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Sunway cares for the success of its students

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Sunway College has proven that the caring approach among lecturers can certainly help improve the performance of its students enrolled for the Cambridge GCE A-level course.

It is one of the few colleges in the country to have implemented a teaching system which allows lecturers and students to meet regularly and discuss matters related to their studies.

As a result of this caring approach, Sunway College has recorded a 20 per cent increase in pass rate over the past two years.

The mentor-student approach is aimed at developing a better understanding between lecturers and students. Under this system of learning, both parties meet on a regular basis and the students are at ease to discuss problems related to their studies and also seek advice on personal matters.

The college has been successful in implementing this move largely because its lecturers are all full-time professionals.

Another measure implemented by Sunway College to ensure students succeed is the progress reports that are sent to parents twice every term.

These measures have been implemented for some time now and we are happy to see our students benefiting from them," Sunway College's director of Cambridge GCE A-level programme, Mrs Hor Poh Choo said.

Hor said the progress reports were well received by parents in that they were now taking greater interest to call at the college to know more about their children's performance, Hor said.

One of the students who have benefited from these measures is Tan Sin Dee who is now in her second year of the Computer Software Engineering degree programme at the Imperial College in the UK.

Tan, an ex-student of Bukit Bintang Girls School, Kuala Lumpur, was awarded the Sunway College Entrance Scholarship to do her GCE A-level, based on her outstanding results in the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia examinations.

She brought pride to Sunway College because her excellent results at Cambridge A-level examinations also won her the NSTP scholarship to do a degree course overseas.

Other Sunway College students who did well in Cambridge GCE A-level examinations were Lee Tet Woo, who won the coveted A-level Science Prize in the June 1998 examinations; Queenie Tang Yen Yu, who scored three As in the same examination, and Siow Hui Ling, who scored straight As. Siow is currently doing Economics at Christ's College, Cambridge University.

Another student who graduated in 1997, Jasmine Ling Pi Hsia, is now studying in Cambridge University, UK. She scored As in Chemistry, Further Mathematics, Mathematics and Physics.

Another two students — Rachel Gong Hui Ngee and Nathaniel Tan Jin Ji — have received offers from two leading foreign universities to continue with their tertiary studies. They are currently doing their Cambridge GCE A-level at Sunway College.

Gong received an unconditional offer from Princeton University to do a degree course in Chemical Engineering. She also received an offer to read Physical Science at Girton College, Cambridge University.

Tan received an offer from the prestigious Harvard University to do a degree course.

The next intake for the Cambridge A-level is on July 1. The entry qualification is Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia or its equivalent.

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PARENTS' JOY ... Sunway's A-level high-achiever Tan with her parents.