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# Do My Best, and No Regret



**Ting Tsz Ho, Bosco**  
– Class of 2020





**“ If There Was No YouTube in This World, I Would Not Have Developed a Deep Love for English. ”**

Having achieved an overall form ranking of 1<sup>st</sup>, Bosco received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award. He has done well in all subjects, especially in English Language. He said, “I have developed a strong interest in English YouTube videos since I was four. If there was no YouTube in this world, I would not have developed a deep love for English.”

YouTube now pulls in over 1.8 billion users every month, and Bosco is one of them. He explained, “I am eager to completely understand the video content so I strive to increase my vocabulary.” If you see Bosco on campus, there is always a thick English novel with him. While “Harry Potter” is his favourite, he never turns his nose up at easy books because even the simplest ones are useful in language learning. Bosco added, “I speak English at home too, especially when chatting with my younger brother. His English is even better than mine! We can learn from each other.”

Bosco has made friends with foreign ballet dancers.







Bosco enjoys the reading session and has developed a good reading habit.

### **“Starting With Some Fun and Easy Books Helps Develop a Good Reading Habit.”**

Bosco’s academic result was excellent in P.1; however, he experienced his first frustration in P.2 as he did not do well in Chinese Language. His ranking fell into the 20<sup>th</sup>-40<sup>th</sup> section. Bosco recalled, “I not only wanted to excel in English but also, do better in Chinese. Thus, I began reading more Chinese novels.” He never forces himself to read an unenjoyable book. “I like funny books with silly jokes. I believe starting with some fun and easy books helps develop a good reading habit.” In fact, every morning before the first lesson begins, students at W F Joseph Lee Primary School are encouraged to sit down and read together. The teachers join the reading session too. Bosco has really reaped the benefit of the activity: forming his own reading habit, expanding his vocabulary, as well as achieving good academic results.

### **“I Put My Best Effort in Every Competition.”**

Apart from being a diligent student, Bosco is also an excellent ballet dancer. He started his ballet class when he was four, though he dared not tell others at the very beginning. “I watched YouTube and found that quite a lot of boys learn ballet and they really indulge their passion for dancing. For those who think that ballet is for girls only, they may not truly understand the art.” Bosco stated that his ballet instructor was strict,



Bosco won numerous awards in international ballet competitions.





and sometimes he would be stressed out. When he feels nerve-racking, he reads novels for relaxation. While ballet can place him under pressure at times, Bosco has learnt a lot from his instructor's philosophy, "I won't be blamed if I don't get the prize, but I will be blamed if I don't do my best. My instructor just wants me to put my best effort in every competition." After receiving numerous awards and being invited to international competitions every year, Bosco even had an offer from an overseas dancing school in P.5. Yet, he turned down the offer because he wanted to complete his primary education at W F Joseph Lee Primary School. He added, "As my parents own a dancing school, I would like to help them manage the business in the future. My goal is to study Business Administration at university, and then grow the business through diversification."

### Achievements in Recent Years

Year	Event	Achievement
2020	Wofoo Moral and Civic Student Award Scheme	Merit Awards with certificates
2019	The 44 <sup>th</sup> Yuen Long District Meet Group 4x100m Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-up
2019	Invitation Relay Boys 4x100m	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-up
2019	Asian English Usage Contest	Silver Award in Final Event
		Gold Award in Heat Event
2019	The 47 <sup>th</sup> Open Dance Contest	Gold Award (Best Performance Award)
2019	Asian Grand Prix International Ballet Competition Hong Kong Regional	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
2019	Youth America Grand Prix China Semi-Finals	1 <sup>st</sup> place in Contemporary
2019	Asian Elite Dance Competition	Gold Medal in Classical
		Gold Medal in Contemporary



Bosco is not only a brilliant dancer but also, a shoo-in to win various academic and sports competitions.



A young boy with dark hair, wearing a white lab coat and clear safety goggles, is smiling slightly while looking towards the camera. He is standing in a science laboratory, with various pieces of equipment and supplies visible in the background. He is holding a small object in his hands, possibly a test tube or a small container. The background shows a typical lab setting with shelves, containers, and equipment. The overall atmosphere is one of a focused and engaged student in a learning environment.

**Love to Learn,  
and Learn to Love**

**Chung Yee Nok, Enoch**  
– Class of 2020



**“ Learning Is to Understand the Fundamentals Behind Knowledge. ”**

W F Joseph Lee Primary School has set up the Learner Award for students who have possessed compelling characteristics of a Life-long Learner. Enoch is the winner this year. He believes the most important thing about “learning” is to understand the fundamentals behind knowledge. He explained that some of his classmates only memorised examples and diagrams; when the teacher asked the questions the other way round, they did not know how to get the correct answers. But for Enoch, he always analyses and solves the problems step-by-step, “Mathematics is my favourite subject. It is magical, fun, and brings me plenty of useful ideas. More importantly, mathematicians spend their lifetime inventing formulae for social advancement, which shows me how essential perseverance is to success.”



### **“Mathematics Olympiad Teaches Me That I Should Not Limit Myself.”**

Enoch has developed such a great passion for mathematics, and he was finally invited to join the Maths Olympiad school team. “My teammates started their training earlier than me. Even though I might not keep pace with them at first, I still enjoyed the class very much. Mathematics Olympiad teaches me that I should not limit myself.” Although there are some topics which he does not understand from time to time, Enoch will still be able to solve the problems once he gets the fundamental principles behind, and can apply them to figure out other questions. “I didn’t think I was qualified to be shortlisted for the team originally. But after undergoing continuous training with stamina, now I am pleased to say – I am qualified,” Enoch said confidently.



Enoch was awarded for his outstanding academic achievement.





Enoch enjoys his school life and builds up a strong sense of belonging to W F Joseph Lee Primary School.

### **“I Just Want to Know Where My Abilities Can Take Me To.”**

Enoch recalled that he barely entered the top 20<sup>th</sup> section in P.1, “Although my academic performance back then was just so-so, I still recognise my abilities. I had no idea about chasing scores nor getting higher ranking, but I started to focus more on my study in P.2. I just want to know where my abilities can take me to.” He has developed a habit of setting up a timetable for himself: when to finish homework, when to do revision, when to have tutorial classes, and so on. He always takes responsibility for his own study. He exclaimed, “Throughout these six years, I’ve never submitted homework late because I really keep all the deadlines in my mind!”

Apart from improving his academic performance, Enoch has also made more friends since P.2, which contributed to his stronger sense of belonging to the school.

### **“My Family Gives Me All Kinds of Love.”**

Enoch wants to become an orthopaedic surgeon when he grows up, and he admitted that this is because of his father. “My father is a physiotherapist. I have heard many terms related to the human musculoskeletal system from him, and I found this speciality interesting. Moreover, I really care about the older members of my family, who are suffering from bone dystrophy. If I become an orthopaedic surgeon in the future, I believe I can relieve their pain.”





Whenever Enoch mentioned his parents, he wore a smile. "My family gives me all kinds of love. My mother aspires me to be a specialist, and I am delighted at her high expectation. As for my father, he simply wants me to be happy. I remember two years ago when I was preparing for the exam painstakingly, he told me that he would have my back no matter what. His words did warm my heart."

### **"Humility Is the Foundation of All the Other Virtues."**

Being one of "The Best New Players" awarded by the Hong Kong Tennis Association in 2015-2016, Enoch said, "I don't think I am a talented tennis player. I always need to put more effort than others do. To focus more on my studies, I even stopped playing tennis in P.6." All his hard work paid off in the end – he finally got an offer from his favourite secondary school.

Enoch learns humility from his father. "My father is my role model. He keeps telling me that he was lazy and didn't get good grades back then; but in my eyes, he always does his best and spares no effort to complete his tasks. He is just so humble." He quoted Saint Augustine at the end, "Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance."



Enoch got good results in tennis competitions.

### **Achievements in Recent Years**

Year	Event	Achievement
2019	Yuen Long District Age Group Tennis Competition	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
2019	Tai Po Sports Association Tennis Invitational Team Tournament	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner-up
2017-18	5 <sup>th</sup> All Hong Kong Inter-Primary School Tennis Competition Boys Grade C (Individual)	Quarter Final
2017-18	5 <sup>th</sup> All Hong Kong Inter-Primary School Tennis Competition Boys Grade C (Team)	Merit Award
2017-18	District Tennis Tournament 2017/18	Doubles - Champion
2017	W F Joseph Lee Primary School, Outstanding Achievement in Subject (Science)	First in grade
2018	70 <sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival – Solo Verse Speaking	Merit
2016	68 <sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival – Solo Verse Speaking	Merit
2015	67 <sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival – Solo Verse Speaking	Second
2016-17	Primary Schools Mini Tennis Promotion Scheme	4 <sup>th</sup> place
2015-16	Primary Schools Mini Tennis Promotion Scheme	The best new player





**Wong Hong Yi, Cody**  
– Class of 2014



# Timely Bold Decision

## Dare to be Rising Stars

**Wong Hong Kit, Jack**  
– Class of 2010







## “ Supportive Teachers Nurture Professionals.”

Jack and Cody, two rising stars of tennis, are brother and sister. Jack is four years older than Cody. When they were studying at W F Joseph Lee Primary School, both of them were number one tennis players in their respective age group. They are grateful to the teachers, who understand that everyone possesses different talents and always support students in every aspect. Jack specially mentioned Mr. Wong Chun-man, “I’ve known Mr. Wong since P.1. He always takes care of Cody and me, until now.” Cody said, “Sometimes I spent so much time on practising tennis and couldn’t finish all my homework, but the teachers gave me friendly reminders instead of blaming me. They knew that was never my intention to submit the assignments late.” Jack added, “Back then, I had training every day at 4 p.m. on Hong Kong Island but the formal dismissal time for school was 3:30 p.m.; the school allowed me to leave at 3 p.m., which really helped me a lot.” Moreover, Jack and Cody often asked for days-off in order to join the frequent competitions, and undoubtedly they gained full support from the school.

Visiting the alma mater jogged Cody's memory. "Besides tennis, the teachers had asked me to join the volleyball team and the athletics school team." This was also true for Jack, who was in the athletics school team too. The siblings were offered many opportunities to learn the importance of team spirit. They have formed close friendship with other school team members, making them cherish the good old days more and more.



## **"Becoming Full-Time Players Dedicated to Tennis."**

After graduation, Jack studied at La Salle College and Cody studied at Diocesan Girls' School. Jack recalled, "I was injured in P.5. As I could not have any tennis training, I focused on my studies to achieve the best academic result." As for Cody, she received an offer from Diocesan Girls' School mainly due to her remarkable accomplishment on tennis.

Jack and Cody's father, an amateur tennis player, has been a good influence on the siblings. Jack started learning the sport when he was three. "I accompanied my brother to practise tennis when I was still sitting in the pram. I almost grew up in the court," said Cody. Once the siblings decided to become full-time professional tennis players, their parents respected their choice. Jack explained, "When I was nearly sixteen, I did excel in my tennis career. One of my friends told me that I could always go back to school and study later, but pursuing a pro career required good timing. And the age of sixteen would be the best. This reinforced my determination to devote more time to tennis, so I quit La Salle College and became a full-time tennis player."

Jack and Cody got full support from the school for their tennis training.



## **“Elites Shine Their Own Light and Follow Their Own Path.”**

When Cody was fifteen years old, she chose to follow her brother's path and transferred to Lam Tai Fai College. “Lam Tai Fai College offered me a special programme that I could have intensive training and live in the Hong Kong Sports Institute nearby. The Hong Kong Sports Institute provided some tutorial classes in the evening so I didn't need to worry about my academics.”

Meanwhile, Jack has paused his training since April, 2020. “I want to take a rest and rethink which path suits me more: being a tennis coach or a full-time tennis player.” Cody pondered her path as well because of the COVID-19 pandemic. “My ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Ranking is 18<sup>th</sup> (16 March, 2020), and my original goal was to make it into the top ten. Yet, lots of matches have been cancelled due to the pandemic. I can't attain the goal anymore since this is my last year in the junior division.” But no matter what, with their grand passion for the sport, these two tennis elites will continue to shine their own light and follow their own path.

Jack and Cody, Tennis Elites.





# Having Eyes Only For Table Tennis

Wong Hing Yiu, Stella  
– Class of 2020



## “Surpassing My Father is My Goal.”

Since four years old when Stella met table tennis, she has been inseparable from it. “My dad is my idol. He was a coach in the Young Table Tennis Athletes Training Scheme. When he was a child, he could not afford to hire a table tennis coach, yet he could still be qualified for the Open Division A through his own efforts.” Stella’s father used to be her coach; but when she became stronger and stronger, he found different coaches for her. “When I started playing table tennis, I practised with my father every day. Each time we would play a match at the end. Losing to him definitely strengthened my motivation to undergo tough training so that I could surpass him one day.”



## **“Teachers Never Blamed Me but Encouraged Me Gently.”**

With such a clear goal, Stella has eyes only for table tennis. “I have never learnt other sports because I am determined to focus on table tennis. Teachers of W F Joseph Lee Primary School support me, too. I recall that I didn’t perform as well as expected in a maths quiz; the teacher did not scold me but encouraged me gently, asking if I needed any extra help. After that, I spent all my spare time doing revision and I finally made big improvement.”



Stella, champion of Primary Girls Single, All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Table Tennis Tournament 2019-2020.

## **“My Mum Always Gives Me Tremendous Help and Support.”**

To sharpen her skills, Stella suspended from school in the 2017-2018 academic year so as to attend an intensive training course in the Mainland. She said, “It was very tough. The coach, the players, all were practising hard every single moment. That is also why even the younger players could beat me.” At the same time, Stella’s mother did thorough preparation to prevent her from falling behind in school. “My mum travelled to the Mainland with me, bringing along all my textbooks and giving me tutorials after the training sessions. She always offers me tremendous help and support.”





Observation is a useful way to improve skills. Stella and her father like watching games played by the China national table tennis team, "My dad analysed the players' performance and taught me how to harness the skills." Stella's constant effort produced splendid results: she was ranked second among all players under the age of twelve in Hong Kong. In the near future, she is eager to get into the Hong Kong Table Tennis Elite Team. She is going to continue doing her very best to achieve success.

### **"Do Your Best, Don't Let Yourself Regret."**

Stella's motto is "Do your best, don't let yourself regret." She said this was inspired by her father, "As my former table tennis coach, my dad expected me to keep practising every minute. But for me, practice means enjoying 'Happy Hours' with him. While I might anger him sometimes, I understand that he just wants me to do my best. Therefore, I always try hard to fulfil his expectations."

Stella's goal is to join the Hong Kong Table Tennis Elite Team.





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# Helping Others Makes Me Feel Good.

Ho Yui Hei, Yuki

— Class of 2020





## “Being a Librarian Is Such a Perfect Job for Yuki.”

At the 2019-2020 Graduation Ceremony, Yuki received the Character Award and Outstanding Conduct Award. She mentioned that her family played a key role in teaching her to be polite and take the initiative to help people in need. “I am happy to assist teachers and classmates, respect others, as well as treat others politely. Whenever the teachers need us to distribute homework books, I would raise my hand at once.”

Yuki volunteered herself to be a librarian in P.4. Driven by her passion for reading and the enthusiasm to serve, being a librarian is such a perfect job for her. Yuki found the duties interesting: she shared a computer with the teachers and learnt more skills, as well as enjoyed putting books back on the shelves so that her fellow schoolmates could find their desired items more conveniently. As one of the head librarians, she said, “The team members help each other, and working hard together towards a common goal is great.”

Yuki aspires to be a librarian even when she enters secondary school. “There must be differences between secondary schools and primary schools. I can read more and more high-quality books! It’s just amazing!” Yuki emphasised.

### **“Reading Is So Much Fun!”**

Yuki has developed her passion for reading since five years old. She exclaimed, “Reading is so much fun! My favourite novel is ‘Sherlock Holmes’. The plots are funny and exciting. It was recommended by my elder brother.” Yuki would encourage schoolmates who found reading boring to start with picture books. “Picture books don’t have many words, and this makes reading easier. It is also good to choose items based on our own interests, and begin with some simple topics.” What’s more, she would invite her classmates to go to the library together!

Yuki has a vast collection of books at home; every time when she visits her friends or relatives, she will borrow new items from them as well. She prefers print books to e-books, “The texture of print books is irreplaceable. The smell, the touch... Reading is not only to ‘read’, but to experience.”



Yuki loves reading, especially print books.

Yuki dances pretty well with her brother.



### **“Latin Dance Brings Me and My Brother Closer.”**

Apart from reading, Yuki also likes sports, and Latin dance is her favourite. She practises for 1.5 hours with her elder brother on Saturdays. “My brother is my partner. Latin dance has brought us closer, which contributes to our fine performance.” Yuki and her brother are both conscientious and attentive; thus, sometimes they inevitably argue with each other. But they often calm down soon, resulting in a deeper understanding about one another.



**“I Am Her Only Friend,  
and if I Did Not Help Her,  
Nobody Would.”**

Yuki specially mentioned her friendship with a classmate whose academic performance had been disappointing. “At that time I believed she needed help, and I was eager to give her a hand. One day I simply took the initiative to talk to her, and since then we had lunch and did homework together. I helped clear up her doubts when she

encountered difficulties during lessons. I am her only friend, and if I did not help her, nobody would.” Yuki treasures the time they spent together, especially when it finally proves that their endeavours paid off – her friend achieved significant improvement in her studies! Yuki smiled, “We are certainly overjoyed now!”







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