



Hello! I am Jacqueline from 19SH20. I was from Greenlink as well as Chinese Orchestra and Guzheng Ensemble.

My 6 years in NJC were rewarding and meaningful. One of the most important lessons that I have learnt is truly understanding what our College's motto — Service with Honour — means. My definition of 'Service with Honour' has evolved over the years. Back in Junior High, I simply interpreted it as participating in VIA projects. Over time, I grew to recognise that it is the spirit of serving: it is the genuine desire to understand **others**, build relationships and empower different communities. It is about doing something meaningful with the community, both in, and beyond, the College. I emphasise the word 'with' and not 'for'. The many community service projects that I embarked on in NJ have taught me well on this aspect. When we embark on community service projects **with** different communities, we seek to build a reciprocal relationship, where there is mutual learning. We regard these communities as our friends or even family members. On the other hand, when we do something **for** the community, it means we are essentially 'giving'. We position ourselves as benefactors and our communities as beneficiaries. And to me, Service with Honour is really about doing something meaningful **with** the community.

NJC has provided me with a nurturing environment to develop myself holistically. I've benefitted immeasurably when my teachers extend textbook knowledge to real world applications. Understanding the context in which theoretical knowledge can be applied has deepened my appreciation towards my studies and helped to develop my love for learning. I'm also thankful for the many opportunities I took part in — from being part of the YGB team to participating in the International Research Exchange Programme (IREP) in Japan to being part of the 2019 OVIA team to being a PSL (Peer Support Leader) and many more. These opportunities as well as the time I spent in my CCAs have developed me into a more confident servant leader and it would not have been possible without the mentorship of my teachers and the support of my friends. So really, a big shout out to all the teachers and friends I have interacted with during my time in NJ! Thank you for being there for me all the time!

To all my juniors, whether you are going to be in NJ for just 2 years, or 6 years, if you want to have a fulfilling NJ journey, just remember the ABC acronym.

'A' stands for Active reflection. Remember to always put in your best in all that you do and practise active reflection after each experience. Active reflection means to put in effort into thinking what went well, what could have been done better and what are your learning points. This will aid in your development and you will grow from each experience.

'B' stands for Be a roly-poly toy. It is normal to encounter failures and obstacles in your NJ journey. Don't dwell on your failures. Instead, practise positive thinking and active reflection. Look for silver linings and be grateful that you had the chance to try in the first place. Adopt a growth mindset by regarding each failure as a learning opportunity to do better in future. Be a roly-poly toy — it always bounces back up again after falling.

'C' stands for Community. Remember that you are part of a community. While developing yourself, do also remember our College's motto, "Service with Honour". Be thankful for the community around you — your family, friends, teachers, canteen vendors, cleaners, security guards. Appreciate them for they are always looking out for you. When you see something that can be better improved in your CCA, provide feedback and come up with ideas to initiate change. Always remember that you are a member of the College and you can step forward.

At the end of the day, what you'll remember most is not the achievements, but really, the ups and downs you shared with your family in NJC and the valuable lessons you have learnt from them. Your attitude will determine your aptitude. Remember ABC and create lifelong friendships in NJ!