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Dear parents and students,

At the conclusion of Term I in the academic year - 2024, students were assigned vacation homework that encouraged self-reflection and goal setting. They were asked to neatly articulate their thoughts on three key questions:

1. I want to become a public speaker. What must I do?
2. I want to achieve my dreams. What must I do?
3. I want to become a good writer. What must I do?

These questions represent the fundamental aspirations for many young individuals, prompting them to consider their future ambitions. The students were instructed to write their responses clearly on a single A4 sheet of paper and submit their work to the class teacher by Monday, October 14, 2024, the day when school was re-opened after the vacation.

This assignment aimed to assess not only the students' writing skills—such as their response, presentation, legibility, and grammar—but also the coherence of their thoughts and the overall neatness of their work. The diversity in responses provided valuable insights into each student's personality, interests, and academic calibre. While some students crafted beautifully articulated and thoughtful responses, others appeared to have approached the task with less consideration or effort.

It is essential to reflect on the implications of this exercise. For the students who engaged deeply with the questions, their submissions may serve as a manifestation of their dreams and aspirations, as well as an introduction to their unique viewpoints and styles of communication. For those who struggled with the assignment, it could indicate a need for further encouragement and guidance in recognizing the importance of setting and articulating personal goals.

Ultimately, this assignment serves as a valuable tool for understanding the varying degrees of engagement among students. It encourages educators to foster a supportive environment where all students feel motivated to explore their ambitions and express their thoughts, thereby contributing to their personal and academic growth.

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