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HWIS commencement

By Justin Chang, Grade 12

I will never forget my first-ever commencement at HWIS four years ago when less than fifty people were watching us going down the aisle. Our class was small, but our spirits were not less than any crowd you would have ever seen; for us, it was a blessing to be able to be the pioneers at HWIS and initiate the tradition. After four years, we're glad to host our grand finale the same way we started. However, this time, as I looked across the hall, I still noticed many familiar faces of those teachers and friends who have witnessed our growth over the years, and it absolutely made it harder for us to say goodbye.

We can all acknowledge that the past few years haven't been generous for everyone, and I'm grateful for those who have worked to make our commencement real. I witnessed tears, laughter, and more during the ceremony and it made me incredibly thrilled to see everyone together on such a cheerful occasion instead of a dreary closing. To be honest, I'd always had a vision on how I'd like to end my high school career; although my version of a perfect farewell party involves different ways of dancing

and cheering, I am still pleased and grateful to say that the commencement this year definitely accomplished that.

Through the commencement, I was finally aware of the fact that high school is finally ending and that I am moving onto the next part of my life; however, I also insured myself that the legacies that we've created at HWIS are never going to die even though the commencement concluded our journey here. Although I used the word "goodbye" previously, it simply meant "see you later". What I've got from saying goodbye to the friends and families around us only taught me that friendships and experiences travel with us; the knowledge and love we have received will follow us across the world, from Canada to Australia to the United States and back to HWIS. Just like everyone else, I would forevermore be grateful for what HWIS brought me.

One thing that I can tell you at this moment is that I am glad to start my new life, not because I didn't enjoy my time at HWIS, but because the challenges I once faced have all made me more prepared (what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, right?). This commencement was a gift we received from HWIS, but it was also a "thank you" from us to all the teachers, the faculty, and more importantly, each other. Thank you all for being by my side throughout high school, and I will see you all later. 🙌

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What we learn with pleasure we never forget



By Ruby Lai, Grade 9

Remembering that 2 years ago I was in grade 7, and now I'm graduating, I can't believe it. Through these years in Hong Wen International School, I've created lots of memories with my friends and teachers. Every inter-house sports day, every field trip, every activity, and every moment at HWIS motivates and encourages me to do better.

I want to thank all of the teachers who are always there whenever I need their help. Without them, I wouldn't have been able to become who I am today. I'm truly thankful for all of their effort and dedication, which make my junior high school years valuable and filled with excitement. They make me realize I can tackle all the tasks as long as I put effort and try. Especially in my AP Seminar class, I didn't even know that I can accomplish all the research reports and presentations that were required. Although the process was challenging for me, with the help of my teachers and loving classmates, I experienced something new, and I've turned my skills up a notch. I also want to thank all of my friends and classmates for fulfilling my junior high school years. Everyone inspires each other at school and the learning environment at our beloved HWIS makes me better each day. We set goals and dreams to achieve, guiding and helping each other from different aspects. Although COVID has separated us and we've had fewer activities to enjoy, the memories I created with my friends will always stay in my mind. Without my friends and classmates encouraging me and giving me advice, I would've definitely struggled through these years.

I would also like to thank my parents for giving me the opportunity to learn in such a great environment. I want to thank my mom and dad for being equally supportive and proud of me, my dreams, and my learning process.

Because of them, I have been able to achieve and accomplish so many things that I never dreamed of experiencing. Thanks to them for always being there for me and giving me warmth when I need it.

Lastly, I want to dedicate my blessings to our graduates. Thank you all for being role models for me to follow and look up to. I will always remember your hard work and dedication in school. Congratulations on achieving your dream schools and you've all reaped what you've sown. Hope you all have fun in university and keep up the good work! To the class of 2022, Congratulations! 🎓



COVID stops school, but basketball never stops at HWIS

The online classes have been going for almost a month due to the rise of COVID cases all over Taiwan.

By Mr. Johnson Su
Student Affairs and Events Coordinator

It is somehow easier for the academic subjects such as literature, language art, math, and sciences to hold online sessions with the students. However, this caused a problem for our PE and varsity teams because we really would like students to stand up and do exercise after a long hours of staring at computer screens for online classes. Therefore, we encouraged our varsity basketball team players to take action and set an example of self-discipline and self-regulation.

For PE classes, some of the students headed out to nearby courts and played pick-up games, others took the advantage of the facilities in their community to practice shooting. Students who were not able to go out by themselves, mostly juniors, stayed at home and practiced dribbling to enhance ball-handling skills. This truly generates team spirit by knowing that all of us are doing something to make the team better, even under this tough situation. In addition, thanks to modern technology, we are able to watch playoffs and finals for NBA, PLG, and T1 league. COVID can stop school, but basketball will never stop! 🏀

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