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Planning For My Future

Our school has presented us with loads of talks and information about future planning since we first came to Ng Wah. I could not help asking myself what I want my life to be like: a success or a failure? When I was still in junior forms, I did not have a clear direction, as I had a belief that “whatever will be, will be”. At present, however, I have an explicit route that I can follow. That route has not been shaped lightly because it has the potential to affect me for years to come.

In approximately one year, I will be graduating from school and on my way to becoming a grown-up, and it will be a milestone in my life. Thus, every realm – education, family and love, sports and job, whatever – should be well planned in advance so that I will not be overwhelmingly panicked by uncertainties.

Let us commence with education. My plan for education is divided into two major parts. First, what I have to do now is to study hard and focus on the imminent Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (DSE) in order to get a promising score. For instance, I shall do more past papers, revise constantly and try to clarify any misconceptions that I may have in my chosen subjects. Secondly, I plan to continue studying until I get a doctorate degree.

This does not sound crazy at all. In an examination-oriented society like Hong Kong, success in education is almost equivalent to success in life. If I want my life to be successful, getting good results in the DSE is the first step. When I get a promising score, I be able to gain admittance to a lot of prestigious universities – either in Hong Kong or overseas. When I study at a highly selective university and eventually get a PhD, I will be more competitive and it will give me the assurance that I can easily get a decent job. My ambition will make my path in life smoother.

As for my future planning regarding my family, I reckon it in vital to treat my parents well. Even now, occasionally, my parents have to sacrifice their time spent shopping because I want to rush home after having meals at weekends. I truly feel sorry for them but I know that I must spend more and more time on preparation for the DSE, even though it means less

and less time spent with my family as the examination draws closer. I will, therefore, find time to accompany my parents whenever I can. After all, I still want to enjoy their warmth and love after the DSE ends!

On the topic of a job, teachers always tell us that the absence of meticulous career planning will lead to an utter waste of time and effort. Indeed, I also say that taking on an uninteresting yet lucrative job would be miserable. Owing to the fact that my chosen future career will occupy my entire working life, the job should satisfy me, as well as being a means of earning a living. I plan to become a pilot.

By making these plans real, determination and great tenacity are a must. To achieve an ambition requires long term planning; and I am resolute that I will put my future plans into practice and make a success of my life. Students studying in senior secondary forms must plan well for the future. The world is our oyster - but future success depends on how well one plans for it.