

My name is Aleesha. I am 14 this year. Despite my youth, there are many things that I enjoy doing. These include singing, baking, reading and travelling.

I feel life is just too short for us not to explore activities that could stretch our creativity and imagination.

One of my favourite things in the world is the smell of new books. I remember that, when I was in Primary Four, we were given the book Matilda by Roald Dahl for English class. It had a bright pink cover with a quirky drawing of a girl, presumably the famous Matilda. Quentin Blake was the illustrator. I loved his sketches because they were amusingly messy.

I love singing and enjoy experimenting with the different genre of music. I have been blessed to perform in Carnegie Hall after my PSLE exam and will perform in Vienna this June. It is indeed a blessing to be given this opportunity. I hope to render my humble vocals hopefully to the old folks home if given the opportunity.

Recently, I baked cupcakes to raise funds in order to give specially designed shirts to the orphanage. This was a really meaningful project for me as not only did I bake the cupcakes, I drew and designed the shirts too prior to printing.

On the issue of opportunity, I have learnt that there are many children who have the potentials, but are not as fortunate. I hope that their talent would be discovered eventually. Education empowers a child and it is important and I believe every child deserves to go to school regardless of financial ability.

Thank you.

Books have been an avenue for a wide-eyed girl like me, who finds wonder in many things, to experience thousands of secret lives.