

Good morning Mr Lim and fabulous class 4S3,

Before I elaborate on my post O-level choice, I'd first like to commend the school for guiding us during the most indecisive time of our lives. Thank you, Mr Lim, especially for sharing your mistakes so we can avoid making the same ones.

Moving on, those that know me know that I am a very practical person. In order to understand what I learn, I need to put it into action. This is why a polytechnic education suits me best. I can see some of you sniggering or shaking your heads in disapproval. Now, please get that wrong perception that a polytechnic is only for below average students out of your heads.

Firstly, with a polytechnic route, I can choose from hundreds of courses. Awesome, right? Additionally, I'd get the opportunity to work with industry experts and gain valuable experience. As some of you may know, I intend to enrol in 'Computer Programming' at Singapore Polytechnic (SP). Programming – we all know -- is a skill honed through practice and work. The many assignments I'll get at SP will sharpen my problem-solving skills. Who knows? I may even gain a foothold in the company I intend to join in future as I get to work under the mentorship of such industry experts from Google, Apple or Microsoft.

Some of you may begrudge the longer time – an extra year over the A levels – needed to pursue a polytechnic diploma. This extra year is crucial for me as it allows me to spread out my learning and I can also pursue other hobbies so as to grow holistically. Moreover, the 'study and play' culture of polytechnic fits my laid-back attitude better. The stressful, highly academic nature of JC is just too much for me. As for ITE, I'm blessed to not need to work and earn money so soon yet.

To sum up, don't make a decision based on stereotypes and others' opinions. Do your own research. Decide what's best for you. Hope to see some of you in SP next year! Thank you.

(350 words)

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2		Good morning teachers and fellow classmates. As you all know, the school has organised a series of lessons to aid us in picking the right post - olevel path. I would firstly like to commend the effort made by the school to help us in this during this indecisive time in our lives. Their clear explanation and expert organisation has greatly helped me in picking a post-secondary education option.
		Those of you that ^{that} know me best know that I am a very practical person. I prefer learning something and understanding it further by putting it into action. This is why I have chosen the Polytechnic education option. I can see some of you sniggering or shaking your heads in disapproval. However, the perception that a polytechnic route is only for "below average" students is wrong. I, myself, will

prove it.

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In a polytechnic route, we can choose from hundreds of different courses to partake in. This ~~can~~ includes, Programming, medicine, engineering and many more. ~~But~~ I would get the opportunity to work with industry experts and gain valuable experience due to the strong emphasis on practice-based learning. Even though I would have to be schooling for ^{three} 3 years instead of ^{two} 2 years in a Junior college, Polytechnic courses promote 'study and play' learning which much better fits my laid-back playful character.)

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All-in-all, a polytechnic route, in my opinion, is a place where I would fit in most and be the most comfortable in. I would rather get ~~job~~ work experience in my dream job early ~~rather~~ than spend ^{two} 2 years in a Junior college getting a 'taste' of different subjects. To summarise, do not make a decision based on the various ~~and~~ stereotypes and opinions around you. Do your own research and decide for yourself what is best for you. With that, thank you for your time.

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> My chosen course would be computer programming. Programming is a skill honed through practice and work. In a polytechnic computing course, I would be given a lot of practical assignments to ~~and~~ do which hones my problem-solving skills needed for my future endeavours. This is why a polytechnic route greatly benefits me personally