

Goh Min Ling (O Level)

Results:

A1 – Chemistry

A1 – Biology

SmartLab: Congratulations on your achievements. Min ling, which school are you studying now?

ML: I am now in Nanyang Junior College (NYJC). I am reading biology, chemistry, math, and literature.

SmartLab: How is it over there?

ML: I like it there because the facilities are nice. The teachers are good and friendly also.

SmartLab: You got distinction for all of your subjects. Please describe your feelings as you received your O-level results.

ML: I was so excited! I couldn't believe the results that I got. At first, I felt insecure because I kept thinking about the mistakes that I did and how many points it would cost me. So, I was very happy it turned out well. Although, I'm a little disappointed I got A2 for Chinese.

SmartLab: So, any celebrations over your success?

ML: I went out with my friends to celebrate. Haha. My family was very happy for me. Even my relatives called to congratulate me.

SmartLab: Did you panic and feel pressured while the O level was fast approaching?

ML: Yeah, a little. I pressured myself to outshine my other classmates. I felt that I would really regret it if I did not do my best for the O level.

SmartLab: Well, it's good that things worked out for you. Please share your secrets of your success with us!

ML: Umm, I find that it is not just memorizing content but also learning techniques on how to present your answer. Getting concept is more important than memorizing. I practiced constantly and did not get complacent. I did ten-year series books. I also finished other school papers provided by SmartLab.

SmartLab: Any good advice for SmartLab students sitting for their coming O-Level examination later this year?

ML: It is important to make effort to listen and interact more with your teachers. Don't be afraid to admit your mistakes because it is through this that you learn more. It is best that you ask questions if you don't understand that to figure it out yourself. This will save you time.

SmartLab: In what other areas do you believe has SmartLab helped you?

ML: SmartLab has good and inspiring teachers. I would like to thank Mr. Tony Tan and Ms Karen for teaching me techniques on how to present my answers. From Tony, I learned that it is not just about copying the answers from the book, but getting the main idea. From Karen, the interactive class made the lessons interesting so I got encouraged to learn more.

SmartLab: Thank you for your time Min ling and all the best to you!

ML: Thank you SmartLab.



Bryan Tiong Jun Hao
(O Level)

Results:

A1 – A. Maths

B3 – Physics

SmartLab: Congratulations on your achievements. Bryan, which school are you studying now?

B: I am now in Anderson Junior College, science stream.

SmartLab: How is it over there?

B: It is quite different. I find it to be quite challenging as the syllabus is much tougher. Also, the subject content is more in-depth compared to secondary level.

SmartLab: Please describe your feelings as you received your O-level results, which were excellent by the way.

B: I was quite elated with my results.

SmartLab: So, any celebrations over your success?

B: Not really.

SmartLab: Please share your secrets of your success with us!

B: I guess I could say constant practice is very important especially when doing math problems.

SmartLab: Any good advice for SmartLab students sitting for their coming O-Level examination later this year?

B: Even if you don't do well in Prelim, don't give up! You need to persevere and in the end, you won't be disappointed with the results.

SmartLab: Bryan, thank you for your time and all the best to you!

B: Welcome. Bye.

Debbie Tan Siping
(O Level)

Results:

A1 – Physics

A1 – A. Maths

SmartLab: Congratulations on your achievements Debbie. Which school are you studying now?

D: I am now studying in Hwa Chong JC taking science stream.

SmartLab: How is it over there?

D: It is a totally different environment from my secondary school but, I am looking forward to it as it is fun and challenging.

SmartLab: Please describe your feelings as you received your O-level results, which were excellent by the way.

D: I was quite shocked! Previously, I did not get such good results from my exams. I failed my end of year exam during sec 2. But, this spurred me to strive for better results. So, I'm happy that my hard work paved off.

SmartLab: So, any celebrations over your success?

D: There was no celebration but all of my family was happy.

SmartLab: Well, it's good that things worked out for you. Please share your secrets of your success with us!

D: Try to understand the topics and ask the teacher for any doubts. A lot of practice is essential also. The worksheets provided by SmartLab and exam papers were tougher so I got a lot of good practice. I'm also lucky that SmartLab has given me good teachers. Thank you Mr. Yew Cheong See Thou and Mr. Chiew Ho Wee for your dedication and support.

SmartLab: Any good advice for SmartLab students sitting for their coming O-Level examination later this year?

D: A lot of students feel stressed and pressured as the exam is fast approaching. It is essential that you don't stress yourself too much or you will end up crumbling.

SmartLab: Debbie, thank you for your time and all the best to you!

D: Thank you!

Daniel Tan (O Level)

Results:

A1 – Chemistry

A1 – A. Maths

A2 – Physics

SmartLab: Congratulations on your achievements. Daniel, which school are you studying now?

D: A lot were wondering why I did not go to JC since I got good grades. But, I wanted to go to Poly so I am now waiting for enrolment into Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP). For the meantime, I am getting some experience from part-time jobs.

SmartLab: Oh, I see. Well I'm sure you will be accepted. Anyway, please describe your feelings as you received your O-level results, which were excellent by the way.

D: I was quite happy with the overall result since I got distinction for my subjects. But, I was a little disappointed that I did not get A1 for physics.

SmartLab: So, any celebrations over your success?

D: Nothing much but my family congratulated me.

SmartLab: Well, it's good that things worked out for you. Please share your secrets of your success with us!

D: Hmm, I'm not too sure. I guess one factor is liking the subjects. I did not like Math that much so I put in effort to like the subject. I also found the questions kept on repeating in the ten-year series books that I did. So, doing other school exam papers provided by SmartLab helped me a lot in being exposed to more questions.

SmartLab: Any good advice for SmartLab students sitting for their coming O-Level examination later this year?

D: Try to remember as much as possible. Also, focus on all subjects, especially the ones you are weak in.

SmartLab: In what other areas do you believe has SmartLab helped you?

D: SmartLab has helped me in a lot of ways! The notes provided was presented in an organized manner and in a way that the topic was easy to understand. It also covered topics in detailed which my textbook wasn't able to do. I got to do very little lab in school so I was grateful for SmartLab's laboratory sessions which gave me a lot of practice.

The teachers in SmartLab are great too! They taught me more than what is being taught in school. They taught me techniques and methods in solving problems. I found this to be unique and something different. I would like to thank my teachers Ms. Hazel Poa, Mr. Thin Long Soh, and Mr. Chiew Ho Wee for guiding and helping me with my questions.

SmartLab: Thank you for your time Daniel and all the best to you!

D: You're welcome.

Hannah Ee (O Level)

Results:

A1 – Physics

A2 – Chemistry

SmartLab: Congratulations on your achievements Hannah. Which school are you studying now?

H: I am now in Nanyang JC. I am taking physics, chemistry, maths, and economics.

SmartLab: How is it over there?

H: I like it over there. The environment is very good. I'm having fun as the students and teachers are good and friendly.

SmartLab: I've heard you were ranked one of the highest in your school. Please describe your feelings as you received your O-level results.

H: Laugh. I was quite happy and satisfied with my result. I got seven points overall. I was however slightly disappointed that I did not score an A1 for my chemistry because I worked very hard for it. Still, I'm pretty happy with my results.

SmartLab: So, any celebrations over your success?

H: My parents were quite happy with my results. My family went out for dinner at a restaurant to celebrate my good results.

SmartLab: Did you panic and feel pressured as the O level was approaching?

H: Yes, a little bit. I was nervous as to what results will I get.

SmartLab: Well, it's good that things worked out for you. Please share your secrets of your success with us!

H: It is all about studying and preparing for Prelim and O level. Time management is important. I minimized my time spent on playing computer games and watching television. I also did a lot of practice. I did ten-year series books for all subjects and Prelim exam papers provided by SmartLab.

SmartLab: Any good advice for SmartLab students sitting for their coming O-Level examination later this year?

H: It is important to pay attention in class especially as the exam is fast approaching. Listen to what the teacher is saying and ask questions when you don't understand. Practice is important so do worksheets and homework given in class. Doing ten-year series books and other Prelim exam papers helps too.

SmartLab: In what other areas do you believe has SmartLab helped you?

H: SmartLab has good teachers that showed me lessons could be fun and interesting too. I would like to thank Mr. Vincent Lee and Ms. Karen who have offered me countless support and help. Thank you for the guidance and time spent in trying to improve our grade. Smile.

SmartLab: Hannah, thank you for your time and all the best to you!

H: Thank you too.



Nor Farleeni Binte Abdul Razak (Private School)

Results:

From D7 to B3 – CSC Chemistry

From D7 to B3 – Biology

SmartLab: Farleeni is retaking her O level examinations this year. How have you guided her in her preparation this year?

Mother: I was physically there for her to give her support and words of encouragement. I have always reminded her of what she wants in life and the career she wants to have. By doing this, she remained focused on her goal of doing better in the exams this year.

SmartLab: So what did you feel when Farleeni got her O level results this year?

Mother: I was quite happy and satisfied. Great improvement for Combined Science and Biology.



SmartLab: Is there any other advice you'd like to offer to fellow parents?

Mother: Never give up on your child, even if she did not do well for the exams. Believe that your child can do better, so they will believe in their self too! Be there to give moral support as the exams put a lot of pressure in them.

SmartLab: Thank you for your time. I would now like to speak to Farleeni. Congratulations on your achievements Farleeni. Which school are you studying now?

F: I applied in Nanyang Poly (NYP). The results will be out next week.

SmartLab: You got four-grade improvement in combined science and biology. Please describe your feelings as you received your O-level results.

F: It was okay (not too excited in saying it). Laugh. I was quite happy and satisfied with my result for the two subjects.

SmartLab: So, any celebrations over your success?

F: No. Not really. My parents congratulated me on my great improvement.

SmartLab: I'm happy for you. Please share your secrets of your improvement with us!

F: Try to understand the subject and practice, practice, practice. SmartLab gave me a lot of opportunities to practice so I'm grateful to them.

SmartLab: Any good advice for SmartLab students sitting for their coming O-Level examination later this year, especially those retaking?

F: No advice. Haha. It is better to do revision earlier because last minute work won't help you.

SmartLab: In what other areas do you believe has SmartLab helped you?

F: SmartLab helped me believe in myself that I can do better! They helped me increase my self-confidence. The environment (teachers and classmates) improved my communication and social skills as well. I was a very quiet person but I got encouraged in talking more. Smile.

SmartLab: Thank you for your time Farleeni and all the best to you!

ML: Thank you SmartLab. All the best!