

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary English Writing Competition  
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**< An unforgettable experience at school >**

A lot of interesting things happened during studying in TYCY but the most unforgettable experience was attending the debating competition for the first time. I felt very complicated about this competition experience.

The strongest feeling I could not forget is excitement. It was my very first debating and I felt very proud of being selected as the fourth speaker to do a summary speech. I really enjoyed the way of working as a team. I kept editing the content and practicing presentation because I believed ‘practice makes perfect’.

But I also felt stressed. I had no much experience in debating. In addition, the competition happened the day before our 1st term’s exam, so we could hardly spend enough time on preparation for both. I did not want to get teachers, parents and classmates disappointed. More importantly, I was eager to win for our school and a bit afraid of failure.

I felt much more touched. Our teachers knew that we had to revise for the examination so they supported us a lot, teaching us debating techniques and even making debating cards for us. They had a ton of work to do but still sacrificed their rest time to help us prepare well for both the exam and the competition.

More specially, I felt grateful. During the competition, we worked together and tried our best. Unfortunately, we did not win in the end, but I learnt and gained a lot. I got very valuable suggestions from judges. One thing out of my expectation was I finally achieved the recognition of the best debater.

No pain, no gain. People will get what you worked for in return. Even though we lost, I still got the most unforgettable experience and knew how to do better in the future.