My School Life

School day

My first lesson starts at 7.30 and we have 4 lessons in the morning. There is a short break between most of the lessons during the day. Between lesson 2 and 3 there is a 30 min break during which we do an organised physical exercise on the playground unless it rains. Our lunch time is 12.00 to 2.00. Some of us stay in school after having lunch in school canteen. Some go home if they live near the school for their lunch and probably a nap. In the afternoon, we have 2 lessons and finish at 4.30. Same in the morning, there is also a short break between every lesson and during one of the break time we do the eye exercise together following the eye exercise music. It is supposed to ease our eyes from the intensive study.

The end of school day

At the end of the school, some of us go straight home but many stay for different activities which include: basketball, football, table tennis, dancing, gymnastic etc. This is always the time I enjoy every day. But we probably have to give it up when we move to higher years and the pressure for study will be lot higher.

Home and additional lesson time

We spend at least 2 hours on homework when we get home and some of us take additional course over the weekend. From next year, we will need to have evening lessons as well because we will be preparing for the senior school entrance examination. This means in some of the days we will be staying at school until 9.30pm.

Friendship

As the same class group stay together for almost all the lessons, the classmates develop a strong connection with each other. We enjoy the friendship although there is always lots of work to do.

Holiday

Each school year has two terms, with a two month long summer holiday and one month winter holiday covering the Chinese New Year season. We get homework during the time off school as the teachers worry that we will forget everything.

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