Principal’s Speech at the School Closing Ceremony (2013-2014)

Good morning, teachers and students!

It seemed not so long ago when I delivered my school opening speech, and now, 10 months have passed by, and it is already the school closing ceremony.

One thing I am sure is that, after close to one year, you have all improved and become better in one way or another. And I hope you have achieved the goals you set for yourselves at the start of this school year. But even if you haven’t, don’t fret. Just keep on trying, work hard, and, sooner or later, you will get there!

Today, the school year is coming to an end, so it is time for us to reap what we have sown. My congratulations to all the award-winners! In a minute’s time, you will get on the stage to receive your awards. We are very proud of your accomplishments, be they academic in nature, or sports-, service- or conduct-related. My hope is that the awards you get will serve as constant reminders to you that you can do it if you give it your all! Remember all the hard work and efforts you have put in? Put in the same—if not more—on the next goal you wish to achieve and you will make it. After all, nothing is impossible!

For those who haven’t received any awards this year, ask yourselves what you have done and how much time and effort you have devoted. When you realize what you are lacking in and what you need the most, you will have a better chance of doing better next year, and with perseverance, your hard work will not be in vain. I remember at the start of the year, I encouraged you all to try hard and go beyond your limit. I’m glad to see that many of you have made it. If you have tried your best, and have become a better person of who you were yesterday, I commend you. You have done a great job! Your effort and labour will be the building blocks of your future success.
Next year will be an exciting year for all teachers and students. The school is going to launch new measures to help every single student to do better in their studies. Your teachers are going to stay with you longer after school to give you the help you need, including giving many of you extra classes in Chinese, English, Mathematics and Liberal Studies. The road to preparing for your DSE is long and challenging, yet you are not alone! We want to assure all of you that your teachers are working with you, side by side, to help you secure the brightest future you long for. Let’s work hard together towards our shared goals!

You all had a wonderful and joyous school year, I believe. Now, a long summer vacation lies ahead of you. Do not just sit there and let the time tick away. Plan your holiday well. For those who will sit for the HKDSE exam next March, do study hard! For others, apart from doing your summer assignments, try some new things to challenge yourselves. Go outdoors and explore places you have never been to. Have fun with your friends and family, and do something worthwhile. Youth is too precious a thing to waste. Seize the day!

Finally, I would like to give my most sincere words of thanks to Ms. Tai Pik Yee and Mr. Wong King Pan, who are saying farewell to us. They have made valuable contributions to our school throughout the years they spent with us.

Wishing all of you a happy and fruitful summer! Thank you.