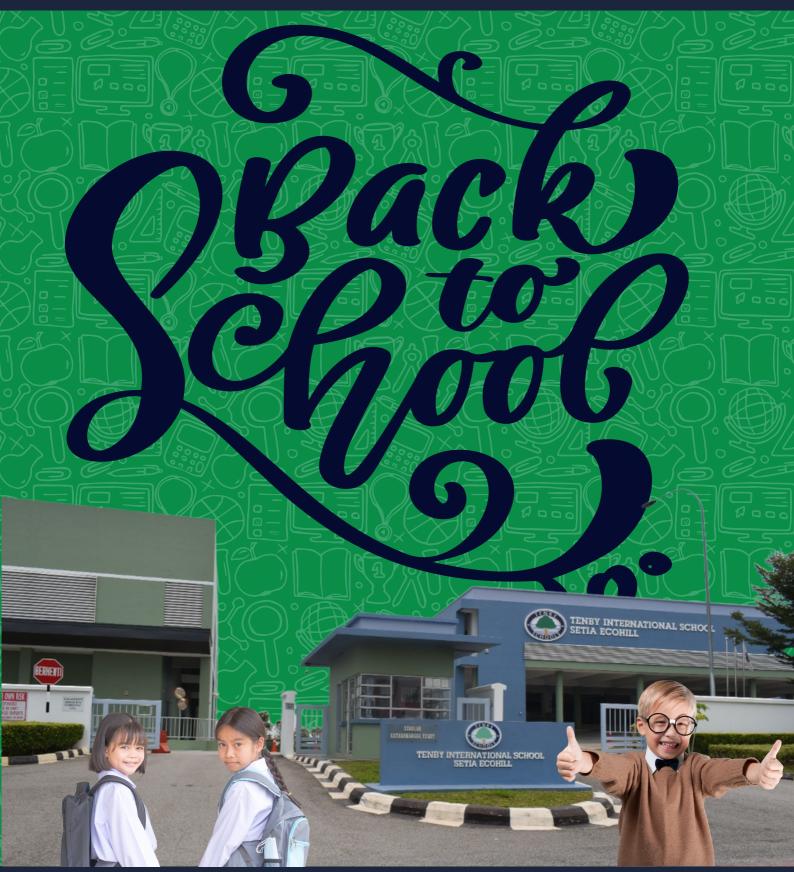


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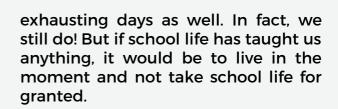
Dear avid readers,

ugust is a month of celebration for us Malaysians. 65 years ago, Tanah Melayu begun its journey of

transformation - from a place of hurt and segregation to a much more peaceful and united nation we now call Malaysia. In honor of Merdeka, we at SEHAA would to first and foremost, wish everyone a happy holiday and Selamat Hari Merdeka! Let us take this time to appreciate the sacrifices made by our ancestors and the beautiful land we abide in. Be it visiting our local landmarks, picking up a fun fact about our nation or jamming to our Merdeka songs, make Merdeka a for you to explore and rekindle your love for country.

This may be a tough feat with the issues surrounding our country today. Nonetheless, we want to encourage you to use that to motivate and spur you on to make a change and BE the change our nation needs. As the saying goes, a little goes a long way. Let our patriotism ignite brightly this month!

August also marks a less-delightful event, the end of summer holidays. Can't be apart from your bed? We totally get you! We've had our fair share of unmotivating and



Dana Lai Wei-Yn

It may be hard to see it now, but trust us on this. We can assure that not a day goes by where we wish we were still at Tenby. Hence, joining SEHAA (you should too!) Simply put, life as a high school students is short and often underappreciated till too late. Not to mention, 2 years of your life have been robbed by the pandemic. So, use your remaining years to the fullest - create your memories to look back on when you've graduated.

As for SEHAA, we've been quite busy ourselves these past 3 months - which you'll be reading on in this issue! Thank you, as always for your never-ending support and shower of love. Before we end, we would like to take this time to wish you a happy new semester and welcome back to school!

Dana Lai & Xin Yi

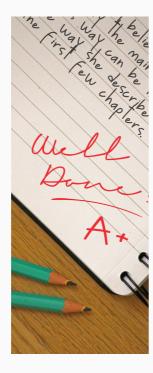
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very year, 1 out of 365 days is dedicated to celebrating a triumphant milestone achieved by high school students. Call it "A Night to Remember" (cue High School Musical 3), call it The End of School, call it The Time to Glitz and Glam. Any way you slice it, graduation is certainly an occasion to remember. Tenby SEH recently organised theirs, and SEHAA had the great opportunity to be a part of it.

his time, Tenby SEH's **Graduation for Class of** 2022 took place on 17th June at the Marriot Hotel, Putrajaya. Safe to say, it was hands down, one of the most divine places we've seen graduation being celebrated at. The hall alone was already a majestic grandeur, adorned with floorto-ceiling mirrors and velvet curtains. Intricate designs were also carved into the ceiling above, giving the lighting an architectural twist. Not to mention, the massive red carpet at the entrance of the hall. Talk about a grand entrance!

he ceremony itself was equally gratifying as it was moving. For the most part, it was exhilarating to see our

THE NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Written Dana Lai Wei-Yn **Photos** SEHAA

YAY, Were Graduating.?

fellow juniors reach the end of their voyage. We were proud of them and for them even. But there was also a tinge of sadness under it all. After all, Class of 2020 had lost their graduation to the Covid-19 pandemic. Witnessing this one reminded some of us of the what-could-have-been,

uncovering a wound yet to fully heal. On the other hand, reliving another one of Tenby SEH's graduation reminded those from Class of 2019 of their own celebration. Although years ago, reminiscing such a significant day brought out a raw ache, - nostalgia.

ven so, those feelings eventually diminished as the celebration went on. Not only were we pampered with a myriad of various performances that were all executed flawlessly, but we were also fed plentiful of gobsmacking. finger lickina. delectable food! Meanwhile, even with such poshness, the overall ambience was one of warmth and heartiness. Whether it was roaring laughter, snapping of cameras, thrilling chatters or wide smiles, one could not miss the kindled love and affection that enveloped everyone that

night. Many familiar faces were seen as well including old friends, acquaintances, and even other alumni. At last, we were reunited again.

f course, SEHAA didn't merely sign up to enjoy event and envy the the students. The committee managed to contribute and helped in registration and certificates. John, Jun Hoe, Shawn, and Xin Yi were tasked under registration whereas Alyaa, and Eunice Dana. handed out the certificate trays. And although we did not manage to waiter, we assure that Hurin you certainly dressed the role!

onetheless, the highlight of SEHAA's attendance was without a doubt the chance to physically promote SEHAA to the whole of Tenby SEH for the first time. Thanks to our advisor Ms. Hana and President Shawn Tan. we were provided with some time to pitch about the association and encourage graduates to embark on the same exciting journey we were on. Time and time again, SEHAA continues to break new milestones and reach achievements after

achievements. From our first physical meetup to the sharing of SEHAA to ISP SEA, and now this! We continue to stand amazed and grateful for how far we've come since our humble beginnings. That night, SEHAA sat in each other's companies and comfort, understanding that this moment, even though bitter, created new memories of our own to encapsulate. The astounding applause cheers of hurrah marked the end of Tenby SEH's Graduation for Class of 2022, and the beginning of the next chapter of their lives.

aturally, a graduation wouldn't be complete without multiple photoshoots and yes, that is exactly what happened at Tenby SEH's Graduation for Class of 2022 too. SEHAA obviously did not miss this opportunity to capture our own shots to freeze and frame. With that, we present to your SEHAA's Graduation: The Photos!



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Every beginning has an end, a hello and a goodbye. Alas, saying our goodbyes have come sooner than expected for Shawn, who wasn't only our president, but a friend, support system, partner in crime and an overall sweetheart.

Shawn has been blessed with the chance to further his final year of studies abroad at Queen's University of Belfast, United Kingdom. Well first off, CONGRATULATIONS! On behalf of SEHAA and Tenby SEH, we're extremely thrilled to hear this wonderful news. However, we despise the fact that you're going to leave us in just a few days time.

If you've met him, you'd know that Shawn is one of the most hardworking, kindest and intelligent person out there. He may look somber on the outside (that's really just because he's busy using that brain of his) but take a deeper look and you'll realize that his heart is as generous, forgiving and sturdy as Baymax's - it's one of his qualities that make him so lovable and the committee at SEHAA is more than grateful that time has allowed us to see and experience those traits, as well as collect all our memories and moments with you.

We hope to see you well and healthy in a year's time, Shawn! But till then, SEHAA wishes you all the best in the United Kingdom! May you find supportive people who'll be your lifeline, may your studies flourish forever, may you be safe but most importantly, may you be loved there as much as your heart has loved here. We'll certainly miss you so much Shawn but as they always say, "goodbyes aren't forever".

Farewell, Shawn; or as they say in Northern Ireland, Slán, Shawn!

love Jeehaa



Three years apart, I care to venture that my situation has drastically changed. It cannot be reversed, nor it can be altered. Nonetheless, I am delighted to have a solid foundation - a strong support system within my family, social circle and professional networks - that has shaped to who I am today. And while I am aiming to complete my undergraduate law degree in Queen's University Belfast in the United Kingdom, there are definitely still countless things up ahead for me, thanks to my family who has played a significant part to actualise this.

Stepping into uncharted territory (coupled with the fact that I have never been to the UK or continental Europe as a whole) is filled with anxiety and excitement. On a general note, sometimes, you may feel lonely in your pursuit - personal, social or professional; Sometimes, you would like to stay hedonistic in the environment you are in. But ultimately, in light of my friends and peers from Tenby SEH who have gone above and beyond in their passion, branching out into various disciplines they find they can grow with, and some even went abroad to continue their journey, makes me feel less empty as I am not the only one who has to go through this. I am forever thankful of their kindness, tolerance, and encouragement.

Time is cruel to humans, and finding your own path is challenging yet rewarding. With the limited time, it is vital to stay true to yourself and be grateful and appreciative for the moment. As Zhongli from Genshin Impact says, "Every journey has its final day. Don't rush." As much as this advice is cliche, I am hopeful that, with strong self-discipline and willpower, we can achieve the impossible, or at the very least, be proud of your accomplishments. Farewell, until we meet again!

Shawn Tan







Forget Me Not, Never to be Forgotten

CLASS OF 2019

By Nur Alyaa Fatihah

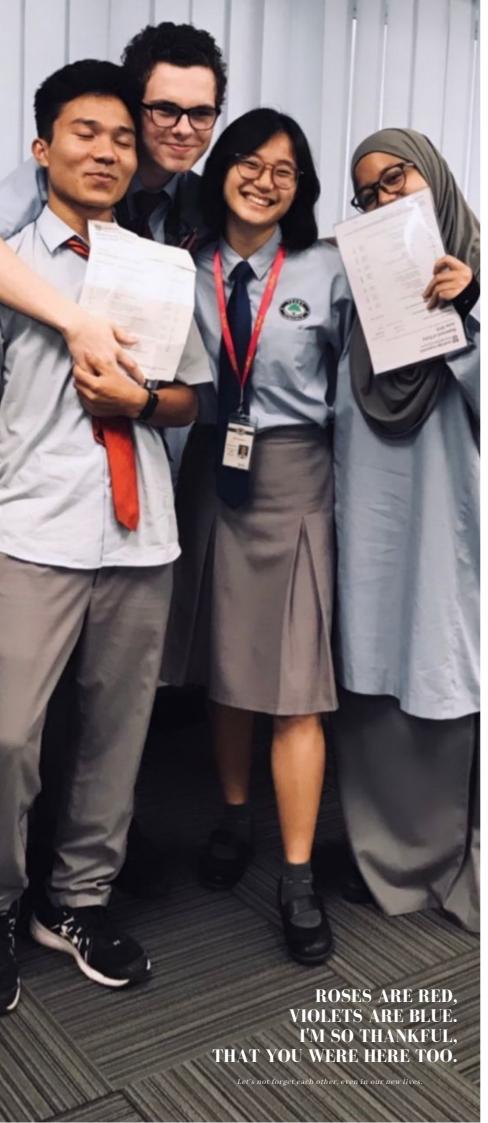
Tenby Setia Ecohill was for me a chapter of my story that I will never ignore nor push aside. From the year 2018 to 2019, in a year, I have been able to create tons of heavenly, delightfully, and unforgettable memories in Tenby with my friends, other Tenby students as well as Teachers. Indeed, it was a marvelous year for me.

It all started in September 2018. I was one of the new students to join the Tenby Family. It was a nervewracking time for me as I had just come back from abroad after three and half years long and knew no one in Tenby.

Thousands of thoughts crossed my mind. Would I be able to make new friends? Would I be able to fit in a new environment?

Nur Alyaa Fatihah

As it turned out, I had nothing to worry about. All my classmates welcomed me warmly. I was perplexed. Truth be told sometimes, I found it hard to fit in a new environment. Nevertheless, the teachers and my classmates were gentle and friendly toward me. I did not find it hard for me to adjust



to the environment. Other students at Tenby were also friendly and lovely. Although I only studied at Tenby for a year, I truly had an enjoyable time, plus I also made tons of unforgettable memories there whether with my friends, junior or staff members.

Even till today, I still maintain contact and keep in touch with my high schoolmates though we all are going down different paths. Thanks to SEHAA Alumni Association, I have the chance to get to know the other alumni better. I very much want to say thank you to SEHAA for giving me this chance.

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At the end of the day, I had a merry high school year, and I won't ever forget Tenby Setia Ecohill!

To Grow as We Go

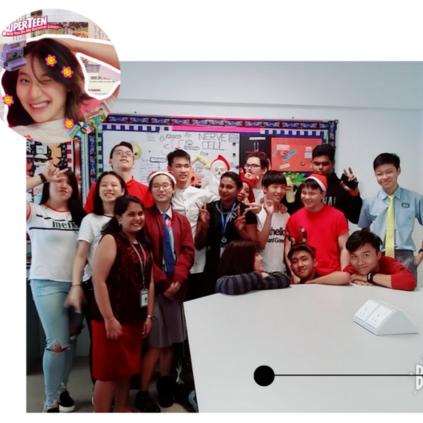
DANA LAI WEI-YN

Class of 2019

The journey of one's self-growth does not have be ventured out alone.

There's this song by singer Ben Platt titled 'Grow as We Go, and it's written in the perspective of a boyfriend reminding his partner that the journey of one's self-growth does not have to be ventured alone. He's basically telling her that "Hey, don't do this on your own, when we can do it together". On the surface, it's just another one of my favorite indie love songs that's been on repeat. It wasn't till one fine day that I realized how much my life in Tenby resonated with this.

I joined Tenby as a Year 10 student in September 2017. As someone who studied in a government school up till then, the different background and lifestyle here was a culture shock, albeit a small one. I had pretty much acclimated to the new surroundings and soon enough, Y10 turned to Y11 and Y11 turned to IGCSEs and that too, turned to our graduation ceremony. In a blink of an eye, I was thrusted into the not-so-fun life of university (Stay at school kids but do love university after that!) Overall, my life at Tenby were the best years of my life but there were without a doubt, many kicks here and there.



From studies to friendship issues and childish politics, being a full-time student there had its responsibilities too! Nonetheless, one of the biggest reasons I was able to carry on and reach the finishing line was thanks to my amazing support system I was surrounded with. Mainly God, my parents, teachers and of course, my friends.

If the change is what you need, You can change right next to me, When you're high, I'll take the lows, You can ebb, and I can float, And we'll take it slow and grow as we go.

Our class was small which meant everyone practically knew everyone. With me, I had a close circle of friends whom I still keep in contact with even today. They were the reason(s) I woke up everyday feeling pumped to go to school despite having to endure long hours of boring classes – amazing teachers but boring hours. In short, they made my days feel ten times better and I guess you could say they were the Ben Platt of my life.

They were the daily notifications that constantly reminded me that I need not be in solitude. In my horrible days, they stood by me and soothed my pain whereas when the days weren't so disastrous, they fooled around and laughed alongside me. In Ben Platt's words, they floated, while I ebbed and patiently accompanied me through every step of the way.

You won't be the alone one, I am unfinished, I've got so much left to learn, I don't know how this river runs, But I'd like the company, through every twist and turn.

We're all human, none of us are perfect. We all knew that, and we all accepted each other, flaws, and all. The transparency and honesty that was present amongst us made it less scary when times were tough. They too, had a lot to learn and needed the company and support as much as I needed it, even if I didn't notice it then. So, I guess with the time well spent, we grew to accept each other's help and grew to lend our ears or shoulders to lean on. Opening up was and is something I struggle with. I'd like to think that I'm not alone in this, but they made it easy and effortless. Thanks to them, present me is more willing to be expressive and be more vulnerable and thanks to them, I grew as I went.





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I don't know who we'll become, I can't promise that it's not, Written in the stars. But I believe that when it's done, We're gonna see that it was better, That we grew up together.

That was in 2017, 5 years ago. Today is the year 2022 and I am currently pursuing my degree in Mass Communication at UCSI University. I just started my second year, with only one year to go. Life's been crazy, hectic but beautiful and I'm so very blessed to have had my head start at Tenby Setia EcoHill. I've lost a friend or two along the way, but I believe those that ended happened in good time and with good reasons.





Hug your friend, love your parents, help someone, grab that opportunity, make memories with your friends and take care of yourself physically, spiritually and mentally.

Not to mention, I've gained a stronger bond with those who've stayed. If you were to ask if I regret surrounding myself with the friends and teachers that I did back in Tenby, you'd be met with a disagreement instantly. Despite the arguments and fights we've had over the years; these are the same people that have carved out a part of me today. God's blessing comes in many forms and sending me to Tenby has been one of them. I may be nowhere closer to being the best version of myself than I was from 2017 to 2019 but it is well with me as I now know that the journey of growth does not need to rushed or fast. More importantly, it does have to be done on my own. The future is unknown, but I trust in God and His plans that will always be good

I guess at the end of it all, I want to remind everyone that life is short but long simultaneously. We only live once, which is why you should make the best of it. And no, I don't mean go on a party streak and break all the rules because #YOLO but rather, think of every day as your last day so hug your friend, love your parents, help someone, grab that opportunity, make memories with your friends and take care of yourself physically, spiritually and mentally.





We only live once so make sure you live the longest and most sustainable life you can. Finally, as Ben Platt sings, don't be too hard on yourself and grow as you go. I thank Tenby, my family and God for the people I have met in my high school years but more importantly, I thank my friends who have grown and helped me grow as we wadded through the streams of life. Take care everyone and God bless!



And as Ben Platt sings, don't be too hard on yourself and grow as you go





THANK YOU!