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Mrs. Chong
PRINCIPAL OF SECONDARY

Our 6th alumni magazine features another wide range of [elc](#) graduates who are now making waves in their own communities in different corners of the world. I am delighted that so many of them wanted to contribute to this year's magazine, and I must admit that it was like old times, chasing up with students on late 'homework'. But we finally did get to this point and I am truly happy to present this year's magazine to our [elc](#) community, far and wide.

It was interesting to note how food is a common denominator in many of our alumni's memories – their fondness of Aunty Carol's chicken curry, mutton rendang and chicken rice is quite amazing, given that they also remember which foods were served on which days. So it is not just the memories, teachers or the school that bring us all together, it is also the food – how Asian is that!

It is obvious that we, the school, would not be standing proud without the efforts and commitment of our staff, past and present, who are mentioned in the following pages by our alumni. Taking this trip down memory lane is nostalgic but it also brings home the fact that we are shaped by the very people who enriched our lives in so many ways. We will always miss those who are no longer with us, and remember them and our interactions with much fondness.

I hope that as you go through each page of this magazine, you too will realise how important it is to seize the day – ***Carpe Diem!***

Amanda Loo Yen-Ying

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2013-2016

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

There was one term where there weren't any ECA options that tickled my interest and I decided to sign up for the Comic Book Club (coming from somebody who is absolutely horrible in art) with my close friends. As expected, sketching the comics were a nightmare (nobody could quite tell what was drawn, not even myself), but it made the experience so much more fun and memorable with something to laugh about at the end of the day with my peers.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

[elc](#) has taught me the importance of stepping out of my comfort zone and taking on challenges with courage - this mindset has helped me to grow personally and explore new opportunities

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Geography! Ms Geet made sure that the learning process was fun and interactive - it was memorable in every way.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Grateful, lively, supportive



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Macquarie University, Australia

COURSE STUDIED

Bachelor of Commerce - Major in Marketing

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Innovations Marketing (FMCG)

CURRENT LOCATION

Kuala Lumpur

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

If I could go back in time, I would've been more vocal and spent more time to try and explore new interests (I was a relatively quiet kid back in the day).

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Don't be afraid to take the leap and try new opportunities - you'll never know what potential you could unlock :)



Amir Moradi

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2013-2016

NATIONALITY
Iran

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

So many different ones to choose from, but one that still, to this day, makes me happy, is the time that we were competing at the FOBISSEA Games, and all of our classmates were telling us that we had no chance at all of winning any basketball games. We ended up beating every school that we faced that year and that made me very proud.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

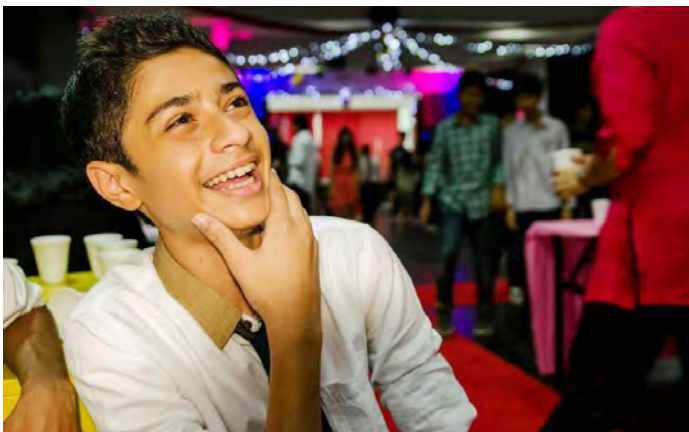
Absolutely. Many different ones, but the most valuable one for me is the discipline. I remember I used to think that certain things like getting the length of our nails checked in the mornings for instance was unnecessary, but soon after graduating and becoming an adult, I realised that those small things gave me the edge over youths from other schools :)

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

ICT, due to the amount of memories I have with friends from that class!

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Excellent, Memorable, Disciplined



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Montana State University, USA

COURSE STUDIED

Business Management

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Founded and currently running a marketing firm.

CURRENT LOCATION

Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, USA

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#).WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Nothing!

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Despite what you might think, everything you are doing/going through will be memories that will stick with you forever. Enjoy these times as much as you can.



Benedikt Nitschke

WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM
2003-2014

NATIONALITY
Norwegian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT elc?

My time in elc was great, both the teachers and students made it a great experience for me. I was enrolled in elc from Year 1 to Year 11, where I was fortunate to have made good friends, strong pedagogical teachers and a great campus.

When it comes to memories, there were many that were very fond, such as the annual Sports Day, the ECAs, the science experiment classes and much more. Not sure, how much has changed since then, as I completed Year 11 in 2014. This makes it almost a decade ago, but does not actually feel that long ago. The memory is still vivid on how everything was, and in retrospect how much the teachers cared for the students' success and education - which was at that time not as significant but since then valued, by giving me personally a strong educational background to achieve where I am today.

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

I felt elc was really strict at the time, where discipline was something one had to learn. However, this is something I valued a lot later on as it has given me, and probably others, a good understanding of how to handle one's soft skills and to acknowledge one's surroundings or environment. Furthermore, it also has helped me to be more disciplined with regards to my habits, my work ethics, etc. This discipline is now a strong driving mechanism later in life.



LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Stavanger

COURSE STUDIED

BSc. in Petroleum Technology & MSc. in Industrial Economics

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Currently working as a Data Analyst in a IT data warehouse company. I am consulting for major industries (such as aquaculture and petroleum companies) on data management, automation, governance and data warehouse. The tasks are very varied where making applications, reporting and automation of workflows are in a standard day. I am to make business more efficient and cost-aware through data analytics, and aid them in aligning their strategies toward the future, especially with ESG (environmental, social and corporate governance) as the current focus.

CURRENT LOCATION

Stavanger, Norway



Chai Ten Won, Maverick Richard

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2006-2014

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

Yes! [elc](#) taught me many lessons, mainly to work hard at achieving goals, strive to excel in things you do, and take pride in your work.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Physics. 1001 ways to launch something - haha! I had an interest in sciences and how things work, and physics was the science that I gravitated towards. I found it interesting looking at how forces interact with each other to result in certain outcomes.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Grateful, Inspiring, Supportive



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Edinburgh, UK

COURSE STUDIED

MSc Dance Science and Education

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Working for Carnival Cruise Lines as a Dancer-Singer

CURRENT LOCATION

Edinburgh, Scotland

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I don't think I would do anything differently; I am happy with how I did things in [elc](#).

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Take everything in your stride. Your time at [elc](#) will fly by, so make the most of the opportunities you have and have fun!



Ehin Pei Xuen

WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM
2012-2016

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT elc?

A bunch of us would congregate in the library during study time, and secretly play cards.

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

elc encouraged me to consistently engage in critical thinking, ask questions, and fearlessly express my opinions - a practice I continue to uphold across various stages of my life.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Eng Lit, because Mrs Chong was my favourite teacher!! Also because it taught me to understand and appreciate the world through different lenses and perspectives.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT elc?

Nostalgic, warm and fun.



LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Imperial College - Business School

COURSE STUDIED

MSc Economics and Strategy for Business

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Travelling!

CURRENT LOCATION

London

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I would put myself out there more and participate more actively in the school community, especially themed days.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

Cherish the remaining years of your time here at elc with the friends you've made; these are the ones who will stand by your side throughout life.

Julien Pascal Roth

WHILE AT **elc**

STUDIED AT **elc** FROM
2006-2016

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

DID **elc** GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT
SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

I felt that **elc** kept me humble and down to earth, but
still pushed me to be the best version of myself.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Science because of Ms Fiona!

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT **elc**?

Enriching, fulfilling, and nurturing



LIFE AFTER **elc**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of New South Wales, Australia

COURSE STUDIED

Law & Accounting

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Paralegal - soon to be admitted as a Solicitor in
Australia

CURRENT LOCATION

Sydney, Australia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO **elc** WHAT
WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

To be honest, I wouldn't want to change anything.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT **elc** STUDENTS?

Just be yourself!



Katyani Chhabra

WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM
2009-2015

NATIONALITY
Indian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT elc?

Coordinating IU Days, engaging in diverse cultural events, participating in prefect camps with outdoor cooking sessions and camping, and being pioneers in attending an MUN event in Hong Kong.

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

Being the Treasurer of Interact Club and holding the position of a Deputy Head Prefect at school have honed my organisational skills, enabling me to plan and manage numerous events over the years. This experience has significantly influenced my career prospects and the opportunities I pursued after completing my studies at elc.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

ICT with Mr. Loo stood out as my preferred subject due to his lively and entertaining teaching style. Beyond imparting subject knowledge, his insightful life lessons left a lasting impact on me, and I'm certain they will continue to resonate with me in the future.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT elc?

Nostalgic, Eventful, Fulfilling



LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Lasalle College of the Arts

COURSE STUDIED

BA(Hons) in Interior Design

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Interior Design Consultant & Social Media Marketing Strategist

CURRENT LOCATION

Singapore

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

If given the chance to revisit the past, I would eagerly seize the opportunity to explore a broader range of options and push myself beyond my comfort zone by engaging in more activities. Reflecting on this later in life, I've come to realise that there were missed opportunities during my time at elc that I could have actively participated in.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

Shift your focus towards the opportunities at elc instead of comparing it to other schools. I'm confident that you'll derive a significant benefit from this approach.



Kimberly Ngoh Wei Kim

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2010-2014

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

The first thing that comes to mind is our time outside of the classroom — field trips, Interact Nite, mufti days, sports days,, lunch breaks or waiting in the cafeteria after school — but there were uniquely fun moments that occurred within classes too, such as failed science experiments or helping each other out with the sewing machine in art class. To be honest, it is all a blur to me now but I look back at my time at [elc](#) fondly.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

Being a student at [elc](#) instilled in me a sense of discipline and respect, while being a prefect emboldened me to speak up confidently for what is right.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

My favorite subject was ICT because I enjoyed using the computer and taking a break from books and writing. I also remember the ICT lab being really cold all the time, which is great after a sweaty lunch break.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Nostalgic, safe, strict



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

COURSE STUDIED

Chemical Engineering & Statistics

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Data Analytics in Finance

CURRENT LOCATION

Chicago, Illinois

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I am content with my time at [elc](#) and felt like I tried my best to make the most out of the opportunities given to me, but I wouldn't have achieved that without the encouragement and support of the teachers and friends I made! If anything, I wish I could have showed them more appreciation then and kept in touch with them. I would have also pushed myself to initiate a club or activity that other students could participate in and maybe enlist the help of teachers through that. For example, there were independent after-school boxing sessions facilitated by a PE teacher (Mr Prem) that I really enjoyed taking part in and it would have been nice to have something like that continue on for other students to enjoy even when the lead teacher or students have left the school.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

I would encourage students to appreciate the community aspect of [elc](#)! You get to see and talk to teachers and students almost everyday and have the opportunity to build strong relationships that can last a long time.

Kristen Koopmans

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2005-2015

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

Some of the best times I've had have been playing sports during FOBISSEA or during inter-school matches on the weekends. I especially liked playing team sports because we got to play with people from other year groups, so I felt like secondary was more close-knit as I got to know people outside of my year.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

Always account for variable change. I was a big planner and would set goals for myself a few years ahead, even in school, which included being House Captain. Unfortunately, I wasn't lucky enough to get the position, but I think that's set me up well in terms of thinking that not everything will go as planned. My ideas and goals might change, so I shouldn't be too fixed on or disappointed when what I do now is slightly different from where I expected 5 years ago.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

It has to be Biology. Mrs Kuruvilla was a great teacher and was instrumental in shifting my perspective that Biology is solely about memorising facts. I remember we were assigned a small research project to do over the summer before Year 11, and felt it was a great way to be really engaged in the subject to use original thought, creativity and critical thinking. I guess that was my first real introduction to doing independent research.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Close-knit, inclusive, diverse



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Oxford

COURSE STUDIED

DPhil in Cancer Sciences

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I'm going into my second year of my PhD at Oxford. My main focus is cancer immunotherapy, which basically tries to 'boost' the immune system to fight cancer. I'm finding new cancer antigens that we can target using yeast display libraries (yes, yeast may not only be used for making bread and beer) and engineering T cells, so you'll mainly find me in the lab pipetting most of the day.

CURRENT LOCATION

Oxford, UK

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Maybe take myself a little less seriously, try to be less shy and be more sociable. I often prioritised work over play, and it would have been nice to take more of an advantage of having my friends all in the same place every day.



Laura Ei Leen Ong

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2008-2012

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

Too many to pick from! The highlights would definitely be FOBISSEA Music Festival in Beijing and all the musicals we put on, especially the Yester-Daze musical we put on at KLPAC! Having so many students across all the year groups work together and put on something we were all proud of was such a great experience I'll cherish.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

My friends and teachers taught me the importance of integrity and being your most authentic self.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Music for sure. Our music department was incredibly supportive and I've had so many lovely memories making music with friends in the music room.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Nostalgic, warm, wholesome



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Aberdeen

COURSE STUDIED

Chemical engineering

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Operations Engineer at an offshore windfarm

CURRENT LOCATION

Brighton, England

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I would have probably worked a bit harder at school! I wish I took GCSE History with Ms Sheela as everyone I know who took it raves about what a great class it was, and I definitely really enjoyed it up til Year 9. Alas, I didn't take it as I was told it was a lot of homework! Also probably try harder at sports!

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

You get so many opportunities to learn something with so much support at [elc](#). Whether it's a subject you want to excel in, a sport or instrument that could be a lifelong hobby, or even cooking class (loved those), give it your all while you have the chance!



Lavanya Kumar

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
1998-2001

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF
YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

I have a treasure trove of memories but I think my favourite stories involve interactions between the teachers and students:

Mr Chan having to cope with a class of (mainly male) Malaysian students who had to take Malay as an O level. What they lacked in fluency they made up for in bravado and cheek, enraging poor Mr Chan.

Chemistry lessons with Mr Aloysius- his former students will need no further explanation.

The International Student Project to Greece- 6 students, two members of staff, national strikes, delayed flights home and rapidly dwindling funds.

Other memories are parties (birthdays, proms, sleepovers), hanging out at each other's homes, chatting on the phone. Our tiny year group meant we all got to know each other so well.

Other treasured memories are of the times spent chatting to Mrs Kaloo in her office. I imagine time spent in the headmistress's office would fill others with dread, but I cherished our time together.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

My time at [elc](#) played a large role in forming the person I am today and this was thanks to Mrs Kaloo, a truly gifted educator and a very special person. In both my professional and personal life I try to conduct myself with integrity and compassion. I am curious about the world and I enjoy learning. [elc](#) taught me that.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

I can't pick a favourite subject. My teachers- Ms Sheela, Mrs Chong, Mrs Mathews, Ms Chin , Mrs Kuruvita, Ms Hall, Mr Aloysius and Mr Chan taught their subjects with enthusiasm, skill, warmth and humour. I loved my lessons with them.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?
Respect, Loyalty, Affection



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of York, UK

COURSE STUDIED

BA in English Literature, MA in Post Colonial Literature

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I'm a government lawyer.

CURRENT LOCATION

London, England

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#).WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I would like to think that if I could go back in time I would have been more enthusiastic during PE lessons but I doubt it!



Leo Paul Larkin

WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM
2007-2018

NATIONALITY
Irish

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT elc?

When the MRT was built and it was suddenly an option to take public transport after school was, in hindsight, an important moment in having more freedom than before (being restricted to either the bus/van or parents driving).

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

The people around you care more about you than you think they do. Nobody wants to see a peer struggle endlessly and people in the same community, such as a class, look out for one another in various ways even if it doesn't look like it.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

IGCSE History - being pushed by Ms. Sheela to always keep refining my answers was high pressure in that moment but it is something I can be proud of now.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT elc?

Gratitude, Pride, Nostalgia



LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Sunway University, Malaysia

COURSE STUDIED

Bachelor's in Computer Science

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Working as a Solutions Consultant for Perceptif (a Singapore-based startup)

CURRENT LOCATION

Kuala Lumpur

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Spend more time with my peers and have more reason to reconnect with them now

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

Get to know yourself better. Everyone takes life differently having strengths and weaknesses of their own. Make decisions from your understanding of yourself, not what others say you should do. Always think before responding to anything.



Loo Eu-Jian

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2010-2013

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF
YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

More than one - so it is hard to keep track of, but a few come to mind:

- Interact Nights where performances come to life to bring about a change of atmosphere to our usual morning assembly area.

- The class performance of Animal Farm's final scene where the animal antagonists ironically portray the spitting images of the very humans they sought to free themselves from.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

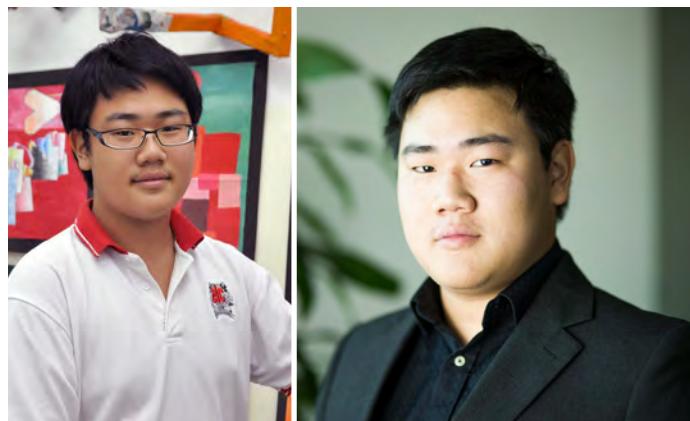
To try your best in anything you do and that it's alright to step out of your comfort zones. Being in [elc](#) also taught me to be confident and go about making friends from all walks and cultures of life and in doing so, gain lifelong experiences and knowledge unique to each individual.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

It's a tough call between Business Studies and Chemistry. On one hand, you learn how a major part of the world and many other disciplines revolve around the business world. On the other, there's just that part about the sciences and experiments that bring out that inner child and fascination you have seeing how chemicals interact with each other to produce wonderful effects as though it were magic.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Nostalgic, Inspiring, Nurturing



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Queensland

COURSE STUDIED

Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Assistant Manager at a 'Big Four'.

CURRENT LOCATION

Kuala Lumpur

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Maybe take on more opportunities and chances in meeting more people, but all the experiences in [elc](#) are part of the journey of the person I am now and will continue to be part of my lifelong experiences in the future - there's nothing I would do to change it.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Go out, enjoy yourselves and make more friends but always remember to be yourself and to push to be the best that you can be. It's alright to experience difficulties as it's from those experiences that you learn the best from.

Opportunities open their doors to everyone, but only by taking the chance to knock will you realise that it exists.



Matthew Leong Shen Tai

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2011-2015

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

I'd developed a reputation for being quite talkative in classes - sometimes to the point of being disruptive! In one of my English classes with Mrs Chong, I'd driven her up the wall so much that she's decided that enough was enough - I'd been sentenced to the corner of silence for the rest of the class, where I'd have to sit through the rest of the lesson in silence. I don't think my penchant for talking too much had disappeared, but I did decide to prove that I was equally capable as my less talkative peers, in spite of my chatterbox tendencies. While I didn't quite come out on top - I do pride myself to this day with being a well spoken, and somewhat well written person.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

The biggest life lesson was to be authentic. I think school can be a difficult place for many people - especially if you're not the most athletic, cool or popular. Yet, at least within my year group, I felt that my peers were quite accepting of some of the niche hobbies I had - and I never felt the need to suppress them. I had made friends with whom I'd foster some of the interests I hold most dearly today - for example, in Y8 and Y9 music class, I recall meeting with Dharani, Azrai, Patricia and Riana to discuss the new music we'd found at home - usually indie and alternative music that we didn't hear on the radio at the time. While it definitely wasn't popular or mainstream, it made for a sense of community that I still take joy in today, even if it isn't with the same group, that first sense of community built over similar interests rings true in the friendships I make now.



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Kolej Tuanku Jaafar, then University College London, then London Business School.

COURSE STUDIED

BEng Mechanical Engineering, MSc Management

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Management consultant at Bain & Company

CURRENT LOCATION

Kuala Lumpur

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Try a bit harder in music, art and PE classes.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Enjoy being in a small, close knit community - you probably won't get much of that after!



Ngam Wai May

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2001-2004

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF
YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

I would have to say PE was the one lesson my friends and I looked forward to the most as that's when the whole year group had a chance to come together to play fun games. I also clearly remember that PE was always right before lunchtime and we'd run straight to the canteen to ensure we're at the front of the queue to be the first to get our hands on the chicken curry!

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT
SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

I wasn't doing very well in Chemistry and was very close to dropping the subject when my teacher Mr. Aloysius approached me personally. He said to me that he sees the potential in me and that with lots of hard work I will most definitely pass the subject. His brief but inspirational talk gave me the confidence and not only did I pass, I achieved a B - amazing by my standards! This has had a lasting impact on me as nowadays, I would say I'm very resilient and will not easily give up on everything I do.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Biology, because I'd always been curious as to how the human body and organisms worked and the hands-on experiments and observations we conducted were extremely fun and insightful.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Inclusive, inspiring, outstanding



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Auckland and University of Sunderland

COURSE STUDIED

Bachelor of Commerce, Graduate Diploma in Education and Professional Graduate Certificate in Education

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I have recently joined and am teaching KS1 Literacy at [elc](#) International School

CURRENT LOCATION

Malaysia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT
WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Nothing, it was a fantastic experience being a part of the [elc](#) family and I am fortunate to be a part of [elc](#) again now as a teacher.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Cherish every single moment you have at school, and respect your teachers as they really do care about you.



Nicholas de Warren-Chinn

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2000-2005

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

In life, you never stop learning. As hard as the lessons may be, it's what helps you grow stronger as a person for the future.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

English & then Literature during my O Levels. Discovering new stories and exploring new ways of writing always fascinated me.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Dedicated, caring, accepting



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Limkokwing University, Malaysia

COURSE STUDIED

Mass Communication

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Performer and Film Journalist

CURRENT LOCATION

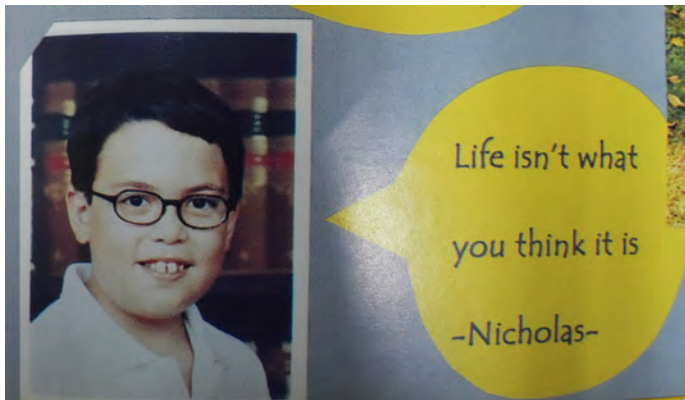
Japan

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Dedicate myself to my studies and believe in myself more.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

As hard as it may get, never give up. You can do it and have that focus, strength and power to overcome anything, as long as you set your mind to it.



Nur Farah binti Karim

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2012-2015

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

[elc](#) provided me with a conducive environment to excel academically beyond my initial capabilities when I first enrolled - allowing me to realise that I can achieve anything when I set my mind to it.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

History! Because Ms Liteno was always engaging during lessons and made the subject more than just learning about the past. It was about learning how historical events could be interpreted in today's world and in the eyes of past historians, how world events affected their views.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Fruitful, fun, and nostalgic



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of New South Wales, Australia

COURSE STUDIED

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Politics & International Relations

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Senior Associate Consultant at Ernst & Young

CURRENT LOCATION

Kuala Lumpur

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I would've been more proactive and taken part in more school events!

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

It might all seem stressful now but, everything works out in the end. Trust the process, trust your gut feelings and instincts.



Park HyungJong (Jeremy)

WHILE AT **elc**

STUDIED AT **elc** FROM
2008-2013

NATIONALITY
South Korean

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF
YOUR TIME AT **elc**?

Becoming the House Captain for Green House in
2012

Participating in FOBISSEA and many other sports
event/tournaments.

Dressing up as a Pharaoh on IU day

Countless number of times when the security
guards, my friends and my sister had to get me from
the field after school where I always played football.

DID **elc** GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT
SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

elc has taught me to understand people from
different cultures and backgrounds. Having many
groups of friends of different races and backgrounds
has taught me the cultures of different parts of the
world, and has allowed me to approach anyone easily
wherever I go.

elc has also taught me:

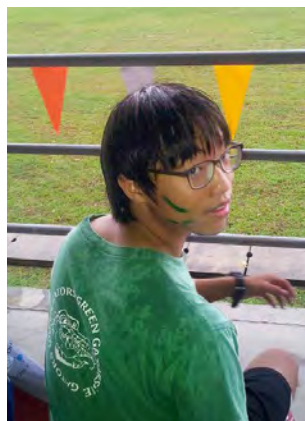
- Self discipline, and
- How to be a leader

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

PE because I loved, and still love sports!

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT **elc**?

Excellent teachers who were good role models,
Loyal to their students and **Committed** in developing
students with not only good grades but also great
people.



LIFE AFTER **elc**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

The University of Hong Kong

COURSE STUDIED

Economics & Finance

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I am currently working as a communication manager
at a Football YouTube channel called 'Shoot for Love'.
My main role is to contact the football players to
appear on our show and reaching out to brands for
commercial work. We are the biggest Sports YouTube
channel in South Korea and have expanded our
business to the UK where we just opened the channel
in September 2022. After a year, we now have 1.38M
subscribers on YouTube and have worked with many
world-class football players like Kaka, Roberto Carlos,
Paulo Dybala and many more! Subscribe if you love
football!

CURRENT LOCATION

London, United Kingdom / Seoul, South Korea

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO **elc**, WHAT
WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I wouldn't change anything really - everything that
happened back in **elc** has made me who I am today
and I appreciate it very much. Probably the only thing
I'd do if I could go back is to enjoy my school life
again!

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT **elc** STUDENTS?

Be kind, stay humble, appreciate every moment you
have in **elc**, no matter good or bad - because you'll
miss them when you leave.

Pratik Raghu

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
1998-2009

NATIONALITY
Indian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

I have several, but the one that immediately comes to mind is actually of my first visit to [elc](#). I was wandering about after my entrance tests and interview, and my shoelaces came untied; I couldn't be bothered to figure out how to tie them myself, and so I asked the first adult I saw for help. That happened to be Mrs. Kaloo, who could barely suppress a smile as she told my mother that my shoes were getting tight. This was the first memory that came to mind when I heard of Mrs. Kaloo's passing; it's bittersweet now, to be sure, but I cherish the sweet part of it all the same.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

As House Captain of the Red Rhinos, I came to see the value of prioritising the needs and drawing upon the strengths of the collective as opposed to the individual. I was lucky in that I could count on an outstanding team of athletes, artists, and thinkers, whom I think were (and, in all likelihood, still are) genuinely decent people through and through. I think that [elc](#) also facilitated our collaboration by encouraging us not to take our own considerable social privileges for granted and instead apply ourselves as individuals pursuing shared goals as best we could. I learned pretty early on as House Captain that we, as a team, would be best off if I didn't let my ego get the better of me as I co-organised teams to take on different tasks during the Sports, Social Science, and Science Days (though I'm sure I was still bossy on many occasions). I will admit that I only acquired the language to articulate this lesson years later, and so it took a while to hit home, but it has underwritten my work as a scholar-activist since it did.



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Westminster College in Salt Lake City, UT and the University of California, Santa Barbara, USA

COURSE STUDIED

BA, Postcolonial Ethics and PhD, Global Studies respectively.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I'm currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management at The New School in Manhattan

CURRENT LOCATION

I live in Newark, New Jersey and work in New York City, New York.

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I wouldn't obsess over my grades as much as I did, especially not at the expense of my mental, emotional, and social well-being. I would also get to know my peers a lot better; I would also get involved in consistent community work a lot sooner than I did, given how it eventually helped me gain a real sense of who I am and what I want to do with my life.

Much more concretely speaking, I'd have taken Art and Literature as IGCSE subjects with Mrs. Poh and Mrs. Chong respectively. The arts and humanities are essential to critically engaging our troubled world while appreciating what remains beautiful about it and enhancing its beauty however we can, and I would have loved to acquire the technical and conceptual tools to do both a little sooner than I eventually did.

Priyanka Mahendru

WHILE AT **elc**

STUDIED AT **elc** FROM
2003-2006

NATIONALITY
Indian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF
YOUR TIME AT **elc**?

First ever prom night with my prom date.

DID **elc** GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT
SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

Social skills - interacting with teachers, peers in a high
school setting helped develop my social skills, also
communication, empathy and conflict resolution.
elc also taught me teamwork and decision making.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

History- it helped me understand the world better; of
people and events that shaped the world.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT **elc**?

Transformative, challenging, memorable



LIFE AFTER **elc**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Penang International Dental College

COURSE STUDIED

Dentistry

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

General Dentist at Pantai hospital

CURRENT LOCATION

Kuala Lumpur

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO **elc**, WHAT
WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Be more active in PE and sporting activities.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT **elc** STUDENTS?

Get involved, embrace challenges, set goals, explore
interests and plan for the future!



Sean Wang Xian-An

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM
2014-2015

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF
YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

I distinctly remember my ICT Teacher, Mr Loo. Though his teaching methods were strict (having Learning Objectives drilled into you is a big challenge!), it did instill a lot of the ICT knowledge that I use till this day in my work. It even helped me with helping my wife acclimatise to her role as an ICT teacher at her school since I could help her troubleshoot certain things when she was just starting out.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT
SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

Studying at [elc](#) taught me many things:

1. Critical Thinking - Having come from a Chinese school before [elc](#), I was mainly taught rote learning which was not as effective in making me understand what I was being taught. The critical thinking skills I developed in [elc](#) have proved useful even till this day.

2. Social skills - I grew up with a very poor grasp of social norms due to the cultural isolation I felt at my schools before [elc](#). I learned a lot about how to communicate with people, things that worked and things that didn't.

3. Hope - Considering I left my prior school due to poor grades, I was very pessimistic at my ability to succeed. But through the perseverance and compassion of the teachers at [elc](#), I was given the hope and the confidence to truly excel at life.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

English Literature was one of my favourites. I loved how interpretative literature can be. Being aware of themes and techniques in plays and poetry has influenced a lot of my understanding of my own writing, especially when it comes to organising Live Action Role Play events.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Inclusive, Hopeful, Liberating



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
Monash University

COURSE STUDIED
Bachelor of Business

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I work as a Marketing Executive for Data Centers with locations in Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan.

CURRENT LOCATION
Malaysia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT
WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I would be a lot kinder to the people around me, and to myself.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Life is a rollercoaster, there are ups and downs, and sometimes you'd be upside down. Enjoy the ride and keep moving forward!



Sofea Shaniz Abdul Shamir

WHILE AT **elc**

STUDIED AT **elc** FROM
2011-2016

NATIONALITY
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT **elc**?

There are far too many. As well as the Homestay Trip in Year 10, our trip to Genting Highlands in Year 11 was really memorable. The teachers had organised a trip for us to mark the end of our time at **elc**, and it was lovely to be able to reflect on all the memories we had made over the years.

Also memorable were after school basketball sessions, queuing up for nasi lemak at the canteen, and, basically, every moment in between.

DID **elc** GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

To find joy in the little things and to appreciate the value of human connection. I don't think we realised it at the time, but the no-phone policy at **elc** meant that we all really bonded with one another. The stories and jokes that were told during classes and break times were some of the funniest - my friends and I still reminisce over them to this day.

elc gifted me with some of my closest friends and I'll always be grateful for that! Also, I think my time at the school reinforced the importance of staying humble and respectful, working hard, and not taking things too seriously.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

English Literature - by far the most enjoyable subject! The classes were always engaging and encouraged us to brainstorm ideas and discuss different theories. Never dull, always fun, and it sparked an interest in creative writing.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT **elc**?

Nostalgic, special, and familiar



LIFE AFTER **elc**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Bristol, UK

COURSE STUDIED

Law

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Research Analyst at The Legal 500.

CURRENT LOCATION

London, United Kingdom

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO **elc**, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Honestly, nothing at all. I look back on my time at **elc** fondly and all the memories and experiences, both good and bad, have shaped me into who I am today.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT **elc** STUDENTS?

I definitely took for granted how lucky I was to be able to hang out with my friends everyday, especially now that we're all scattered around the globe. So, make the most of your friendships, have fun, and be respectful to everyone.



Message from

When I joined [elc](#) in 1998, there were 298 diverse students and 27 dedicated teachers. I was soon responsible for the Prefect Board. As a mentor and facilitator, I worked to create a framework of opportunities through which the young leaders would 'Lead to Inspire'. Every time the Prefects either organised Photo Days or made themselves useful during FOBISIA or came back exhausted from their annual Prefect Camps, I believe that they had added another facet to their teamwork and had learned ways to hone their personality and leadership skills.



As a passionate teacher of History, it gave me much joy to notice a student's eyes light up with the understanding of the consequences of a country's decisions. However, I was always tickled by the written comments during my first Year 10 lesson.



'I have never sat in such a quiet class.' 'Ms. Sheela, you seem scary and yet cool!' But I will always remember the whisper between 2 of my Year 3 students at the excavation sites that I had created. I overheard, "Ms. Sheela is super rich; she hides her diamonds for us to find!" Shiny cut glass and plastic do have an effect of their own! :)

As the Principal, I knew that every competition won and award earned by our students reiterated the tireless work done by my teachers by nudging them to giving their best to all that they do. The 21 years



were a privilege, with Mrs. Kaloo guiding me through the woods of experiences and challenges, to arrive at the roaring waterfalls of [elc](#)'s many successes.



Mrs. Sheela Raghu

FORMER [elc](#) PRINCIPAL

Message from

I could talk for hours about [elc](#) but I am limited to this page, so:

I joined [elc](#) in 2005, replacing a teacher returning to England. I did a practice lesson on the properties of metals. Mrs. Kaloo followed up with an interview. When she asked about discipline, I said something about American baseball and the three strikes rule. Mrs Kaloo's reply was that [elc](#) was proudly old-school; if children misbehaved, they were to bear the consequences.



As it happened, the [elc](#) children behaved brilliantly - I don't recall ever giving a detention, unlike in some of my previous positions. I soon learnt that, beyond her belief in the virtues of self-discipline, Mrs Kaloo was



a very kind-hearted lady who, over the years, helped many distraught students and gave wise counsel to many young parents.

Possibly the greatest lesson I learnt from Mrs Kaloo was the value of showing up and pitching in when the need arose. Prior to [elc](#), I had been given my contractual obligations; extras were neither asked nor given. However, at [elc](#), I thought of the school as a family and enjoyed helping where I could- once assisting in the rugby ECA when the coach was injured, despite only knowing the rules of American football!

Finally, after fifteen very happy years with [elc](#), I reached retirement age and now content myself with photographing squirrels, butterflies and other wildlife. But snapshots of [elc](#) remain.



Mr. Chris Patterson

FORMER [elc](#) DIRECTOR OF
CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENTS



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