If I could pick a period where I grew the most as a person, it would be the time spent at Edgefield Secondary. At Edgefield, I truly understood the words "you reap what you sow", a phrase that one of my teachers would constantly remind us. He once told the class "If you can understand 50%, that is good. You can learn the other 50% by working hard, as you can't score an A1 overnight."

I took it on me to live by those words and what a journey it has been since then. After my N-Levels, I qualified for Ngee Ann Polytechnic's Polytechnic Foundation Programme, and my consistent efforts landed me a scholarship from Singtel. I was also humbled by the opportunity to represent the Polytechnic in electronics at the WorldSkills Singapore competition where I won a silver medal. This allowed me to take the next step to represent Singapore as team captain at the WorldSkills ASEAN competition, where I achieved a medallion of excellence. I graduated from Ngee Ann Polytechnic as the top student in my specialisation. Now I am currently serving National Service as an officer cadet, I attribute my entry into Officer Cadet School to the values that I have built, remembering the words, "you reap what you sow" as it does not just encompass just working hard for yourself but also sowing the seeds that would help people grow. At Edgefield, you will find teachers who are passionate about their job and who will go the extra mile for you. They will definitely impact the lives that they touch, just as they have mine.



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