



Thoughts from an accounting student

Up the accounting ascent with AAT



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(an HKIAAT accredited programme)

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Ruby is a year-two student in the IVE (Chai Wan) Higher Diploma in Accountancy programme. Ruby took her very first business subject when at junior high school, when she started developing a profound interest in accountancy. It was during this time that her determination to become an accounting professional grew. Two years ago, when Ruby received her HKALE results, she felt unsure about her future. “I had received unsatisfactory results in the public exams and had been rejected by universities so I thought this was the end of my accountancy dream,” Ruby recalls. However, she then learnt about the Higher Diploma in Accountancy programme offered by IVE (Chai Wan), which comes with AAT exam exemptions, and she decided to join this programme.

Ruby first heard about the HKIAAT when she was a fifth-former. Her school arranged for her to attend the HKIAAT Book-keeping and Accounts (BAE) exams, in which she passed with credit. This invigorating result further confirmed her determination towards joining the accounting profession. Asked why she is so fond of accounting, Ruby replies that it is not only her interest, but also a promising road paved with gold.

Ruby is the cream of her class at IVE and was awarded an HKIAAT Scholarship this year. “A university degree is increasingly indispensable. I will pursue my undergraduate degree after the higher diploma. As I am eligible to claim full exemption from the AAT examinations with my diploma qualification, I will obtain my AAT qualification first. I will then take the Professional Bridging Examination (PBE) during my undergraduate study and plan to enrol on the Hong Kong Institute of CPAs Qualification Programme.”

Ruby loves to play the recorder. She spends much of her leisure time with other music lovers in her class and exchanges ideas with them. Back in classroom, Ruby underlines the importance of time management and attention. “It is very important to be attentive in class so I seldom skip classes. Sometimes teachers’ study notes are very concise. I always spend my Sundays revising because I may be busy with assignments and extra-curricular activities on weekdays, and family gathering on Saturdays.” With such a balanced life and regular study plan, Ruby never panics over exams.