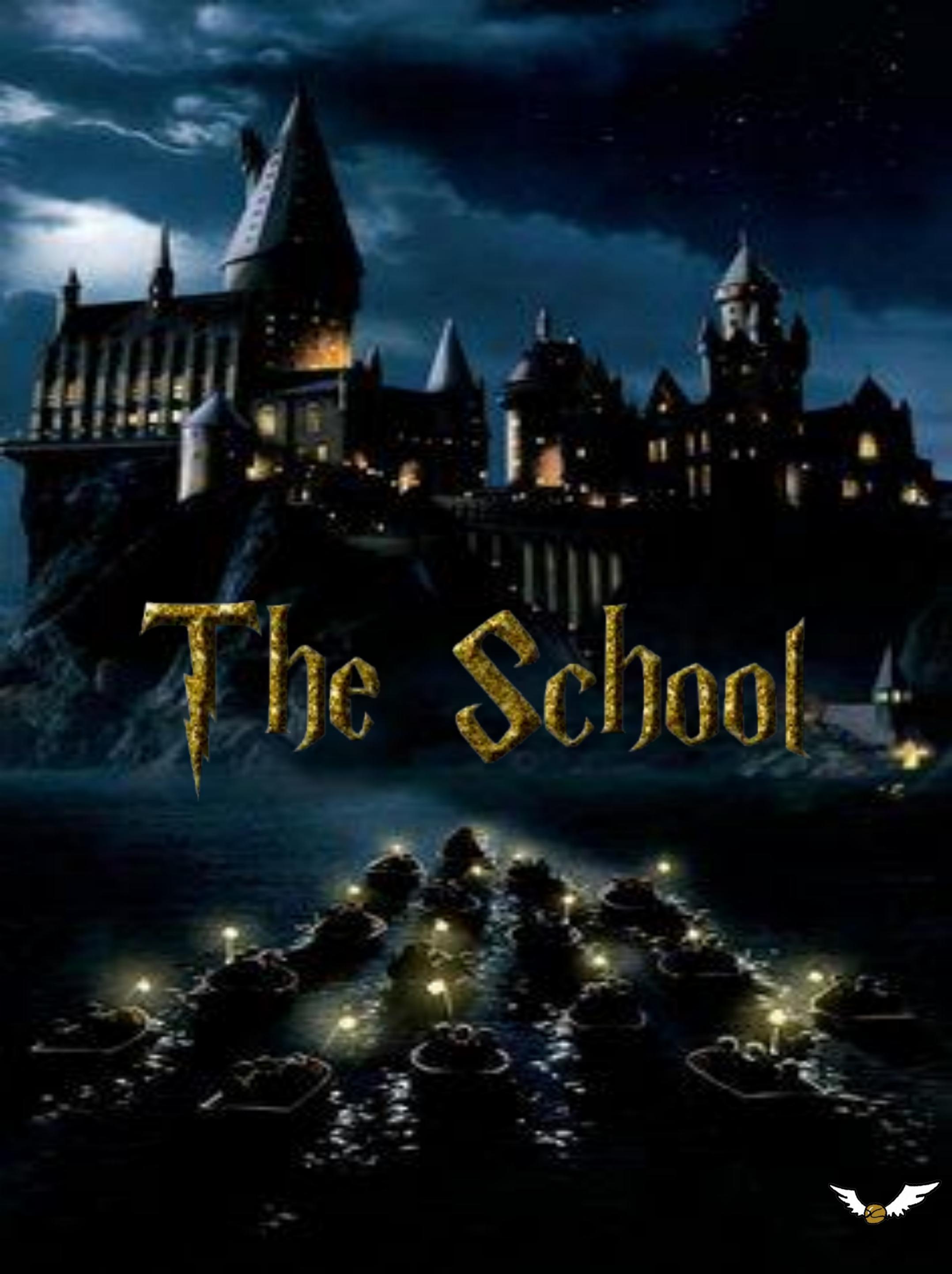
A*-A
80%
BIOLOGY

A*-A
83%
MATHEMATICS



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The School



Senior Management Team



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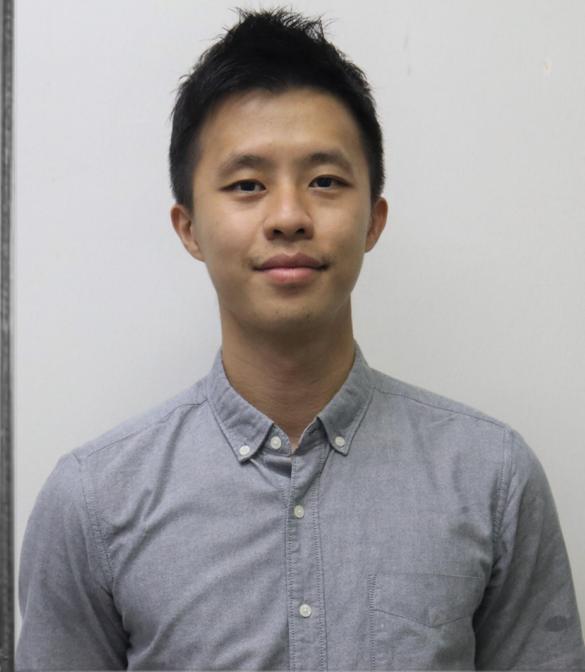
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Academic Quality Assurance
Coordinator



WONG SU TING
Head of Student Services



Student Council

Message From the President

If someone told me I would be who I am now 3 years ago, I wouldn't have believed them. I had the worst stage frights. I was an introvert who could hardly communicate. I never imagined I would take up the President of Student Council role, and yet, here I am.

The first step to my transformation began when I applied for Student Council back in 2018. I can confidently say the Student Council has been my motivator, pushing me out of my comfort zone and constantly making me grow and improve. With the valuable experience and skills I obtained throughout the way, I signed up for the President role.



I've got to admit, this has got to be the most challenging year for the Student Council. Before we even organised the team, MCO was implemented. We had to make changes to the original ways and adapt to online meetings and discussions. Many events we planned had to be cancelled due to covid. Yet, we gave the best we could in the little time we had.

We organised a Donation Drive event in which we raised funds and collected items to be given to kids in charity houses. The smiles on their faces when they collected their "gift" from us will be my greatest achievement of all time.

I am very thankful and grateful for the Teacher Advisors: Mr Emeric, Ms Livien and Ms Onn. Despite their workload and busy schedule, they made time to attend our meetings and gave their insights. My Secretary, Hira, and Assistant Secretaries, Zhi Yui and Abigail, have been extremely hardworking and dedicated. Thank you for being supportive of me. Lastly, thank you Student Council members. I wish I could mention all your names but the word count is limiting. Without your support, none of this would have been possible. I will cherish all the moments and memories we have shared.

From the bottom of my heart, I do not regret a single moment of my presidency, instead I wished it would have lasted longer. My advice to my juniors in WIS is to explore the world. A small group of friends is comfortable and fun, but taking a step further into the world and pushing yourself to discover and unleash your potential is important.

"Life is full of wonderful things. Don't draw a circle and live in it. Go and explore"

- Ponnarasu Kandasamy



STUDENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE 2020-2021



President: Ponnarasu Kandasamy

Secretary: Hira Akhbar

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Prefectorial Board

Message from the Head Boy

Being a Head Prefect was definitely something that never crossed my mind. But yet, I have no regrets, and it was a true honour and privilege. Taking up the role provided me with the courage I yearned, it made me realise how much more I could do in making the school a better place. It taught me how to lead the prefect group as one, and training the younger years to take up the bigger roles that await them.

MCO 3.0 struck us like a huge storm. Overnight, we woke up to the bad news about transitioning back to online classes. Regardless, we did our best in overcoming the obstacles as one whole prefect team.



I would personally like to thank both teachers, Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Lisa, for unlocking the potential we prefects have, despite the tough and difficult times. Carrying out big plans to make use of the values we contain and keeping all of us connected online was something that kept us afloat and moving forward. I would also like to thank all my fellow prefects, for sharing thoughts and ideas with one another, for proving what it takes to be a group of student leaders, by leading the school's assembly.

It was all one huge step forward; all I can say is that I am proud and grateful for the hard work each and every one of you have put in. Without your presence, none of these would have been possible.

For now, I hope for the best for all of you, it was truly memorable to work with you guys. Make sure to stay safe during these times and stay home! As I depart from this role, I would like to end with a quote,

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

Joseph Wong Yew-Hwa



Prefectorial Board

Message From the Head Girl

Ever since joining the Prefectorial Board, I've understood what leadership means to me. It wasn't as simple as just being able to guide the students, but to also uphold qualities of resilience and responsibility. To me, an ideal leader is someone who is flexible and remains calm during pressuring situations. They are someone who people enjoy to work with, and also someone who is capable of boosting the morale of the team during dark times. That someone is who I will still continue to strive to become.

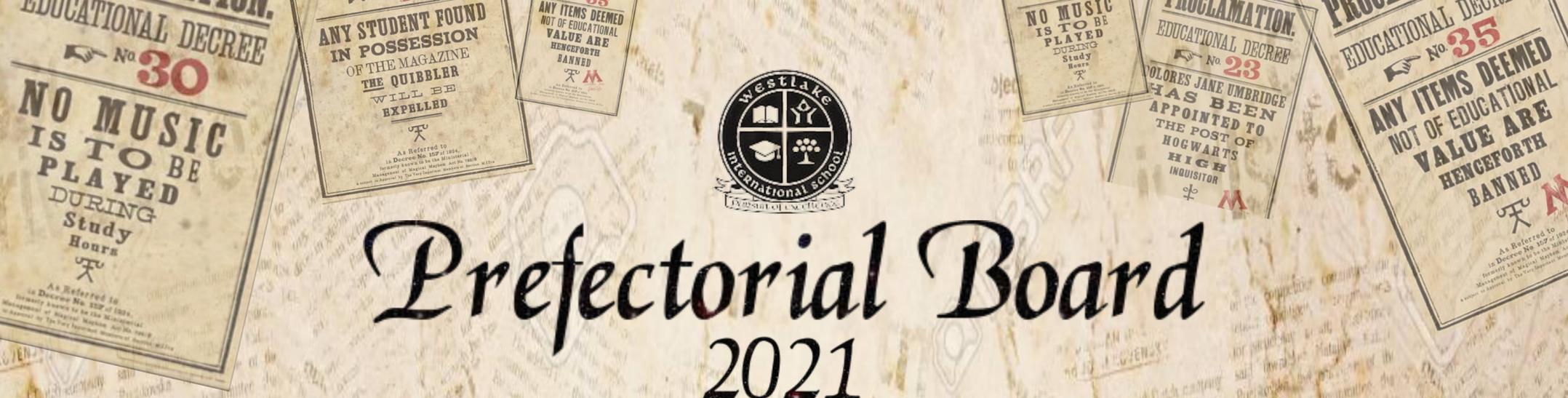
I am thankful to Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Lisa for their guidance throughout the year. Even as we had another lockdown this year, the teachers still persisted and never gave up on supporting the prefects. I am also grateful to the prefects, as they have worked hard and diligently in projects even during the lockdown period. Reflecting back on my years of being a prefect, I've learnt many lessons and gained many memorable memories together with the team. Perseverance was one of the qualities that I have picked up. Meetings were often enjoyable due to the witty humour of our younger prefects. It isn't an overstatement to say that my life has changed ever since.



Nevertheless, I wish everyone good luck and to continue fighting to become the best version of yourselves. Thank you everyone for your hard work. It was an honour to be able to serve as Head Prefect at Westlake.

Sincerely,
Tan Hui Yi





Prefectorial Board 2021

Head Boy: Joseph Wong (11W)



Head Girl: Tan Hui Yi (11I)



Secretary: Tharsinaa Gynalan (10W)

Year 10

- Caleb Hew Kai Han (10W)
- Eimaan Saad Ali (10W)
- Wong Ann Jie (10I)
- Yugendaran Gynalan (10W)
- Adithyar Nithiabala Jr (10W)
- Yow Fui Shan (10W)
- Lim Pei Jie (10W)
- Wong Pui Xun (10I)
- Shawn Arun Javier AL D Karunanithy (10S)

Years 8 & 9

- Kotoha Maeda (9I)
- Bilal Nasir (9S)
- Ezinne Gift Aliyah Dubem (9W)
- Roobicaa A/P Kamalakannan (9S)
- Tan Lik Xian (8W)
- Syed Fauzan Ali (8W)
- Li Min Yang (8W)
- Lam Dorris (8W)
- Chai Cheek Hang (8W)
- Kong Zhuo Yi (8W)



Year 7

- Yip En Xi (7I)
- Gavriel Tan (7W)
- Ashton Irvine Ravinther (7W)
- Tan Kai Xin (7W)
- Elona Cassandra (7I)
- Siddarth Partiban (7W)
- Constantin S. Friedrich Schwarzacher (7W)
- Herwin Kamalakannan (7W)
- Ahmed Montasir (7W)



Prefectorial Board

Primary Prefects

Year 5

Lai Kai Qing (5W)

Safwan Ahmad Mahamad Al-Yacouby (5W)

Lee Bo Cheng (5I)

Miruthin Jesh Radhika Ramani (5I)

Year 6

Sae Xing Wern (6W)

Yash Sri (6W)

Adnan Ayoub Mohammed Abdalla (6W)

Yee You Zen (6W)

Nwando Miriam (6W)

Dhaaniya Kasirajan (6W)

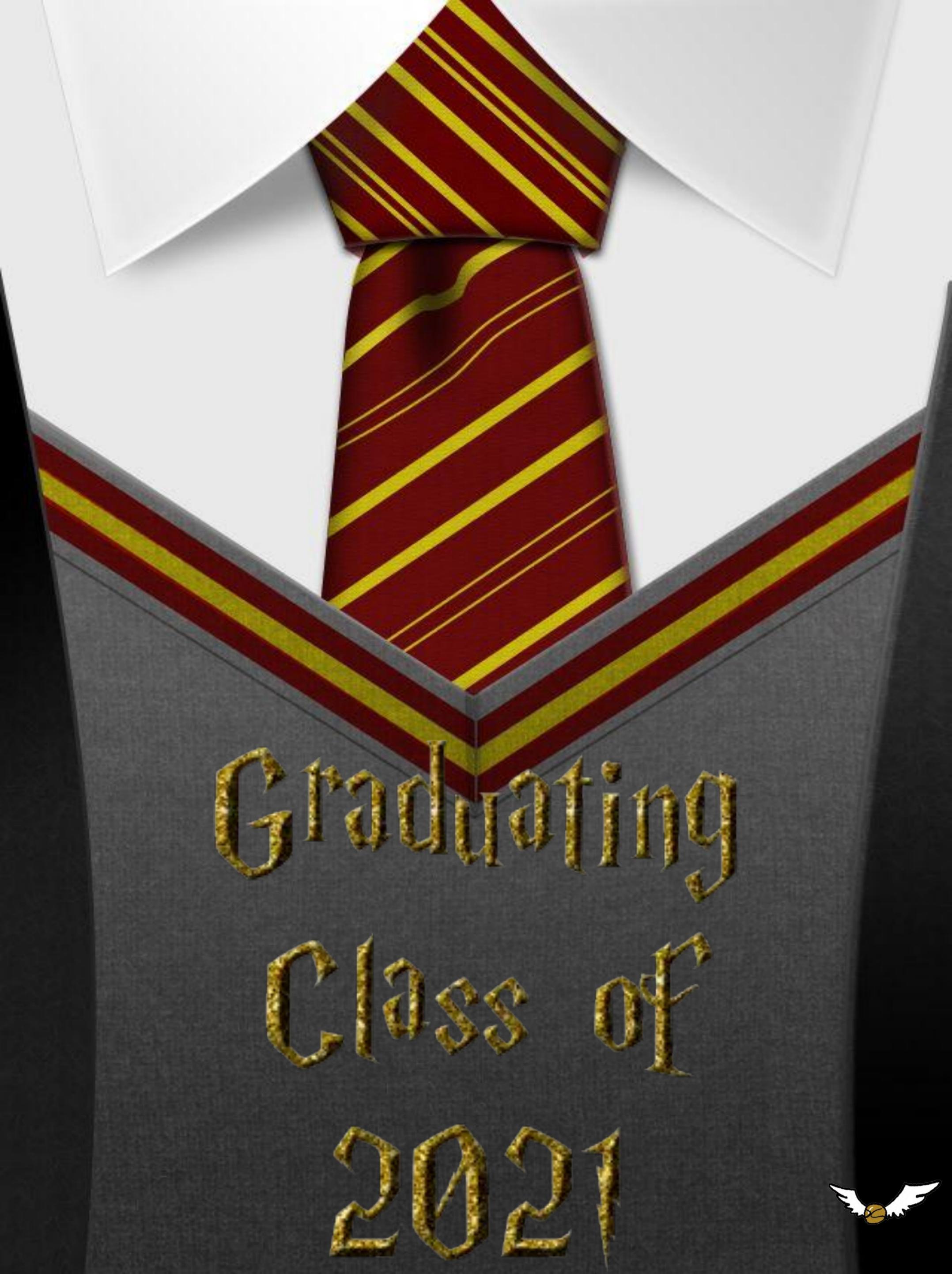
Kota Shimizu (6W)

Siew Qing Syuen (6I)

Abilash Prakash (6I)

Wong Wen Hao (6I)





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11W



MS. FOH LIAN HUAI

Dearest students,

It has been amazing watching each and everyone of you grow. The year has come and gone so quickly. I cannot believe the end is already here. I truly will miss you all and remember all the fun and good times that we had together.

These years were never easy for you, but you didn't give up. I'm glad that you all were able to make it through.

As you continue through life, never forget to keep learning and to keep having fun at the same time. I'm so excited for your future and best wishes for your future adventures.

Love, Ms Foh



11W



Abigail Wee Yue En

*"The greatest teacher,
failure is."
-Yoda*



Adeel Tsubone

*If you have time to
think about the
beautiful end, then
live beautiful until the
end. Be crazy as
normal is too boring.*



Colin Yoon Seng Hinn

*If you can't do
something, then don't.
Focus on what you
can do.*



Hwang Hyeonjeong

*I have wonderful
memories in Westlake
that I'll never forget.*



Angus Loi Shing Yau



Ivan Diong Zi En



11W



Joseph Wong Yew Hwa

What's green and has wheels? Grass. I lied about the wheels.



JTrishaan Jagen

Don't forget the name.



Lee Pin Jing

KCUL DOOG



Leong Kai Jie

Just move on to the next quote

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Lew Dickson

If you run away from it, you'll never improve.



Looi Jun Xian

You can find me at McDonald





Mari Yoshino Robb

「こんなことは自分のやりたいことじゃない」特に何もやりたいことのない人間が最もよく言う言葉だよ... 一漫画うらみちお兄さん第七話より抜粋
まるで自分に言われているかのようで、ドキッとしたよ。
アニメうらみちお兄さん、ぜひ見てね
☆



Ong Rong Qi

McD staff bright future



Ponnarasu Kandasamy

How can I balance my life when I can't even balance an equation?



Saw Yin Qi



Sia Zhi Yii

Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard, but I'm talented and work quite hard so good luck catching up.



Tan Pwey-Hwang

sayonara

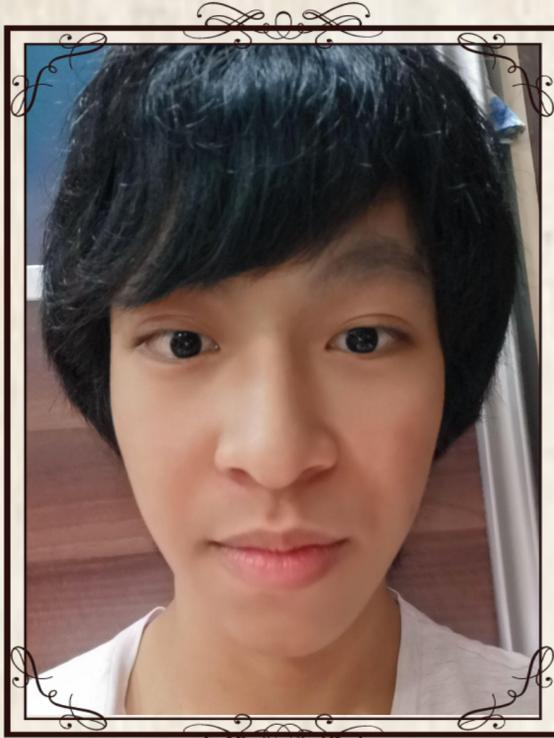


11W



Thanaporn Kulsawat

Why can't I dye my hair?



Thee Min He

Bye



Yang Chanju

바이



Yang YerYeong

바이



Yap Wen Chen

Heading to the next phase of life... Don't think that graduating is the end stop of your life, you still need to learn and grow and be a better person



Yew Yen Xing

No matter how many times your effort/grades fail/disappoint you, always believe in yourself, believe in your potential in chasing your dreams. 不满于现状 有野心 敢拼敢闯 才不会有遗憾。



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MS. GRACE KOK SIOW EN

To all the Year 11s that I have taught: Working through the virtual learning could be out of your depth, yet, I am very delighted with you as you have soared over the raging torrent, with willpower, courage and determination. No one can stop you from becoming the person you aspire to be. You have individual geniuses and aptitudes, start believing in your ability and leverage this truth. I wish you every opportunity in your new adventure which looks bright and full of incredible possibilities!





Abdourahmane Faye

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.

- Stephen Hawking



Agnes Wong Shin Uu

Can't believe I managed to survive through Y11 without going bald :0



Bryan Law Kah Chun

I rather make mistakes than do nothing at all.



Calvin Giam Jian Tao



Chong Jia Sin

Time flies. We were young and dumb and here we are graduating to become menaces to society.



Joel Soh Wei Rong

Stop the waffles.





Kim Dowon

Compare yourself to who you were yesterday, not the useless person you are today



Lam Dorren

There are some things you just cannot change, your mindset and intelligence is not one of them.



Lam Zi Hin

Legend Never Die- Ricardo Milos (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=dzMtCKWMynU>)



Lee Boon Thiam



Lim Jia Jin

Westlake cares so much that students aren't allowed to wear their jackets outside the classroom to protect us from heatstroke



Lim Wan Xuan

People who care about each other will meet again.





Louis Cha Hao Le

Every adventure is better with a friend!



Ng Wen Tziang



Oh Kar Yu



Park Jaehwan

Looking towards the future seems long, but looking backwards on what I have done seems short. I learnt many things here and I believe I can do everything, overcome every challenge in the future. "Aal izz well" (All is well)



Tan Hui Yi

I'll say my farewells in hopes we'll meet again.



Teng Yan Pin

*"The road to success is always under construction."
- Lily Tomlin*





Ting Yong Ming

天下无不散的宴席，
离开是为了成为更优
秀的人



Tse Hon Ning



Wong Sheng-Wen



Dear Year 11s,

I have taught some of you for a year and the rest for 2 years. I'm very proud of who you have all become. Keep on growing. Keep adding to the goodness and beauty in the world. Keep developing those unique dreams and talents that make you who you are! I'm definitely going to miss all of you.

Good Luck!



Ms. Lisa



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MR. CALVIN LIM WEN QUAN

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

- Nelson Mandela





Boon Xian Long

*Call me if u need a
job in Mcdonald
05-467 2222*

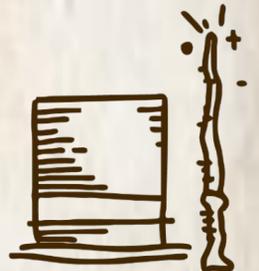


Cheang Jing-Yang

*Never gonna give
you up, Never gonna
let you down,
determination &
perseverance is a key
to success.*



Chen Gin Xum



Christopher Wong Zi Xiang

*It's hard to come up
with a great joke. It
took my mom 9
months to come up
with one*



Daryl Goh Hin Chik

*Just wasted my best years for
an education and a pdf, I'm
probably getting a mediocre
job, slowly wasting my life
away. Not leaving any mark
in the ever-expanding
universe.*



Fong Chen Chee

*The road to success is
always under
construction :)*





Hanum Syifaa
Kamala Isya



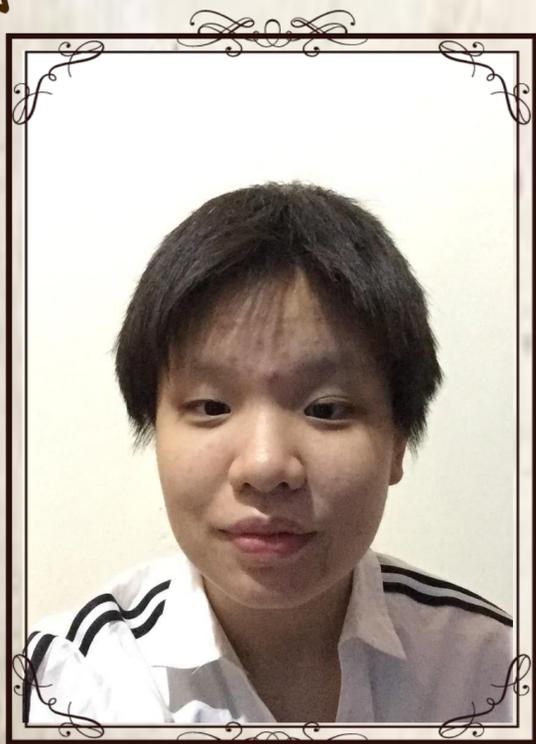
Henry Chai Cheng Heng

*All the best to the next
Yll.*



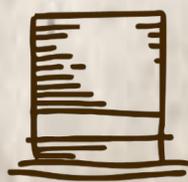
Hira Akbar

*Find your people,
and treat each day
like a lifetime.*



Joey Cheah Zu Jin

*Balance is essential to
fairness and equality.*



Kenan Alexander
Setyati

*I need to touch some
grass.*



Lai Bo You

*Nothing to say, nothing
to write, but just a word
of advice... enjoy the
time, remember the
period, as it is a precious
scene to look back on.*



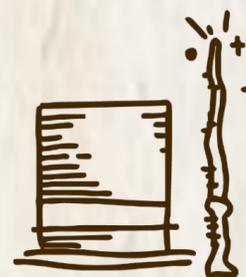


Low Tze Fong

Today, COVID cases is 19,257 and the Prime Minister is Muhyiddin



Mouhammad Faye



Tan Yi Sheng

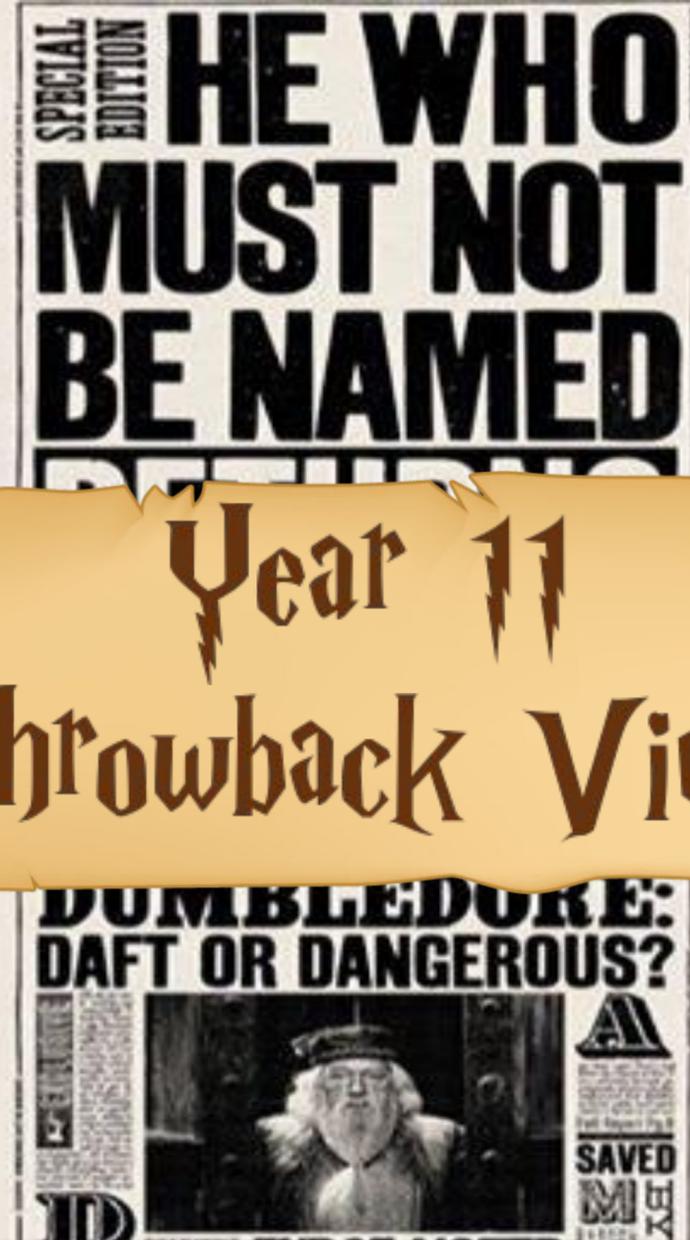
Some people are gonna accompany you for just a short period of your life. You can't demand so much from others. The only thing you can demand is yourself.



Wong Fu Yu

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Year 11
Throwback Video

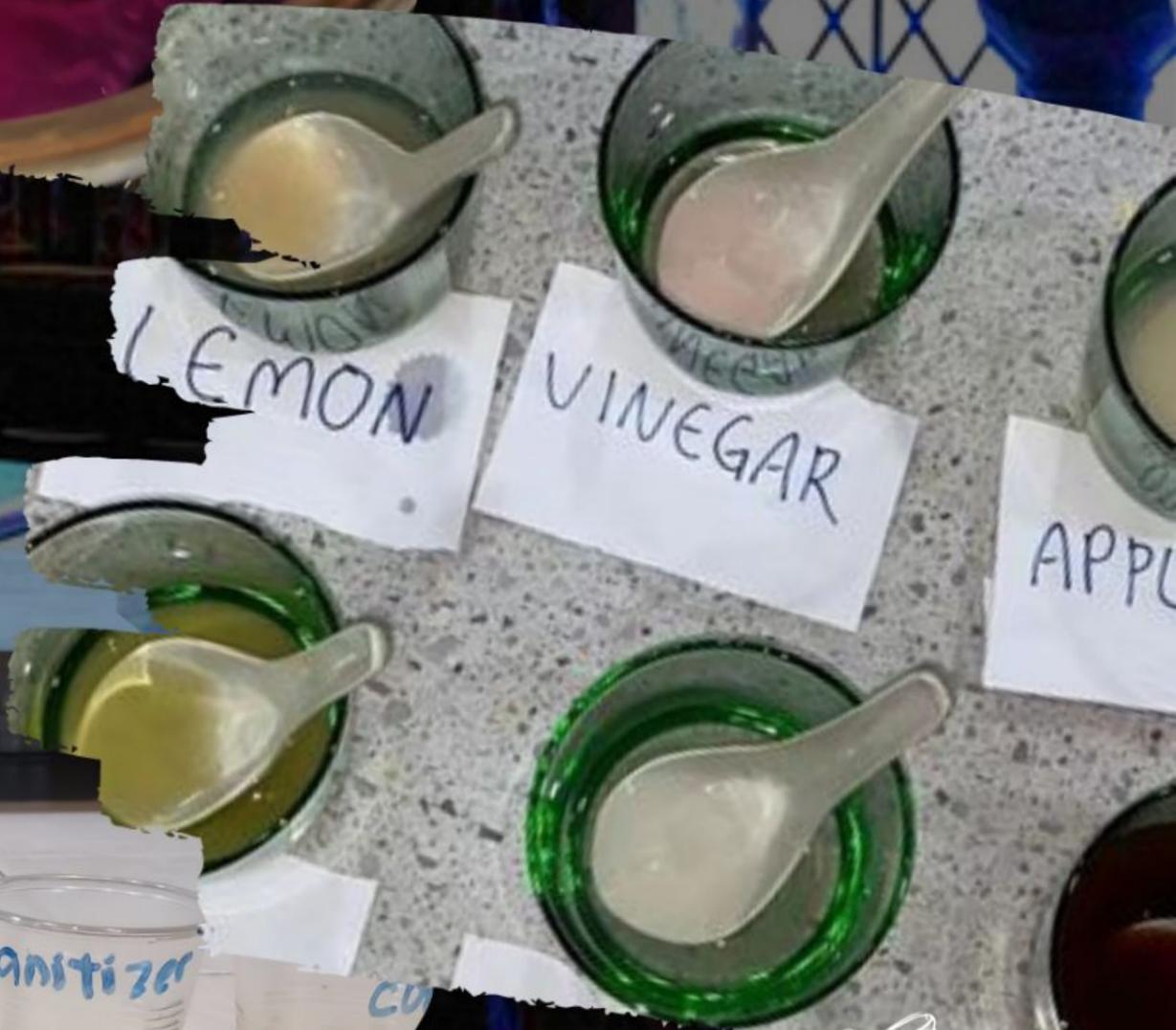
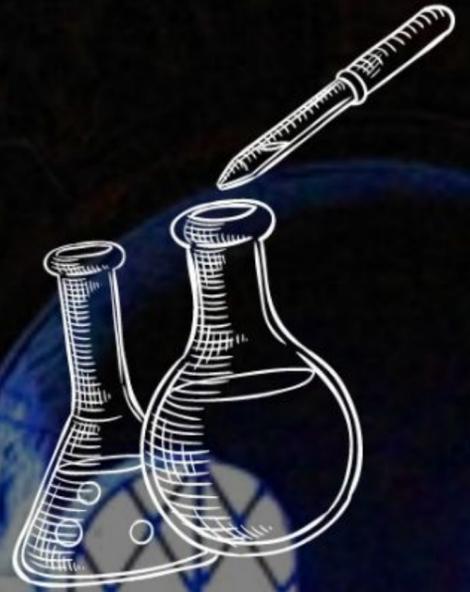


Talent Showcase



Homemade Indicator

by STEM



Archery

by Boarding House



NOCK,
DRAW,
LOOSE!



Designing a House From Recyclables

by Year 4



By Aisha Shaheedam 4W

By Minahil Siddiqui 4W



By Yee You Min 4I



Year 3

Digital Drawing



Yein



Mohammed



Dakshayani



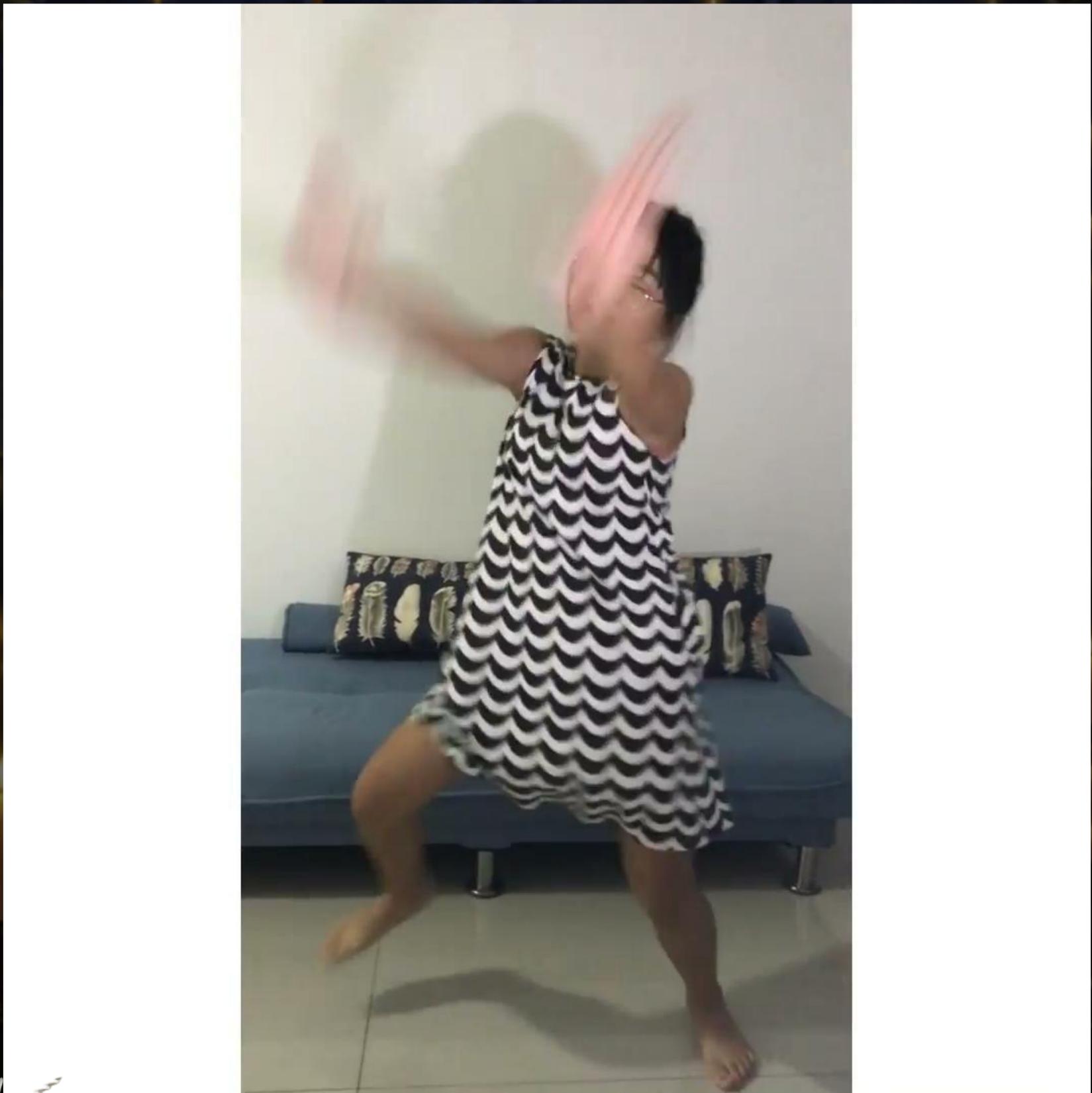
Nur Azalea



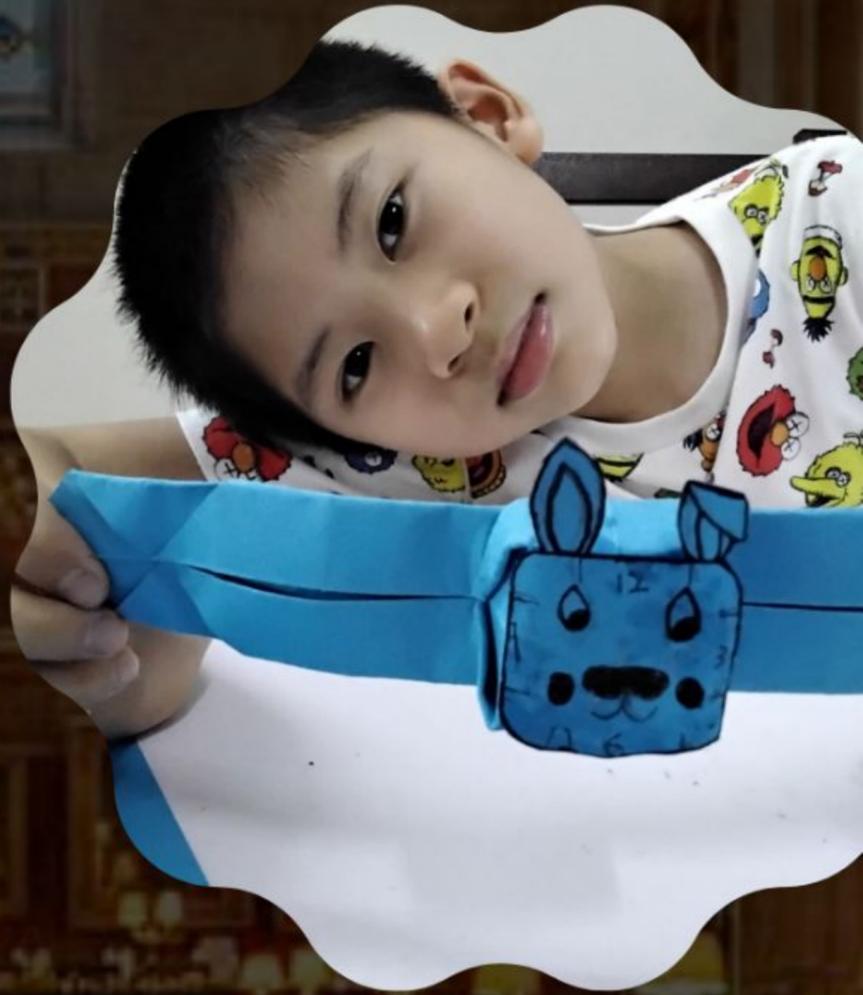
Dance

By Karin Ogata (6 J)

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