

### **The most important things in life**

Good afternoon Principal, teachers and fellow schoolmates.

It is my honour to be here with you all. I am Jasmine. A form five student who is not much different from the rest of you. But I'm here to remind you of something you've forgotten. Have you ever sat back and thought about important things in your life? I believe most of us don't even have the time for that. We keep our noses to the grindstone to inch our ways to success. We lie in our beds every night after finishing the strenuous work. Things that are very important to us just slowly fade away.

I remember when I was little, I always daydreamed. I loved putting them into words and drawings. The world was so colorful and whimsical. I used to indulge in my fantasy that I never found my life mundane. Imagination poured passion and aspiration into my life. As Walt Disney once said, "We storytellers instill hope into people's hearts with imagination again and again and again." Imagination has such an extraordinary power that we've always overlooked. Not only does it give us hope, it also brings us the future. It opens our minds to the impossibilities and gives birth to evolution. The Wright Brothers would never have built the aircraft if they hadn't started imagining when they were given the propeller toy in first grade. Only when Thomas Edison started believing in his imaginary visions could he invent the light bulb. These stories tell us that imagination can eventually be turned into reality. Imagination is the foundation.

To connect with nature is another thing that must be valued in our lives. Modern society drives us to ignore our inheritance of nature. We are always stressed. This is because deep down in our souls, there is a part that can only be consoled and freed by nature. It is inexplicable yet magical. When I walk on the earth barefoot and sit by the waters, listening to the soothing sounds of nature and my heart falls silent. Nature provides me with a sense of tranquil awareness. When I look up to the night sky and see no end of it, I realize how little things are compared to the whole universe. All the worries and doubts disappear. When you lie on the grass, close your eyes and listen to the whispers of the wind, you remember a part of who you are. You are not restricted to any rules anymore. Like what Shakespeare once said, "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Nature is what truly heals our heart and brings fulfillment in our lives.

With imagination and connection with nature, they can see you through all the trials in life.  
It's time for you to re-evaluate their importance and I wish you all a wonderful life.

Thank you.