



Hrishiraj Mandal was a student of Victoria Junior College from 2019 to 2020. He pursued a two-year course leading to the Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-Level Examination in November 2020.

Hrishiraj was highly intelligent and analytical in his approach to problems. Beneath his unassuming demeanour is a conscientious and driven individual who required little supervision in his quest for academic excellence. Hrishiraj displayed an ability to work well under pressure and produced high quality assignments with ease. With these attributes, he did well in internal examinations, where he was consistently ranked in the top 20 percent of his cohort. Hrishiraj had a thirst for knowledge and went on to participate in an array of academic activities beyond the school curriculum. In 2019, he participated in the Physics Olympiad which was organised by the Institute of Physics. Having a keen interest in Chemistry, Hrishiraj took up Higher 3 Chemistry to pursue the subject at a deeper and more intellectually demanding level in 2020. He also participated in an essay writing competition jointly organised by the Economic Society of Singapore and the Monetary Authority of Singapore. During Project Work, he was receptive to feedback and worked hard to improve his written submissions. He proved to be a team player who would do his fair share of work and submitted it ahead of time.

Hrishiraj was a committed member of the College's Taekwondo team. As one of the more experienced Taekwondo practitioners in the team, he was willing to share his knowledge and gave tips to the beginners to help them improve their technique. Hrishiraj was a good teacher who thought of simple ways to help his juniors understand what he meant. Always encouraging, his juniors felt comfortable approaching him for guidance. Not one to rest on his laurels, Hrishiraj trained hard and continually upgraded his skills. He passed an examination conducted by the Singapore Taekwondo Federation and was promoted to First Dan Black Belt. With his mastery of the sport, Hrishiraj represented the college at the National School Games Taekwondo Championships in 2019. Taekwondo has also further cultivated in him the values of perseverance and discipline.

In 2019, Hrishiraj was part of ProjectV, which was a community service project conducted by Victoria-Cedar Alliance (VCA) students when they first joined the College. Together with his VCA peers, he went to the Goodlife home to celebrate Chinese New Year with the seniors living there. Hrishiraj spent quality time with one of the elderly seniors, who felt comfortable opening up to him.

Polite and respectful in the way he treats everyone, Hrishiraj is a sincere person. He is mature and can be relied upon to exercise sound judgement. Hrishiraj is serious about things that are important to him and will pour time and effort into what he feels are worthwhile causes. Given such noteworthy traits, Hrishiraj will see success in his

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future endeavours and be an asset to any organisation he joins in the future.

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