



## COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOOL

Nurturing Champions of Today and Leaders of Tomorrow

Lee Jia Wei, Shawn was a student of Commonwealth Secondary School from 2018 to 2021.

Shawn is a resolute individual with a strong determination to pursue his interest and goals. He is always generous in sharing his passion and interest with his peers, which is an inspiration to them. His creativity and flexible nature have allowed him to approach problems from different perspectives. He is not restricted by conventions and able to think out of the box. He enjoys being constantly challenged by problems and his quick-witted nature allows him to be adaptable to new situations.

Academically, Shawn displayed the ability and commitment to excel in all subjects. His strong mental flexibility and independent thinking led him to pick up concepts quickly. His inquisitive nature has steered him to pose insightful questions that lead to meaningful class discussions. His strong analytical skills also led him to solve problems quickly and to be able to make connections and purpose to the real world. His particular interest in Computing, Mathematics and Physics was evident as he often read widely beyond the scope of the syllabus. To apply his learning and to further his passion for Computing, Shawn embarked on the capstone project on game development. He demonstrated creativity in coming up with many different interesting game ideas. He also demonstrated flexibility and determination in exploring different and advanced coding techniques that help in the efficiency of the program and game experience. He showed sensitivity to the users' needs and made put deliberate thought into the game design. Having good learning ethics, he continually sought improvements in his project and made changes readily. This project demonstrated his passion and capability for more advanced programming projects. Shawn's continual academic excellence was affirmed as he obtained the Edusave Scholarship, the school's Outstanding Achievement Award, and Most Improved Academic Performance award in 2020.


Shawn was a member of the New Media Club from 2018 to 2021. An independent learner, he was able to pick up new skills with minimal supervision and always sought feedback to improve himself. As Logistics IC from 2019 to 2021, he played a critical role in tracking, loaning out, and managing equipment when supporting media coverage for school events, displaying the ability to work well under pressure. He also contributed his time and efforts in the production of shots and videos for various school events such as the Chinese New Year celebration, National Day Parade and Games Day. His videos helped contribute to the building of a positive school spirit. In the process, he demonstrated versatility in adapting to different situations and was also resourceful in solving problems whenever they arose. Inquisitive and creative, Shawn also constantly experimented to improve his skills and was not afraid to try new approaches. Through his multiple experiences, he developed skills in video production and editing. With these skills, Shawn participated actively in competitions, such as the TwentyFour short film competition and N.E.mation, leading his team in concept development and story-writing. Through his efforts, the team clinched a spot in the Top 100 for N.E.mation 2020.

Shawn's compassion and warmth were reflected through different acts of community service. His contributions ranged from preparing and presenting cards and hampers to working on a Design Thinking project to serve the residents in Ayer Rajah. Shawn made use of his strengths to analyse post-secondary options for the school's Character and Citizenship Education Department. He applied his knowledge of programming, data analytics and machine learning to develop an application to inform the development of the school's career guidance programme. He demonstrated self-directedness and creativity in planning and executing the project. He was also resourceful in looking out for additional information that helped him to better work on this project. He showed his ability to think in a forward-looking manner, as he designed a technical user support document to ensure the sustainability of the application. Through these experiences, he developed his resourcefulness and empathy.

As part of the organising committee for the New Media Club's Values-In-Action (VIA) Project, Shawn proved himself to be a true servant leader who led by example. Shawn led the team as Head of Editing in the production of an instructional video about using media as an effective medium of communication, which shares knowledge and skills of media production with others. The final video was shared with the students of the Badminton CCA. He went beyond the call of duty to produce materials that were comprehensive and informative to ensure effective learning. He was ever willing to lend a helping hand to his teammates and worked with them to overcome the challenges they faced as they were preparing for the VIA project.

Shawn demonstrated his creativity through his participation in the school's Trailblazer programme. Through the Trailblazer Festival from 2019 to 2020, he contributed to the creation of a prototype of a chariot, allowing him to show creative confidence in the process of making. His participation in the activities allowed him to develop better interpersonal skills and better embrace ambiguity.

Given his talents and drive to improve, Shawn will continue to achieve success in his future endeavours.

  
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