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Flashback:

High School Musical

The students rehearsed day in, day out and they pulled off a very successful High School Musical! Here, an actress shares her thoughts.

I took part in the play because I wanted to gain a new experience. This was an opportunity I never had in my previous school.

Being part of the team was fun and it has taught me to interact and to work with others. Moreover, I am now more independent and responsible.

There were days when the rehearsals were tiring but the hard work paid off. I am happy for the team and thankful for Mr Scott, a professional drama coach who was brought in to train us.

Siti Zulaikha Binti Ahmad Kamsul (Y8)



Yong-En accepting the Principal's Award

HIGHLIGHTS :

- 28 Sept : Art Gallery Visit
- 4 Oct : Photography Training 1
- 24 Nov : Awards Ceremony and High School Musical
- 16 Jan : IGCSE Results
- 31 Jan : Chinese New Year Celebration
- 6 Feb : Photography Training 2
- 21 Feb : Leadership Seminar 2020



A Glitzy Awards Ceremony



Hosting The Night

Ivan and Maxine were the masters of ceremonies for the Awards Ceremony. Here is their take on the experience.

I accepted the challenge because I was curious to know what it is like to emcee an event. After all, it was a rare opportunity. I am glad that I went for it because this experience has boosted my confidence and has made me a more sociable person.

Ivan Chua (Y11)

I was up for hosting the event because I wanted to come out of my shell and to experience new things. I am now more outspoken and I speak my mind more often. I have learned that the ability to be adaptable and to improvise speech are important as last-minute changes or glitches are inevitable.

Maxine Katharyina Pinto (Y10)



Pushing Boundaries

The Head Prefect wore a few hats last year. She was also the Blue House Captain and she took on the challenge to chair the Awards Ceremony Committee.

Hesitation crossed my mind when I was asked if I was keen to lead the Awards Day Committee. I finally decided to take on the challenge because I wanted to thank my beloved seniors for all they had done for the school by giving them a wonderful graduation ceremony.

I soon realized I had to up my game to make sure everything went smoothly because I was clueless about many things. The experience taught me the importance of being responsible, diligent, disciplined and alert. I also learnt to foresee impending problems. Although it was tiring to juggle multiple tasks, it was the best experience I could ever asked for.

Leong Yong-En (Y11)

Meeting The Artist

Ethen Ng, a self-taught artist who works with different media, shared with students his work and his journey to building his career.

Mr Ethen showed us his art exhibits in V'Art Space and I was awed by his detailed art pieces. The visit to the art gallery was very inspiring indeed. I have learned that in order to gain recognition, one must be persistent and have patience.

Darren Choong (Y9)



Photography Training

Two experienced photographers, Mr Steve Tan and Mr Johann, inspired students with their work and their experiences in the field.



I was inspired by Mr Steve because he turned his passion into a career.

When he showed us his work, I was simply awed.

Besides giving us tips on how to use photography gear, he also demonstrated to us how camera angles significantly affect the quality of photos.

Someday, I wish to be like him, a wedding photographer. I want to capture meaningful and happy moments for couples to look back on years later. Thanks Mr Steve for the inspiration!

Bryan Soon (Y10)



Photography is one of my passions and I am considering the possibility of turning this passion into a full time job.

I learned from Mr Johann that social skills is more important, if not as important as photography skills.

He also stressed that a good photo should tell a story. He further added that one doesn't need to own expensive gear in order to take quality photos because if we know the how's, we can capture nice photos by just using our handphones. Thanks Mr Johann for all the guidance you have given us!

Samuel Chin (Y10)



Chinese New Year Wall Art

The Chinese New Year celebration was fun because the spring rolls were delicious and the drama performance was entertaining and interesting. Weeks before the celebration, my friends and I started working on floral paintings for the school hall. It was time-consuming because it was my first time using watercolour to paint flowers. In the end, it was all worth it because the artwork looks great.

Tham Wing Ming (Y7)

Leadership Seminar 2020



Mr Jeremy Ian Hendricks, a life coach who has mentored youth for over 16 years, recently conducted a leadership seminar to train and motivate our student leaders.

This was my first time attending leadership training and I found it interesting. I learned that leaders should show the way and do the right thing. I am glad to have attended the seminar because I learned that I can be a better leader.

Goh Kher Rei (Y7P), *Class monitor*

It dawned on me that in order to build team spirit, everyone should be given the chance to speak. No one, not even the leader, should dominate any discussion.

Kelly Khor (Y10), *Prefect*

One important takeaway was about how leaders need to listen. Although some leaders are capable of doing everything on their own, it is wiser to take into consideration others' opinions because more often than not, their fresh perspectives help us to see the things we fail to see.

Khoo Sze Monn (Y10), *Librarian*

An IGCSE Top Scorer Speaks



Sri Desa International School believes whole person development is the key to every individual's success. Therefore, students are being encouraged to participate in activities that will help them to grow and to optimize their potentials in the four aspects of life - intellectual, physical, social and moral.

I am very clear of my goal. I am aiming for scholarships - to lessen my parents' financial burden. So, I planned my daily schedule well and because I knew what I was aiming for, I was not easily distracted.

Playing sports is definitely a necessity for me even when examinations were around the corner. I was revising and attempting past year papers daily. So, sports helped me to unwind.

On top of that, I kept myself motivated and always prayed for good results. I also gathered my friends to study together. It is easier to study when the environment is conducive.

I personally think that IGCSE is just the first step. To do well in college or university, laying strong foundation is crucial.

Choong Zheng Xuan (2019 Graduate)



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