

Alyssa Azcuna
Valedictorian Speech
Angsana Primary School → Raffles Girls' School [IP]



Good morning to all teachers, students and parents. I am Alyssa Azcuna, and it is a great honour that I am here to deliver this speech today. First of all, I would like to thank all for attending KO Tuition Club's [KOTC] Annual Prize Presentation Ceremony.

I would like to use this speech as an opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who has helped me get to where I am today: my teachers, my family and my friends. The teachers at KOTC have sacrificed their time, love and energy to plan out the lessons and make sure that we understand everything being taught. When we need to clarify anything or we do not know how to solve a problem, they will not hesitate to guide us, step by step. They are proud of our achievements, but always encourage us that we can do even better. They are patient with us and they never leave us in the dark. I am forever grateful for all that they have done for us. Though, the most important thing that they have done for me in particular is that they have taught me how to be a better person.

I guess I can say I have always had good grades, but my teachers have helped me to realise that I can do even better when I work hard, and it has shown in my PSLE results. I will admit, I am still a procrastinator, but I think I'm improving, at least. My family has also spent countless hours raising me, and being the best family I could ever ask for. They are my role models, best friends, and teachers. I look up to them and strive to be like them, or maybe even better. They have tried their hardest to push me forward, be it buying me tons of PSLE study materials, or giving pep talks, which I may seem annoyed at on the surface but deep down, words cannot describe how much I am thankful for them. Also, they sacrifice their money to allow me to come to KOTC, so I quite literally would not be here without them.

I enjoy my lessons at KOTC, partly because of my friends here. Some of them are irritating, sure, but they take my mind off of the work and stress from exams, and lighten the atmosphere of the classroom. Not once have they failed to make me smile. We laugh together, teach one another, and struggle to do difficult questions together. Thank you for all for the good memories!

Of course, I cannot forget my teachers and friends from school, but they already know how grateful I am for them. Before I go, I would like to say that you should never hesitate to ask for help when you really need it, and keep an open mind. Always work hard and strive to be better. My father has this saying, **"The more you work hard, the luckier you get."**

Finally, congratulations to all of the prize winners of 2019. Let's hope we can do even better next year!

Thank you.