

Samples of Additional Information (Social Science)

Six years seemed a long period of time but my secondary school life has come to the final note of the symphony in what just seems like a “twinkling of the eyes”.

The memory of when I first stepped into my secondary school is still very fresh now. The thought of ‘I am not capable of doing this’ emerged from my heart ahead most of the time, hindering me from improving myself by not grabbing precious opportunities. When in Form 3, I once felt depressed and could not find my own way for a few weeks after my bad performance in my studies. Fortunately, with the help from a social worker, my sky cleared and my life brightened. This inspired my interests in social science, especially psychology and social work.

Experience
led to the
career goal

After that, I volunteered for various community services due to my strong willingness to help the needy. One of the most unforgettable experiences was when I was calling an old lady every week. She identified my call as her son’s call the first time, asking many questions about the current condition of her son’s family. She was quite disappointed when she realised it was actually me, a volunteer. She told me that her son had neither called nor visited her for months. I felt really sorry about her loneliness and phoned her as frequently as I could to make her feel less lonely. I have learnt from this experience that many people in society really need our help. Just a very little effort can be unexpectedly meaningful to the needy. Since her hearing was quite difficult as she was getting old, I needed to speak louder and repeat my words several times to allow her to listen clearly and comfortably. This enhanced my patience and sensitivity to other’s needs.

Things
learnt
from
related
activities

I was selected to be the Academic Officer of the Student Union and the Treasurer of Blue House in Form 5. As an academic officer of the Student Union, I needed to listen to the opinions of my schoolmates, carrying out measures in order to satisfy their reasonable needs if possible. For instance, some students required the service of borrowing umbrellas and buying socks during rainy days. I then conveyed this message to other committee members of the Student Union and discussed this with them. We were then able to allot part of the budget to run these two services. As a Treasurer of Blue House, I needed to discuss the allocation of funds for each event with other club committees. My communication skills and ability to coordinate different opinions was boosted by fulfilling the duties of these two positions.

personal
qualities
which are
related to
career goal
developed
through
different
experiences

I hope I will be able to use the knowledge learnt to assist people from many walks of life. I believe that an undergraduate course in Social Science presents me with the perfect opportunity to achieve my goals.