

I would like to thank the College for the honour of being selected to be the recipient of this year's SAC Arts Excellence Award. I would like to share the honour with, and express my utmost gratitude to all my former teachers, whose support and guidance made this possible. While my time in National Junior College was rather short, it has been anything but forgettable. In my 2 years in NJC, I have met some of the friendliest and smartest people in my life, many who I still remain in contact with. They have definitely been the best part of my time here, keeping me motivated amidst the demands of college life.

NJC has also provided me with the opportunity to grow and develop, imparting essential values that will carry me through life. In particular, NJC has taught me how to be more independent. Its signature Boarding Programme was the first time that I had to live on my own for a week and was easily one of the most memorable experiences in my time in NJC. It made me realise how pampered I had been at home and brought about a shift in my attitude towards self-responsibility. In terms of academia, NJC has, arguably, the best educational support system that I could ask for. The teachers in NJC were some of the most dedicated teachers that I have met, willing to spend hours on end to help their students. I still remember fondly how my History teachers, Ms Ho and Mr Tan, would often arrange time from their busy schedules in order to accommodate my consultation requests. Their commitment to education is unparalleled and I cannot emphasise adequately my immense gratitude to them.

For any current NJC students, I urge you all to cherish your time here. It might be difficult for you to participate in any large-scale College events currently, but you should learn to treasure the little things, be it the lunch that you have with your friends or the group discussions that you have in classes. Looking back on my time here, these moments were easily the highlights of the time spent with my friends.

NJC has been a fulfilling and enriching experience, and it has given me the opportunity to meet a diverse group of friends, allowing me to create some of the best memories with them and, ultimately, mature as a person. I will definitely remember my time here at National Junior College. Thank you.