

The Y.W.C.A. Hioe Tjo Yoeng College  
Student (Alumna) Sharing

Sharing by Yau Wai May (from England)

***Pursue Your Dream !***

*(Wai May graduated from the Royal Academy of Music, London, majoring in Opera Singing. Soon after graduation, she won award with her performance in the Hungarian Music Festival, Europe.)*

"It has been roughly 2 years and a half since I left HTYC. I came to England to study Music. I remember I was absent on the first day of my 5<sup>th</sup> form year, and a week later, I got on the plane and I have been chasing after my dream since then. Now, after two years of intense musical training and hard work, I have a guaranteed place at the Royal Academy of Music in London with an Entrance Scholarship.

Thinking back, it was not a solid plan; however, it was a decision driven by aspirations or maybe ambitions and I know to some it is stubbornness. To make a long story short, I have to say that it has been a difficult journey with very puzzling time of uncertainty and worries. But anyway, I truly took actions to follow my dream and now I am at Royal Academy of Music. It certainly is a splendid place for classical music. In the past, it was 'unreachable', even 'undreamable'. Now, dreams realized, I really enjoy being here, thrilled by all the challenges. I have seen, done and learnt so much more than I have ever had in the past 16 years in Hong Kong. It would take another 9000 words or more to tell you everything!

LUCK is a huge part for most successes. Yes, I have been very lucky that's true; however, the more hard-working you are, the luckier you will be. I cannot stress this enough that opportunities will come to those who have prepared for them and stay with those who are willing to work for them.

I have to thank our Principal Mr. Chan. He actually admired my guts and was positive with the idea of me going abroad so young before graduation to do music. That day, I came to the Principal's Office with my mum to bid farewell. And he wrote me an official reference letter, commenting on how brave I was and that I acted and started working on my goal instead of just dreaming about it. I am truly grateful and I appreciate it whole-heartedly.

Much love,  
Waimay.