

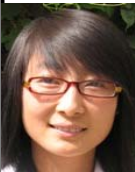
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As the graduation approaches, I do believe that the grade 2 students have mixed feelings. They are excited to explore the new world, but also sad to say goodbye to OTC. OTC is such a warm family that has protected them for two years. In my eyes, it is more like our dear mom who has watched us grow up. Now, it is time for them to achieve their life goal by using what OTC has entrusted to them. Before they go, they would like to give their sincere and heartfelt thanks to OTC and share some of their thoughts with the grade 1 students. —Angel Zhang



Today is a finish, but tomorrow is a beginning. My heart is beating strongly as I consider how to take the first steps into my future. In my mind there are so many questions, but not so many answers. I believe these two years at OTC have equipped me for my journey. Now it is time to set out and put all that I have learned into action.



Graduation marks the end of our student life. It pushes us toward the various challenges outside. I am a little fearful, yet joyful to start my new life adventure. Our youth, our energy, our optimism and our confidence will provide us all with a good start. With these qualities, fellow grads, I believe we can use all the skills gained at OTC to meet the challenges of the foreign job market and the work place.



Time has surely flown. Two years of OTC life will be finished soon. Before I leave OTC, I really have a lot of sentences that I want to say. I am so grateful to all of the teachers and schoolmates. You helped me grow a lot. You helped me have a better ability to face problems and solve them, so thank you teachers.



As is commonly said, "Time flies." We will graduate soon and seeking a job will be our next goal. I gained many skills and much knowledge from each of the foreign teachers and from all of our classes. Our dear teachers invested their valuable time to teach us significant book knowledge and also put much patience into cultivating us to be wise and practical people. We appreciate all they have done.



As our student life comes to an end, it is now time for us to explore the unknown world. Many opportunities, as well as difficulties, await us. We anticipate the difficulties of transitioning from a familiar world to a completely new setting. Even though our futures will be filled with many uncertain obstacles, I believe that we will be the victors of tomorrow.



Grade one students, I want you to use the rest of your time wisely at OTC and diligently pursue your goals. All the difficulties I faced were worth the struggle. It will be the same for you.



Now we have to leave in order to get a bright future. Even though we feel some anxiety to go into a foreign city on our own, we believe we will effectively use our skills in our new field of work. As we go out, may we remind our fellow schoolmates who have another year at OTC that studying well here can change your life. At last, please remember this famous quote: "The gift is 1 percent inspiration, 99 percent perspiration." So work hard and don't give up no matter what happens in your life.



Sometimes I feel it is a dream that I can accomplish my study at OTC after two years. Our graduation will soon be held and the day of celebration will come to an end. For us, it means turning to a brand-new page in our lives. Sure, we will be nervous about our futures. We are asking ourselves, "Where can we find jobs?" "Will it be a job well-suited for us?" We cannot know the exact answers, but each of us can use all that we have learned at OTC to face the challenges and difficulties with our best efforts.



To address my dear classmates, I want to say “thank you for helping me during these two busy years.” As we begin to enter the next phase of our lives, we must be confident and benevolent to others. Let us joyfully overcome each difficulty that we encounter, do our best to forgive people who do us wrong, and strive to build good relationships with our new friends and co-workers.



Time has flown. It seems like only yesterday when I first met the OTC teachers and my new classmates. But today I have finished my two years of OTC life. Thinking back, I clearly remember those initial weeks when we began the fall quarter. Tomorrow we'll face a new challenge—entering the working society. No matter how great the pressure is coming upon us, we can and we will be brave enough to face all of the necessary challenges.



I think the most beneficial thing I gained from OTC is a new attitude about study and about life. Our Character First class taught me to focus on building greater character and moral excellence. Business jobs, world geography, and literature classes helped me to better understand from other countries. This will positively affect my future work relationships. Every class and each teacher helped to shape the man I am today.



I am a little bit sad because I will leave the familiar life of a student, but also I am excited because I will step into the real society and demonstrate what I have learned during these school years and will continue to learn lots of things that I did not learn at school. Ronald E. Osborn said: “Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.” If we want to succeed, we should always be a good learner.



Soon we are going to graduate. I still worry a little about my future, but I want to mention that during these two years, I really learned a lot from this school. I developed myself thoroughly, both my knowledge or character. Thanks teachers for teaching us useful knowledge.



We will graduate soon, but before I leave, I want to say something from my heart. I am so thankful to my family for supporting me while I studied here. I am so thankful to all of my dear teachers for teaching me, and to all of my classmates for helping me. I want to tell Grade One students this: it is worth your greatest efforts and wise investment of time to study diligently and to learn as much as possible next year. Your reward will be great.



These special moments together bring us to the end of our student lives and the dawn of our adult lives as we set out to become productive members of our society. Yet I feel somewhat reluctant to leave because my days at OTC were filled with such marvelous memories. Tomorrow is a new start. Armed with the practical skills that I've gained at OTC, I will step forward confidently and courageously to face the unknown and challenging future.



Thanks to all of our teachers for teaching us. You taught us how to be people of excellent character and you taught us the practical skills in a variety of classes and subjects. You created a good environment for us to practice our oral English.



It was my fortune to know and come to OTC. Here I reached my dream to study English professionally and spent a splendid time here. Here I experienced the process of being cut and re-shaped from a diamond-in-the-rough in the beginning to a shining one by the diamond cutters. Here the dirt hiding our beauty — our bad habits and poor English skills — have already been cut and reshaped and our sparkling glory has already been revealed. Here I got my most precious treasure for the rest of my life.



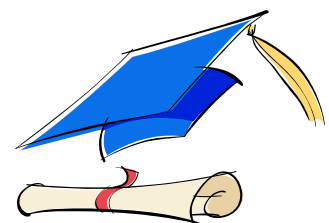
We are very grateful to our teachers. From them, we know the real value of life. We do not just live for ourselves, but we have responsibilities to help others; we do not just live for finance, but we are looking forward to contentment; we do not just live for living, but we need to live significantly.



As we are going to graduate, I felt busy and curious. I felt so tired everyday; I do not know what is waiting for me. I have no map in my mind about the place I am going. I cannot imagine what kind of job I might get. Therefore, it is the most difficult time I have ever had. I lost sleep and even could not focus on what the teacher said. Our life is filled with daily choices, so it is always hard to make a decision.



My heart is full of gratitude to our teachers and parents. You cannot imagine how much strength and energy the teachers sacrificed to teach us. Our parents also have sacrificed greatly for us; they gave us life, they nourished and upheld us to study English here. Please receive my sincere thanks to the greatest people --- our teachers and parents.





At this special time, I want to say "Thank you" to our kind and beloved teachers. Thank you for your teaching and encouragement. Please believe us – we will not let you be disappointed with us. I also want to encourage our dear Grade One schoolmates to work hard on your studies and gain more knowledge and abilities.



Time flew rapidly; we will each hold our certificates in our hands in a few short days. Tomorrow, I will face another kind of life; I need to be ready to greet the challenges presented by the business world. The future is unknown, but I possess the ability to perform a job well and my strong character ethics will serve me well in this competitive society. Because of this, I believe tomorrow will be more wonderful than today!



China has a well-known saying "It requires ten years to mature the trees; Hundreds of years to educate people." Even though we are leaving OTC, we will continue developing both our skills and our character. Thank you for your hard work, our dear teachers.



OTC commemorates the successful completion of my two years. These two years have left a deep impression in my heart. The knowledge I learned at OTC was greater than book knowledge. Teachers, all of you gave me a memorable zest for life. What I learned from you will transfer to the community, our homes, our work places, and make us efficient and invaluable. Thank you, dear teachers.



Soon our graduation ceremony will be a memory. It is very difficult for me to say farewell to you all, but I know that starting today our class will have a splendid future. Let us pray for one another. Though the road under our feet may at times seem bumpy, we can overcome all obstacles. Remember we now have some valuable tools for life.



Here, I want to say thank you to all of our OTC teachers. The success we have today can't be separated from your endless assistance and benevolence. What you did for us changed our lives! Also, I want to say thank you to our parents – thank you for your support and care for so many years. All that you have done has brought us to today's reward.



Tomorrow when we get up, we will be different: no longer students but job-seekers. Our unique skills give us an edge in the job market and the workplace. Even though we have no job experience, we will soon gain experience. We have many abilities now which will enable us to be valuable employees. By using the keys of knowledge OTC has given us, I believe we will find many doors of opportunity.



After I graduate from OTC, I may not see my teachers, classmates and friends for a very long time. However, the friendships have rooted themselves in our hearts. Wherever I am, I'll remember I had so many good teachers and friends here, and I'll miss them greatly.



Class Of 2008

The Final Oasis Outdoor Activity

By Ms. Michelle



We had our final Oasis outdoor activity on the ZZ playground last Friday night. Grade one students Sarah W. and Sarah Y. competed for the longest standing Hula Hoop contestants. In the Bat Relay, led by enthusiastic Mr. Dennis, students and friends alike raced to be the first team to complete the relay. Our dearly loved Ms. Barbara returned for the second year in a row to lead the Gunny Sack and Three Legged races. Grade one student, Wendy, was the champ

in the girls race beat only by James who gave up his prize to compete against his fellow guy classmates. A token ticket was given to each winner of a competition which could be redeemed at the ZZ story for an ice cream. The series of games ended with a wild Water Balloon Toss led by our friend Ms. Kay. Over all, I think everyone had a good time playing all the games. It got a



little chaotic towards the end, but no one was hurt and fun was had by all. We ended the night watching 'Cars' which Mr. Chris set up with the projector on the basketball court. There was quite a large crowd gathered around to watch, both OTC students, kids from the community, and ZZ students. I personally want to thank everyone for coming out. It's YOUR eagerness that makes this kind of activity worth organizing. Watching YOU, our students, get involved in the activities and have fun at the Big Apple and Oasis Activity Center these past two years has brought a significant amount of fulfillment to my last two years of being in Ping Ling. I also want to thank ALL the teachers for coming and being involved at this last 2007-2008 Oasis activity! Thank you for playing YOUR part in making this time successful!



Angel's Angle



Since June 1st, China has started a plastic banning revolution in order to protect our motherland—earth. The production, sale and use of plastic shopping bags 0.025 millimeters thick or thinner will be banned, and retailers will be prohibited from providing customers with free plastic bags. Many are doubtful about the fate of such a ban because people are so accustomed to receiving free plastic bags to pack their purchases at checkout counters.

Some people also complain about inconvenience. Even though we are not used to taking our own bags yet and some of the small retailers are still providing the bags to their customers, I believe as time goes by, we will get rid of the bad habit. If everyone can do his own part well, we will achieve our goal. As an OTC member, we should use what we learned in Character Class, be resourceful to our resource, be responsible for our environment, and have initiative to take the right action. Believe that everything is possible and never say never when facing difficulties.