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"School is the place to study!", so they say. Personally, I think at St James College, it is not merely a place to study, but to learn. They do not just teach you what's in the books. At this school, we were to learn about a variety of things that matters in life. It sharpens our academic intellection, vocational skills, personal development, friendship between one another, values of different communities across the world, etc. I tend to think of St James College as my other home, the place that I belong to and always feel safe. Even with the works I had to deal with at school, I was never once hesitant of coming to school and enjoy every moment of it while I could.

By the end of my journey at St James College, I always look back and smile along with those priceless moments I shared with the community: the excitement of academic achievements, the glory of winning those soccer games, the week that we lost our voices after shouting and singing our war cries during swimming, athletic carnivals as well as cross countries and most of all the smiles that everyone shared around the school atmosphere.

With a significant accomplishment at the College, I had the chance to pursue my dream of becoming a diplomat for my country, Cambodia, by choosing to study International Relations and Economics as a dual degree at the University of Queensland. I am fully aware of how challenging this dream can be, however, based on my two year experience at St James College, I believe in the statement that says "A person's persistence will be rewarded eventually". Faithful forever!