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Good morning principal, vice principal, assistant principal, teachers and fellow schoolmates. Three weeks ago, I was here to conclude my prefect life. Today, I would like to take this precious chance to share my secondary school life, something that I learnt in the past five years.

Let's first talk about UNICEF.

In UNICEF, I learnt empathy. Before I joined the UNICEF young envoys programme, I didn't really think of the differences between sympathy and empathy. In a UNICEF workshop, I recognized there're more beyond the word. While sympathy is feeling pity of a person from a high place, empathy is to feel from the perspective of a person at a same level. But I think there're more. When you get to feel and know about a person, you'll think of what you could possibly do. This sense usually urges me to take actions, especially when you have the ability to do it. At the same time, we should always be grateful about things that happen, because the things that you declare as 'unlucky', might already be the luckier things. As Mr. Siu said last Friday, empathy is an important element of a person. So, be grateful and be helpful.

In Tsuen Kwai Tsing Outstanding Student Union, I learnt to be enjoyable. I remember I was added in a WhatsApp group without any notices and then was assigned to be the Coordinator of Internal Affairs. I felt a little bit strange and scared at that time, because I knew no one, and all the committees were older than me. The most devastating would be the complicated things to handle. Actually it was like the work in SA, but it was not as easy as told, at least not what I was pleasant to do. I didn't want to attend the meetings, but responsibility urges me to go for it. Sometimes, you'll feel tired of it, but when you just want to give up on things, find a point that makes you happy during the process. Like I will think I could have the chance to wear my suit. So, when you find something enjoyable, even just a tiny little reason, you could carry on with your responsibility to reach the end.

In St John, I learnt to be passionate. It is an extracurricular activity that I'm eager to participate. The people there is probably the reason. I think it's quite hard to unite a big team with almost 60 people and build connections in between. But when everyone is doing your part, and just to be gentle and friendly, somehow you'll be proud of having a big team and big group of friends there. Unity makes you proud.

In Debate, I learnt to be positive to overcome challenges. I'm not a person with good logic and somehow I just load a little bit slow. So, I actually want to thank my coaches and teammates to be tolerant.

We had ups and downs in these four years of debate life. Though sometimes, it was tiring, we faced it with positivity. And with the companion of coaches and teammates, you know you're not alone in the journey. Sometimes, it's a good thing to be as a team because you don't want to disappoint others. There's an intangible spirit and strength intertwined, which power you up to pursue the common target.

In Head prefect, I learnt to be more mature. Actually, I don't know if it's called 'mature', but I would think about the consequences of things when I act, and consider in the perspective of the school. A sense of responsibility comes along with the uniform and the little badge here. Actually it's the same for all of us. We're in behalf of a representative of Ho Fung once we're in Ho Fung uniform. On top of that, when we carry responsibilities, there comes different alternatives and choices. While we could not really satisfy everyone in every situation, learning to take balances would be the perfect way to deal with it.

Everyone has different colours in your own secondary school life. Just do what you think are right to do and take something back. Thank you.