

Boarding means a lot to me. It's my home away from home. It's where I meet great people, good friends, fantastic staff. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience I'll cherish for life. Although it's a great journey, it's not always a smooth journey. I had my ups and downs. I had days where I miss my family too much. I had days when I had to sit by myself for lunch. I had days where I felt alone, where the pressure from school, sports, from life got to me.

I made this little video to share a piece of my experience as a boarder. When those tough days hit, whether because of exams or whatever, I can feel a bit stuck and isolated despite all these amazing people around me. In those times I like to just go back to my room and relax a little. The video shows a more artsy version of what it would look like but it has the general idea. I put on some music I like, think about the things I enjoy. I think about how fortunate I am to be here, how hard my parents have worked to put me here. I think it's calming to have some time for yourself to think about yourself. It slows me down from the real world, which is why I title the work "Freeze".

I also made this video for any boarder who might come across it. I know my journey in the boarding house has been quite a smooth ride compared to others. I know boys in the same house who struggle to fit in or even stay in the house. I guess many out there will miss their families or have trouble making friends. I think most will agree with me when I say boarding is hard. So by sharing this small experience, I hope others will find it comforting to have someone sharing or at least understand what they have to go through. I hope that those who are struggling can take something out of the experience by the time they finish, and a reminder that whether you enjoy your time as a boarder or not, it will be a highlight of your life when you look back from the future.