

Eleven year old James Napoleon Lai began learning piano at the age of five, under the tutelage of his mother Ms. Holly Hester. He is currently studying composition with Mr. Daud Kosasih.

James has won many local and overseas competitions, including Second Prize in the Asia International Music Competition in Taiwan 2015. Third Prize Winner Indonesia Steinway Youth Piano Competition 2016. In June 2017, James was a first prize winner of the La Pianista Piano Competition in Medan, following October 2017, James was a Second Prize Winner of the 18th Osaka International Music Competition. He also performed several times in ABRSM High Scorers' Concert.

James has also participated in piano and composition masterclasses with Steven Spooner, Loo Bang Hean, Andreas Henkel, Benjamin Loh and Dr.Zechariah. James also enjoys playing badminton and reading books for his hobby.