

## **Be punctual! Be smart!**

Good morning everyone! I am Chris Wong, the chairman of the Student Association. Before I give out my speech, I want to ask all of you a question. How many of you have not been late? Recently, our school has been developing a bad record for students arriving late in the morning. If you are a smart student, don't be late anymore! In the following, I will tell you the reasons behind.

Punctuality shows that you are responsible. Because you are responsible, you will be punctual. It is one of the major factors to see whether a person is responsible enough. Responsibility is very important to your study and future life. If you are responsible enough, people will feel better to give you tasks to do. If not, they will not let you do anything.

Lateness gives a bad impression on the others. Punctuality always gives the first impression. The first impression received by your teachers is always determined by your punctuality. If you are punctual, teachers will firstly think that you are a good student. As I have mentioned before, teachers will think you are reliable enough to give you some important tasks to do. In the future, if you are late, your employers will also have bad impression on you. The chance of being promoted must be lower than the others who are punctual. In some serious cases, people who are late on their first day of work are fired immediately. Lateness does not only give a bad impression on you, but also on the image of school. Passers-by can see that student always run to school in order not to be late. Even in the school hours, they can see you are walking on the streets. What do you feel if you were them? The answer must be the students of the school are bad. They are not responsible at all. That's why lateness is so unacceptable.

Apart from these, lateness will also affect the others. If you are late, you will affect the progression of events. Imagine all the students were late, the morning assembly cannot be conducted. If you are going to have your exam, no time will be compensated for you. That's why if you are smart, don't be late anymore.

So far I have talked about why lateness is unacceptable, you may ask me how to avoid being late. First, make sure you have enough sleep at night, if you have enough sleep at night, you will be more willing to wake up in the morning. Second, you may ask your parents or friends to wake you up in the morning. As some people cannot hear the alarm, a way to make sure you wake up in the morning is to ask your parents or friends to wake you up. Last but not least, you can choose a more reliable transportation method. For example, you can choose to travel to school by trains or MTR rather than buses. It is because car accidents always happen. Once the road is blocked, you will have a very high chance of being late.

Being late is not acceptable. There are many methods to prevent from being late. Be punctual! Be smart! That's the end of my speech, thank you for your listening.