

Good afternoon Brothers, Directors, special guests, teachers, my fellow students' families and all my friends.

It's an honor to be standing up here today. I can't believe that 3 years in Bell classes have passed so fast...too fast. You can't stop time. When we have happy times, they always pass too fast and I'm sure that everyone here doesn't want that time to arrive.

I still remember the first time I stepped into a Bell classroom with some of my new friends. A classroom only big enough for 16 chairs for students, one desk for the teacher, a shelf of books and a wide whiteboard, the small classroom that we used to do so many different activities together. The small classroom that will be in our memory forever. Over three years, we planned, wrote and acted portfolios; played mini games together, and shared experiences. We also studied hard. I have gained so much knowledge. So have my friends that are sitting here. Formerly, I wouldn't dare to face foreigners and talk to them but now I can talk with them skillfully. My house is a Chinese bakery shop near China Town, and it's very popular with tourists. Many of them get lost and don't know which direction they should go in. They come in the shop, buy some Chinese pastries and ask me the way. At first, I would get very nervous and flustered, and tell them the wrong directions. I felt really bad about doing that, so I decided to study English very hard. I studied from watching movies, listening to songs and talking with my family in English; but nothing is better than studying in Bell. Our Bell course has given us many things. Last year, I applied to study on the American Field Service Exchange Programme. To enter the programme, you need to pass a paper test and speaking test like PET or KET. I could do it easily because of Bell, and my results were really satisfying. A friend (and Bell classmate) of mine qualified to go to New Zealand because of Bell. Before I started studying, I thought that Bell would be very boring but I had to change my mind because the teaching style was very interesting and we were encouraged to give our opinions. The teachers were very kind and gentle. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for always sacrificing themselves and dedicating themselves to teaching us. I'd also like to apologise for things we have done wrong and done that might have made you feel bad. Not a day passed when I didn't want to study Bell. Bell is my favorite subject. Every day we learnt something new: interesting new vocabulary from the projector, competing against other teams by answering question, and doing portfolio projects together. Every activity in the room was very interesting and valuable.

I don't want to leave. Could we stay one more year? Sadly, we can't. These are going to be my last words. It's easy to feel hopeful on a beautiful day like today, but there will be dark days too. There will be days when you feel all alone, when you miss your friends and times that have disappeared into the past. That's when hope is needed most. No matter how lost you feel or how much you are suffering, you must promise me you will hold onto hope. Stay strong, and remember our time together. Although we may be apart in the future, we will always be classmates and friends and, in this modern world, never more than a few seconds away from each other. Look around here today...look at all the people who made us who we are. I know it feels like I'm saying goodbye but we will be a part of each other in everything that we do next. Don't forget the good times that we have had together and help each other whenever someone needs it. It's been a great 3 years with you guys. Thanks for everything.

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