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Trisha D/O Vinodh

TRISHA'S TRIUMPHS

Trisha, the President of Student Council, and the Vice-president of the Multimedia Communications Club, is also a Peer Student Leader and a regular emcee at major school events. It is small wonder that she is an inspiration to many of her juniors at Outram Secondary School.

However, Trisha did not always have all the opportunities to shine when she was younger. In fact, she once stopped school for five months in Primary Five due to a family situation and had to work doubly hard to ensure she passed her PSLE. Her efforts paid off when she achieved three As and one B, exceeding her own expectations. This was her first major triumph at overcoming her circumstances.



Outram is a school of opportunities to Trisha. Her talents, confidence in and passion for learning and discovering stood out to her teachers. Trisha was given many opportunities to be the emcee at school events such as the Speech Day and at morning assemblies. Her leadership potential was also spotted early when she was recruited as a member of the Student Council in secondary one. As a young Exco member in secondary two, she demonstrated humility in learning and dedication to the council and grew in strength of character and leadership skills. Wearing many hats however, she sometimes felt the weight of the multiple roles and expectations of others heavy on her shoulders. Trisha chose to walk through them slowly rather than throwing in the towel. With the encouragement of her friends and family, Trisha pressed on and subsequently became the President of the Student Council and the Vice-president of her CCA, the Multimedia Communications Club in Secondary Three. She has triumphed over her own fears and limitations.

Trisha is a leader who puts people first. She works hard to create a warm and united council where all the members' views are respected and consulted, and where all members make decisions collectively. It is her belief that when everyone is actively involved and invested in group goals, the synergy will make the results wondrous. Trisha's commitment has made the council a strong body and she has proven her mettle to succeed against all odds. Trisha's triumphs is a show of her resilience, driven by purpose and fuelled by love from friends and family. Trisha will continue to triumph.

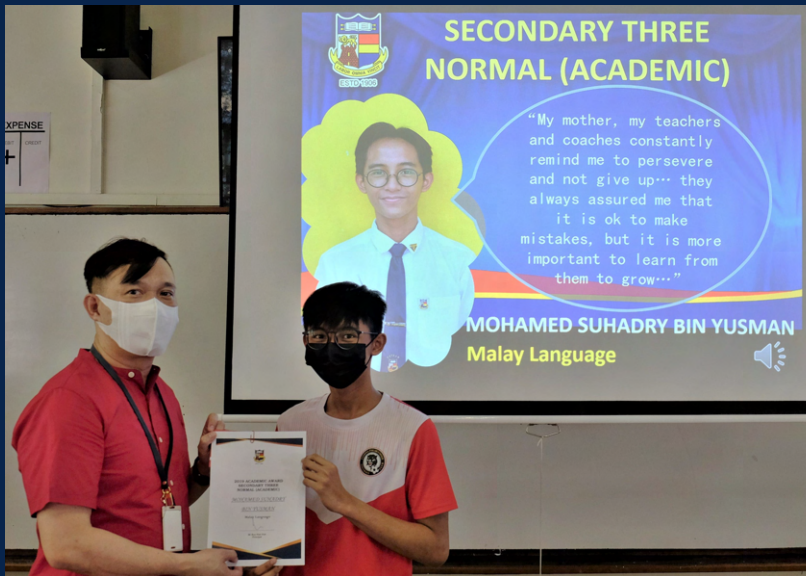
To those who come after, Trisha encourages, "If you're starting to doubt yourself or your journey, remember why you started and what you want to achieve. Keep the end goal in mind and continue to strive forward!"



Trisha with her Student Council members

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Suhadry receiving the Academic Award for Malay Language

SUPER SUHADRY

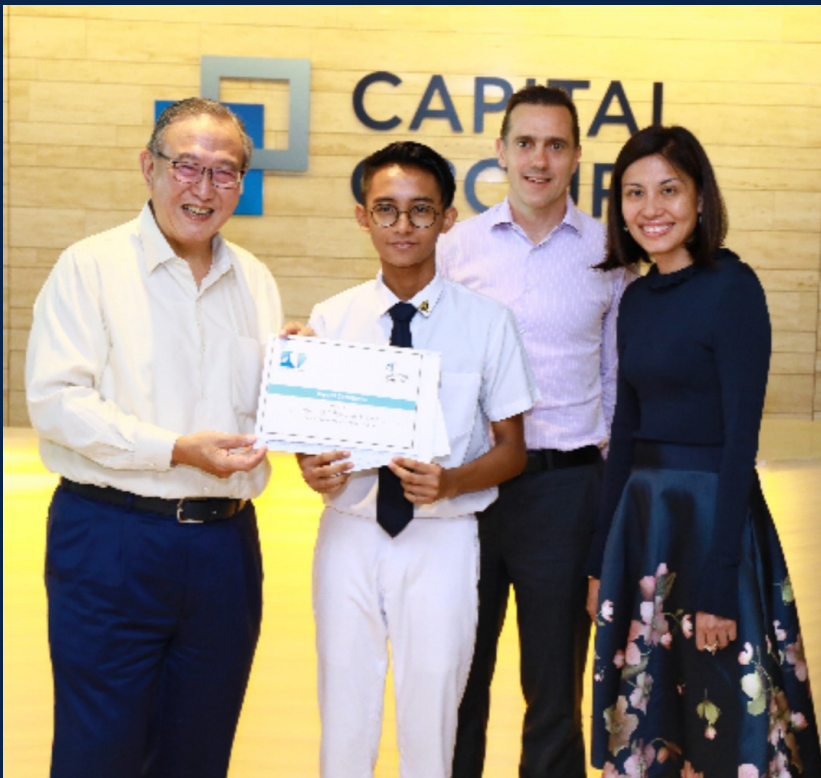
For most people, making friends and communicating with others come naturally. For Mohammed Suhadry, his younger, taciturn self had to make every conscious effort to open up to those around him. However, he has broken through. Now a passionate young man, pursuing a qualification in Community Care, Suhadry has hopes of giving back to society by reaching out to the needy in his community.

In the interview with Suhadry, he expressed how he had always faced difficulties fitting in since primary school. "I was not good at communicating and was slower than others in my studies," he recalled. The learning difficulties he faced were major obstacles in his primary school years. Thankfully, he was given the necessary support in school, where the Allied Educator for Learning and Behavioural Support (AEd LBS) guided him in Mathematics and imparted essential social skills. Suhadry never once thought of giving up and consistently strived to be better. At long last, his hard work and perseverance paid off. Suhadry started opening up more to those around him and saw improvement in his grades at PSLE.



In secondary school, Suhadry continued to face challenges with a positive attitude. On top of juggling the demands of his studies and CCA, he also had the added responsibility of taking care of his younger sibling. Sensible and resilient, he often sacrificed time spent with friends after school to fulfil his duties as an older brother, and to consult teachers for the subjects he was weaker in. Suhadry's maturity in his thinking and steadfast attitude towards all that he does, were recognised by his teachers who appointed him Young Executive Committee member of the Students' Council, and he became the two-time recipient of the Edusave Character Award while he was in Outram Secondary School.

To Suhadry, the little successes in his secondary school years would not have been possible without the unwavering support from his parents, who often reminded him not to give up on what he wants to achieve in life. "I want to make my parents proud, and prove to everyone around me that I can achieve my goals despite my inadequacies," Suhadry said with resoluteness. He also has some words to impart to Outramians who may be facing similar struggles – "Do not use your disability as an excuse. Use it as a motivation. Whatever you do, do it with enthusiasm, and give your hundred percent."



Coming out of his shell, Suhadry found successes in being a student leader in the Student Council, doing well in his studies and becoming an avid rockclimber.



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Enqi among her Netball players

ENQI'S ENDEAVOURS

“Everyone has 24 hours in a day. It depends on how you make the most of each day,” Enqi spoke with conviction as her netball juniors listened intently to the senior they look up to. “If I can excel in my studies despite the long training hours, you can too.”

Now a confident leader and mentor who leads by example, Enqi’s words of wisdom aptly encapsulates her journey as a netballer and student in Outram. Bearing a report card gleaming with CCA achievements and sterling academic results may come naturally to some, but getting to where she is today, academically and in sports, took some doing.

In primary school, Enqi struggled with studies and had little confidence in herself. She took up foundation subjects and had her path set on entering the Normal Technical stream in her secondary education. With sheer hard work in her upper primary years, Enqi managed to enroll into the Normal Academic stream in Outram after PSLE. Throughout her secondary school years, her goal of getting into Business Studies at Ngee Ann Polytechnic was the main driving force in propelling her forward in her academic endeavours. She is always seen clarifying her doubts after lessons and arranging for consultations with teachers to improve her subjects. Her persistence and assiduity led to the opportunity of being laterally transferred to the Express Stream in Secondary Three, where Enqi continued to excel and impress her peers and teachers with her insatiable desire to improve and be a better version of herself.

Likewise, in netball, Enqi's tenacity is unmatched by any other. A novice with zero experience in sports, Enqi joined the CCA in Secondary One following in the footsteps of a senior she greatly admired. Treading in uncharted waters, Enqi recounted the initial stages of trepidation and inferiority due to her lack of skills and knowledge of the sport and poor stamina compared to the others. The long training hours, and the physically and mentally demanding tri-weekly sessions took a toll on her and pushed her to her limits. Little did she know that the grueling training regime had gradually begun to shape her to become physically and mentally stronger. Eventually, in Secondary Three, things took a turn for the better as she started to notice her growth. Enqi attributed her favourable change to the constant support from her teammates and affirmation from her CCA teachers and coach. Not wanting to disappoint the people who believed in her, she decided to adopt a positive mindset and focus on improving herself rather than lamenting the process. Her self-discipline and resilience brought her to greater heights and saw her representing the school on several occasions at interschool netball competitions.

Over the years, Enqi has transformed from a reserved and diffident character, to one who is self-assured and driven. Her strong leadership qualities, commitment and zeal shine through in all that she does. As a graduating student, Enqi has this to say to the younger Outramians, **"Things may seem hard right now, but it will only get harder in future. Overcoming these challenges now will only build us up for the bigger obstacles in future."**



Enqi's daring endeavours and successes at Netball