

My experience at St. John's College was short but humbling. Although learning about their customs and traditions was captivating, I think the biggest takeaway was experiencing their supportive and tight-knit community culture. Being in the presence of such a close and loving community was not an element of this visit that I had previously anticipated. However, I am grateful that I was able to witness the bonds between the students as it has allowed me to reflect on not only my relationships with my school peers, but also my relationship with my younger years as I am starting to embark on my role as Head of house. The St. John's experience has taught me many skills to consolidate my leadership role such as empathy, understanding and supportiveness.

The dinner itself was a fresh and exciting opportunity. The dinner is held every Monday night and features unique customs such as wearing a green cape, singing the college anthem and reciting prayers. I feel as if these customs really reinforced the uniqueness of the high table dinner. Not only was there good food and captivating customs, the sharing sessions by Oculus representatives and Ms. Jennifer Wong really opened my eyes and allowed me to approach the dinner in a more curious and humbled manner.

I would be humbled if I had another opportunity to attend the St. John's High table dinner again. This was truly an eye opening experience and has developed my interest in applying to HKU and St. John's College in particular. Being able to meet our alumni was also nice as we were not only able to catch up, but also share first hand insights and opinions about higher education routes and opportunities.

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