

We wake up early in the morning, we go to school on time, we have lessons following the timetable... and then we repeat it all over again. If we are really lucky, we do have some spare time but in fact, there's really little time that we can squeeze from our busy daily routine. What do you do in this little gap when you don't have to follow the schedule? Browse website? Text your friends? Or post on Instagram? We seldom take out a book to read when we have time. Instead, I can tell you that once you start reading, you may never want to put the book down because some books really have a power to fully absorb you.

Nowadays, students like you and me spend most of our time to study and prepare for the HKDSE. We focus on the exam skills to get good grades, we put undue emphasis on practicing papers, we try to train ourselves how to manage the examination. However, study to absorb knowledge do not only need exercises but also need exposure. It is absolutely important to have a broader vision which leads us to develop our own value judgement. In order not to be at odds with our learning purpose, having a reading habit is a big leap forward to achieve our goals.

I am sure most of you do not have the habit of reading. Honestly, I have to admit that the time which I spend on reading are shrinking since I have become a senior form student. Certainly, I am very clear about how little time we can truly do something that we want to. You might think that "well, I want to relax myself in my free time but not reading. I am done with reading!" And I bet some of you might even think that "I hate reading. I will fall asleep when I read any kind of books." But I'm telling you that books brought me to a wonderland where I could jump into any tiny rabbit holes like Alice. Books made me forgotten my meals that I didn't feel hungry at all. Books inspired me to dream big that I might make my dream come true one day. Without reading 'Aesop's fables', I would not be so honest with you now; without reading the story of Thomas Addison inventing light bulbs, I would not study Physics today; without reading 'To Kill a Mockingbird', I would not decide to be a lawyer in the future. Books made me who I am today.

Everyone here has pressure. As a student you found studying for examination is an uphill battle. You found it hard and boring so you are tired of learning. You are tired of trying to learn more from books. That's why you don't want to read. What if I tell you reading is fun? What if I tell you reading is like travelling around the world? Just enjoy yourselves in a book without thinking that is for learning purpose. The first step is always the hardest. Try to pick a book to read. Doors are waiting for you to open once you start your adventure. Read more. Learn more.