

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, families, faculty and my fellow classmates.

I am Jacob.

It is my honor to be invited as student representative to give the Vote of Thanks speech in front of you on such a memorable occasion.

Speaking on the behalf of the class of 2018, we want to start out by saying thank you to Malvern College Qingdao, all our friends, families, and teachers for helping us every step along the way.

Most of all, we would like to congratulate all of the graduates, this is your big day! We've made it!

Standing on the podium, I find myself experiencing numerous conflicting feelings. First, I feel a great sense of happiness and accomplishment. We don't need to hide our second phones anymore; we are not going to be chased after by Ms.Saad on campus, and we are going to free ourselves from the heavy uniforms in probably an hour, though I am quite certain that many of you have already been enjoying some of those privileges. And also, I am sure that others must have been working extremely hard, putting much effort into being able to stand here, saying we've made it.

We should be proud of ourselves—for being able to enter the very top universities, for grown up learning right and wrongs, and also for appreciating helps from others. At this special moment, we, representing class of 2018, would love to deliver our sincere thanks to our tutors, Ms. Saad, Ms. Duddy, and the career department.

It was by no means easy, and there were many times when I thought I would not reach this finish line, but those struggles have only made this moment sweeter. Those graduates who are here today have survived two years Calculus, Science, History and many other A-Level courses, countless TOEFL and IELTS exams, and I believe that you take pride in that. Most importantly, we could not reach such altitude without the assistance from all our teachers, heads of years, and TAs.

However, another strong sense of sadness comes to me, since our life in MCQ will have to come to an end. I can see myself when I first arrived as a new student, spending half a day figuring out where I should go for the next lessons, and not understanding the sophisticated time table. I remember when I was in Lower Sixth, being ambitious and prepared to take over the graduating seniors and couldn't wait to rule the school. Time flies, and our rule is over. For the last three years, Malvern has been my second home, and it has bordered on becoming my first home. I will never forget the time spent with Mr.Bowen, talking about Chinese culture and language; I will never forget that Mr. Hagan sacrificed his own time helping me with Math in house; I just will never forget my House Assistants took me to the hospital at mid-night. They are the ones who make me feel at home. And this feeling of comfort and secure does make the departure a rather anxious one. As I leave, I really want to say thank you to them, and I am sure that everyone appreciates their house masters and house mistresses for their meticulous care and dedication, which have changed every aspect of our lives right after we came to Malvern.

At this point, I would also like to say thank you to the senior managements for supporting many activities and the secretary office for their hard work and support.

The past experience taught me what to pursue and what to keep away, it also reminds me, no matter where I go and no matter what I do, there are challenges ahead of us. What I'm asking from each of you, and from myself, is to meet those challenges straight on with your head held high and your heart wide open. It's not enough to simply try to get by in life. You must

try to excel in everything you do; strive for excellence in every task, large or small. I believe every Malvernier is going to have a bright future.

Class of 2018, I wish you the very best of luck!