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Ravin Raori 0:03

Recording.

Yeah. So let me share back my screen.

So I'm currently doing this research project to understand the role that friendship is played in people's lives and especially you know looking at the three years across.

Across the BA to kind of get a better understanding of the role of friendship and how it's affected people's journey.



Chloe Chen Chen 0:30

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 0:30

I was talking with a few students, you know, kind of casually. And I threw my project through this project and I kind of realised that it's actually this idea of friendship, of community, of belonging.

Is like quite crucial for in order for people to feel like they had a successful time, their BA like I still spoke to a lot of students who were like, oh, I didn't really enjoy going to uni. Why? Actually, I just didn't make any friends. And so this kind of got me thinking actually, what is, how can we as educators as higher education professionals. Do a better job of allowing you guys in a way to.

Form deeper connections with each other if that makes sense.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:18

Yeah, yeah.




Ravin Raori 1:19


And so that's kind of been the driving force behind this project, so last time.


We did. I was speaking with Pynn and Hubert and I did a version of this focus group

with the first years as well, and I can show you that in a second. But the idea was to do have this conversation with both first years and third years to understand what's the expectation, perhaps at the beginning of the journey.


 **Chloe Chen Chen** 1:38
Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:46
And then how that changes across the three years and you know, speaking to third years and feeling like, how did they, you know, end up feeling after the end of the three years?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 1:55
Mm hmm yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:57
So the first question that we talked about was, you know, what were the expectations about friendship and community and how did they change? You know, people spoke about really interesting things. You know, this idea of forcing themselves out of their comfort zone, for example, you know, to make new friends.
You know, obviously year one was also still during the pandemic. So it was a little bit difficult for some people.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 2:24
Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 2:24
I think you know some folks spoke about how, you know, across the three years, you kind of gain some friends, maybe you lose some friends, people change, you grow apart.
And there's a lot of, like, talk around friend groups getting smaller as well, because in the beginning you're trying to be friends with everybody and then eventually, perhaps some of those things.
You know, start to fall apart.
So that was kind of nice to get the conversation started and then?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 2:55

Mm hmm.

 **Ravin Raori** 2:58

In the next question, we kind of talked about what friendship has meant to people, right? So like, actually, what role does it play in your life in a way?

So there were some lovely things people talking about like, you know, sort of supporting relationships, this feeling of family, right?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 3:15

None.

 **Ravin Raori** 3:16

You know, other folks talked about it feeling like a networking event sometimes, right?

You know, but there was overwhelmingly this thing about like, you know, friendship is really important in order to be able to grow and feel supported sort of thing.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 3:35

Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 3:36

And then we talked about, you know, whether folks have felt the feeling of community or maybe they haven't felt a feeling of community.

During that time in the course.

I think some of the some of the interesting things that came out of this was, you know, there is a community, but you have to kind of make effort to be part of the community, which can sometimes challenging.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 4:00

Yeah.

Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 4:04

Because you know, obviously there's the 6th floor, but then there's established groups and sometimes it can be difficult to break into a group or meet new people. So there was like, you know, there is community, maybe is what they were saying, but perhaps not for everyone.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 4:12

Yeah.

Mm hmm.

 **Ravin Raori** 4:20

So that was kind of interesting.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 4:22

Yeah, I agree.

 **Ravin Raori** 4:25

Great.

And then we talked about challenges or obstacles that prevented people from forming deeper connections.

Which kind of I guess tied into the previous question a little bit, but people you know, because people like, as I was saying, talked about this idea of like, you have these bubbles, right, that are sometimes difficult to.

Like break into people, talk about like finding it difficult to express themselves sometimes. You know, also acknowledging that sometimes being friends with someone requires you to commit your time as well and you don't always have time because you have like submissions and things like that.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 5:00

Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 5:05

You know, and then depending on obviously the values as well like sometimes people it's just difficult because people have like really different values and opinions. But in this in this like conversation about values and opinions, we also had some nice reflections about, you know, friendship can also be a nice way to.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 5:12

Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 5:23

Explore differences but in a safe way, right? Because like if you're friends with someone, they can allow you to be different but still give you but give you the kind of safety to explore that.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 5:30

Mm hmm.

N.

 **Ravin Raori** 5:38

And then we talked about cause again this becomes interesting from a teaching perspective about like the different kinds of like situations and contexts and scenarios that people have made friends. So, you know, this was a bit more like it ended up being a bit more casual, but people were talking about like over pizza, maybe in the smoking area, maybe like where you sit? I think this one is quite interesting, like where people sit.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 6:02

No.

 **Ravin Raori** 6:02

Because, you know, especially in the first year, you have like all the friend groups sitting with each other and then they'll be.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 6:06

Yeah, that's why. That's How I Met my friends in my year one 'cause we sit in the same table.

 **Ravin Raori** 6:11

Oh, OK, not happen.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 6:15

In the class and we, we were always separate into the the same group every session, so that's why we get familiar with each other.

 **Ravin Raori** 6:27

OK, great. I'm adding that in here as well. Brilliant.

Yeah, indeed.

And then we kind of talked about, you know, if you could go back in time, right, would you give yourself some advice in the first year about making friends and joining communities? And then there are some conversations about, you know, like it's also important to rest, right?

Making more friends outside of class, you know, try to talk to someone random. You know, obviously these things are not always easy, but these are some of the conversations I had.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 7:02

Yeah.

Yeah.

Yeah. OK.

 **Ravin Raori** 7:11

With them. But what we can do is I would like to also give you the opportunity to add some things in here.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 7:20

Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 7:21

Something that feels valuable to you, so let me just quickly.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 7:23

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 7:27

Add a few columns of post, its in here and then I can share the meal with you.



Chloe Chen Chen 7:35

Answer the questions like here or.

Or I need to type?



Ravin Raori 7:40

Yeah.

Whatever you prefer, do you prefer just answering them and I can type for you.



Chloe Chen Chen 7:46

Yes, 'cause I I'm worse on writing like they can't shorten them into few words quickly.



Ravin Raori 7:47

OK.

OK, cool.

That's funny. That's fine. Let me just let me just paste these over.

OK, cool.

Right. And then let me just make a few.

Uh, I'm sorry you're on green.

OK.



Chloe Chen Chen 8:59

First question.



Ravin Raori 8:59

So.

First question, is looking back to the first year, how did your expectations about friendships and community perhaps change or evolve?



Chloe Chen Chen 9:12

OK, so I I was thinking that I can make many like good best friends in university cause when I was in high school my my teacher said the.

Your your life friends will all find in your university. Time. When I was in my high school and but when I'm in university, I'm chatting with my high school friends and says Oh my life, friends will still be in high school 'cause I can't find anyone here in the university.



Ravin Raori 9:33

Mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 9:48

Yeah.

It's.

I think during year one I was.

Because as I I will say introvert person, so I didn't.

For for making friends, I'm always in.

Waiting like I won't be really.

Active on I need to make friends and I go find friends in the university. I will just wait until a moment someone came to me.



Ravin Raori 10:27

Mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 10:28

Yeah.

That that was the.



Ravin Raori 10:33

OK. All right. And did you feel like that changed over the three years much?



Chloe Chen Chen 10:35

Yeah.

I have friends in university but I didn't change my personality that I I go reach out for friends. I'm still like I I believe.

The maybe the best friends will came across you were like it will happened very smoothly. Not you go like fine fine yourself.



Ravin Raori 11:15

That's great to hear.

And honestly, like I kind of agree as well. Like for me, well, I guess it's not really about agreeing or not agreeing, but I guess I can I kind of relate to what you mean because.

In some ways I was also struggling with this when I was in and I still struggle with it to be honest.

I although I think I got little bit better at it, but maybe not so much better, but one of the things that I felt struck a chord with me was this thing that you were mentioning about.

Waiting for friends.



Chloe Chen Chen 11:56

Hmm.



Ravin Raori 11:57

Waiting for friendship to happen, because especially when we're in high school and stuff like it's so much easier to make friends. Right. Because you see each other every single day and you're much and you're much younger and you feel like people don't really judge you in the same way. Right. And so it's perhaps easier to form these, like organic friendships, right.



Chloe Chen Chen 12:02

Yeah, yeah, maybe that's why.

Yeah, yeah.



Ravin Raori 12:19

But then a university everyone's like, you know, there's definitely A level of like, people are trying to become someone or establish their professional and social identities further, you know, exploring and expressing themselves in different ways. And sometimes it can be challenging.



Chloe Chen Chen 12:30

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 12:36

To you know, reach out because you know, I mean, you not really used to making friends like that. So I totally understand. I mean, I did the same thing basically.



Chloe Chen Chen 12:38

Yeah.

Yeah. And also we only have one one or two sessions a week.



Ravin Raori 12:50

Mm hmm mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 12:52

Compare with. In high school we spend like 24/7 hours together and we live in the school as well. I was like, so yeah, it's.

That's also the one of the reason.



Ravin Raori 13:10

Yeah, yeah, I know what you mean. I think that's that's that's that's so true.

Great. Thank you for sharing for that one.

So for the next question, maybe this is more of a values kind of question. Like what do your friends mean to you? Like what is the, what is the meaning of friendship in your life?



Chloe Chen Chen 13:31

In my whole life were just university life.



Ravin Raori 13:35

University life.

But it's up to you. I don't mind. However, you want to answer that question is OK.



Chloe Chen Chen 13:42

Fred, Fred. If it's in my whole life, then I think it's a really important.

Part of my life.

And I I don't know if that's something with my. What's that?

Leo. Well, let me search the English.

Constellation, they said the Leo constellation will be really treat your friends really nice and I am the person.



Ravin Raori 14:17

OK.



Chloe Chen Chen 14:19

Who always treat my friends very nice and.

And I will see them as really important people like.

Yeah, just like the family you choose.

After you grow up and.

My best friends are.

Most of my best friend are from my. When I met them during my high school and we still connect.

Very often nowadays.

And maybe it's because I know I knew them longer than my university friends, and I will say more. That's all right.

More honour, like how to say more.

I would tell them my my deep concern or problem to chat with them.

And for my university life, as I'm an international student and so it's also important to have a life, have a friends here in London, because otherwise you're too lonely because you have no friend family here. And if you you have no friends either, that would be like so bad and.

I had a my best friend in London was my.

Diploma friends. So I'm I met her in Cambridge when I was in diploma and we were classmate. And she also moved to London.

In university as well.

And she's the one I go close. Most closed.

And.

For FCC.

I oh, did I talk too much? That is not relevant to the question. What was the question?



Ravin Raori 16:23

No, it's all. It's all really good. Just what does friendship mean to you in your university life?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 16:27

OK, in university life?



Ravin Raori 16:31

So you were saying in LCC?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 16:33

Elcc.

It's more about classmates and you have same thing to do every day. You have the same goal and A and you.

Sometimes you.

Are not sure about the brief or about the.

Your project and you have someone to share and to share your ideas and that's really helpful because.



Ravin Raori 16:58

Mm hmm.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 17:05

When you talk to your friends about your projects and.

When your you guys chatting about that, you often get very.

A lot of feedback and new ideas through chatting, and I think they really helped.

They really helped. When you do your school projects.



Ravin Raori 17:22

Mm hmm.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 17:31

And you feel that you feel you feel like someone can understand your pressure in uni.

'Cause, if I talk those things to my high school friends, they may not understand why I'm anxious about like projects.

Were because they're not learning design. Yeah, I think the university is more.
You can chat in about the major you study.
Yes.



Ravin Raori 18:01

Great.

Thank you so much for sharing that. I love all of these because I think one of the topics that I was looking into for this project was this idea of critical friendship. So that's what I wrote here. Critical friends, which is basically what you were talking about, this idea of being able to have a safe space with another person to talk about your ideas, your projects, they can give you feedback, you can give them feedback. Right. I think I think that's really nice in a way that you found that.
In the community because I think it's kind of the point of a studio environment as well. But then you also mentioned this thing about shared experience, right, which I think is really nice in a way.



Chloe Chen Chen 18:39

Hmm.



Ravin Raori 18:44

Because I think you know, going back to the high school thing, I think there's some value in looking at that because it's all about shared experience, right? Perhaps the equivalent, you know, obviously the you have much less time to share experiences in UNI because like you said, you know, you're not always in on the same day, you're not always in for every single day. But perhaps there is some aspect of like you know they can understand you because they are going through the same thing.



Chloe Chen Chen 19:08

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 19:10

Which I think is also really nice to hear and something for me to think about as well in terms of like perhaps how we can be useful in this space to help you guys form those connections more with each other.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 19:22

Yeah, I I saw there's some notes about DPS on the board. That's well. And I was so like, have the same feeling because.

 **Ravin Raori** 19:24

I.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 19:36

After DPS, I know nobody in year 3.

Except few, because there was really few people in my year who did DPS, and I only know two or three.

People in my DPS year.

 **Ravin Raori** 19:53

Mm hmm.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 19:54

In in GMD, and so when I come to year three, we are not in the same session. Me and those two and three people and I just know nobody in year three and the most.

 **Ravin Raori** 20:02

Yeah.

So you came back from DPS as well.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 20:12

Yeah, I did the pass last year.

The most, like uncomfortable thing I feel this term was I have nobody to talk about my project except tutor. Cause last year when I was in year 2, the year before last year.

When we do.

Project like my friends are all already graduates this year.

There are the people who didn't do DPS, so when we were together in year two, we always talk to each other about our projects and that's how I had my like sentences before that I can feel they always give me many inspirations during the chatting and

during this project.

P and I and also me and my DPS friends all feel like it's.

We have the same feeling that after DPS, you are really hard to do a project. I don't we don't why? And we our submission is all later than before and our efficiency is not.

Better than year two, it feels like after work you your pace is slowed down and you are really you're really hard to change your attitude back to school life.



Ravin Raori 21:39

Yeah.



Chloe Chen Chen 21:42

And that's the thing we didn't expect. When we do DPS. So it's like when we come back to year three, we all feel like, oh, it's exhausted every day. We don't know why, but it just you can't really used to this school life that easy.



Ravin Raori 21:54

Yeah.



Chloe Chen Chen 22:03

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 22:04

That's really interesting to hear, you know. And again, something that's really valuable in this conversation about friendship because, you know, there's lots of you that have been away from being a student for a while. And so you're not used to that reality in a way anymore.

Which is kind of interesting because you know you're in a professional setting. You're perhaps working in a studio where you, I'm guessing you were maybe working in a studio.



Chloe Chen Chen 22:28


Yeah.





Ravin Raori 22:29

Yeah. So I think that's a whole different kind of like maybe you make some work friends, you have different kinds. And then coming back to being a student. I mean, I struggled with it as well because I obviously not in the same sense because I didn't do dpsI didn't have that option anyway. I was studying in Hong Kong.


 **Chloe Chen Chen** 22:46
Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 22:47
But I went when I I I finished Hong Kong you and then I went to. I worked in Hong Kong for a few years and then I came here for Masters. And then where I lived in. Are you? Where are you from? Hong Kong. Oh well.


 **Chloe Chen Chen** 22:57
You're actually Hong Kong before.
No, but I went there during summer and I love there.

 **Ravin Raori** 23:05
Where's where's home for you?
Oh lovely. I've been to Beijing as well, actually. Been to China like a lot.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 23:12
Oh.

 **Ravin Raori** 23:13
Because I I studied in Hong Kong U.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 23:17
Can you understand a bit Cantonese?

 **Ravin Raori** 23:20
No, but my Mandarin is a bit better, but not that good.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 23:24
Yeah.



Ravin Raori 23:25

But basically I so the reason I I I'll tell you the story but basically.



Chloe Chen Chen 23:30

Yes, please.



Ravin Raori 23:32

I studied in Hong Kong at Hong Kong U architecture school.

And then you also have to do lots of projects in China.

But also there's a semester one term that you have to do in Shanghai.



Chloe Chen Chen 23:44

Oh.



Ravin Raori 23:45

So while I was in Shanghai and Hong Kong both we did lots of projects in like Shaman.

So around that area, Shaman and Fujian and stuff.



Chloe Chen Chen 23:54

Yeah.

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 23:57

While I was living in Shanghai, I also travelled a lot like sujo and and Ningbo and Hangzhou and all.



Chloe Chen Chen 24:04

Or you pronounce the city so well.

I can, yeah.



Ravin Raori 24:10


But yeah, it was lovely. And then I went for a holiday with my family to Beijing to see,

like, the Forbidden City. And, you know, it's it's really beautiful. I loved it there. And the food in Beijing was really good as well.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 24:18

Yeah, yeah.

Really, the the food in Beijing is the worst in China, I feel like.

 **Ravin Raori** 24:29

Yeah, Shanghai. But I like the duck.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 24:32

Shanghai's is more sweet tea and I don't like.

 **Ravin Raori** 24:33

Yeah.

Yeah.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 24:37

I like food in Sichuan.

 **Ravin Raori** 24:38

I think for me, my favourite. Yeah, I was gonna say for me, my favourite is Sichuan.

But I like the sort of Guangdong food as well. I don't mind it too much. Yeah, like, you know, the Shalom bow and all that stuff is really good. Yeah. Yeah. And the food in Hong Kong was really good too, because it's very international as well. So, like, good, good Hong Kong and good, like Thai and Malaysian and Chinese and stuff. But also like really good like.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 24:46

Yeah, yeah.

Yeah, and soup. They have nice soup.

Yeah, yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 25:05

You get Western European and stuff. So Hong Kong was just really nice for food as

well. But yeah, I finished studying in Hong Kong you and then I worked there for three years as well. So I was there for seven years in total in Hong Kong.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 25:09

Mm hmm.

Wow, that's not.

 **Ravin Raori** 25:22

But then I moved here to do Masters at UCL.

At the architecture school in UCL at the Bartlett and that was the point where I went back from working to being a student. I found it a bit challenge. No, I found it quite challenging actually to make friends as well because yeah, it's just it's just one of those things you're not used to it. Like you were saying, Ryan, you're just not used to it anymore.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 25:49

Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 25:50

Yeah.

And it took some time.

But no, thank you for sharing that as well.

But yeah, no, sorry. About Mandarin and Cantonese. When you're when you're in, when you're international student in Hong Kong, you you have to take like one course. It's compulsory to take one course for like Chinese as a foreigner.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 26:05

Yeah.

Uh huh.

 **Ravin Raori** 26:13

In the first year, you have to do it and they ask you, they ask you to choose between Mandarin and Cantonese, so you can either do a Cantonese course or a Mandarin course. But all my friends recommended me to do Mandarin because it's a bit a bit easier because they are less less tones.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 26:16

Oh.

Yeah.

Oh yes.

Yes, true.

 **Ravin Raori** 26:29

I know I'm not even.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 26:31

I.

I like Hong Kong with because I love Hong Kong pop music. The songs and the lyrics, they write. It's really poetic and beautiful, and I learned Cantonese only from the songs. I can't speak, but I can sing the correct.

 **Ravin Raori** 26:39

Alright, like.

You mean like do you mean like Eason Chan?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 26:52

Pronunciation.

Yeah, he's my favourite. Do you know him? I went. I went. Yeah, I went to see his concert this year.

 **Ravin Raori** 26:57

One is there? Yeah, they will play his music everywhere in Hong Kong.

Oh, in London.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 27:07

No, in in Dalian, in the Dalian is in the east north of China.

 **Ravin Raori** 27:15

Oh, cool. Was it fun?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 27:17

It is and I bought 22 tickets like I see it twice.

 **Ravin Raori** 27:23

Oh, lovely. Yeah, he's really good.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 27:24

Because I I like him. When I was in primary school. It's a really dumb start time.

 **Ravin Raori** 27:28

Oh, nice.

But yeah, in Hong Kong, they, like, played his music everywhere. Like if you and McDonald's, if you're at 7:11, if you're at the taxi, like it's just playing everywhere.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 27:36

Really.

 **Ravin Raori** 27:42

But yeah, so I I I took the Mandarin course and I enjoyed it a lot. Like I I got a good grade. I think I got like a minus or something.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 27:43

It's fun.

Wow. Wow.

 **Ravin Raori** 27:51

And I had a great teacher. My name was her.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 27:56

Oh.

 **Ravin Raori** 27:58

But it's very basic like you know, it's mostly just like to introduce myself and Mandarin and some of the easy characters like, you know.

Just like washer, Hindu and and you know, that kind of thing and like, whoa, what was it like? Like the sort of being able to greet and like nihao and like, Wuhan. But I also learned the characters and stuff, and it was good. But there was some more complicated sentences as well, like, you know, being like.



Chloe Chen Chen 28:18

Uh huh.



Ravin Raori 28:27

Wood's eyes young gang dashway.



Chloe Chen Chen 28:31

Oh, you're in Hong Kong university.



Ravin Raori 28:32

Yeah.

Yeah. Yeah, so.



Chloe Chen Chen 28:37

You you have good pronunciation.



Ravin Raori 28:37

Anyway, yeah.

Thank you. Yeah, I think I was a good student. I got a a minus, but I think I deserve the. I think I deserved it.



Chloe Chen Chen 28:46

You're proud that you got excited.



Ravin Raori 28:49

I think I deserve the A+, but anyway.



Chloe Chen Chen 28:51

OK.



Ravin Raori 28:54

That's. Yeah, it's OK. I was sad about the reminder.



Chloe Chen Chen 28:57

You said you should send e-mail to her and say I should get a pass.



Ravin Raori 29:04

No, it's OK. But yeah, I should.

OK, so the the the next question was about community.



Chloe Chen Chen 29:13

Mm hmm.



Ravin Raori 29:13

You know and like, did you feel a sense of community or did you feel like there was not much of a community and like, how did that affect your time on the course?



Chloe Chen Chen 29:24

I think it because I was, I'm introvert person.



Ravin Raori 29:29

Mm hmm mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 29:29

In terms of making friends, so I didn't join any community in university and.



Ravin Raori 29:37

Mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 29:40

Yeah, maybe it's because.

I don't know a bit on confident to yourself, so you're a bit.

Like worry if there's too much people together and you have to show yourself and

your difference or something, it feels pressure to me, so I didn't join any community. Helped by university.



Ravin Raori 30:07

Mm hmm. Mm hmm mm hmm mm.



Chloe Chen Chen 30:11

Yeah. For other coming, if a bunch of. Chinese also called community.



Ravin Raori 30:22

Mm hmm, you can take them to Chinese community.



Chloe Chen Chen 30:22

I I was.

Yeah, but it's not the official one. I mean, like friend group. Is that also called community?



Ravin Raori 30:30

Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah. So I'm referring more to friend group anyway. So like, like in term by Community, I mean, like, did you feel connected with your class with your, with your batch or with your cohort as a whole? Like, did you feel like you were connected with everyone kind of thing? Right. Did you feel like you were part of a community? You know, I mean, I think the idea of, like, actual communities and, like college societies is also nice. That's what we can work down. But.



Chloe Chen Chen 30:54

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 30:56

I mean more like kind of in a sort of emotional way. Did you feel like there was a community?



Chloe Chen Chen 30:59

Oh, OK.

I did when I was in year 2.
But not not now, not after DVS.



Ravin Raori 31:12

Mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 31:14

Yes, but during year two it's more.
'Cause, my friends, they were doing their final major project.



Ravin Raori 31:27

Mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 31:27

When I was in DPS, they're doing their major project and every time I.
Come back to uni.
Because I sometimes go to library and I met them and they will also talk to me about
their FMP and we are still.
I feel like I'm still in that community every time I come back to school and I'm at
those friends.



Ravin Raori 31:55

Mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 31:56

Yeah, I think that the atmosphere in my like in the last year group was quite nice.
Everyone is friendly and yeah.



Ravin Raori 32:16

Hey, love to hear that.
Love to hear that. That's that's wonderful.
Yeah, I know what you mean. Like, again, it goes back to the DPS thing a little bit as
well, right. And then also I guess a bit of like final year is so individual sometimes
because everybody's just doing their own, it's doing their own project. So I can
imagine that maybe it's difficult as well to like really do stuff together that's you

know other than like sit next to each other and work which I think is useful because you can kind of have that conversation about your projects.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 32:37

Oh yeah.

Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 32:53

It's, you know, there's less of that, like, kind of classroom setting, right?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 32:57

Mm hmm.

 **Ravin Raori** 32:59

Great. Yeah, I know that makes sense.

OK, cool.

The next question is about what are the sort of challenges or obstacles that prevented you from making deeper connections so you know this can be anything from like you know, your own challenges, personal challenges to like perhaps other things like time commitments or, you know, not having enough opportunities or whatever that is for you?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 33:30

I think.

Maybe language and culture difference if I want to make friends with?

No, not Chinese students in the class.

But I do have.

You know Aisha? Fara who?

Would also did TPS.

So.

And if you know they not change from last year, we will over four. It's a like a small group and we sometimes hang out and.

Aisha and Farah are one is from.

UK1 is from France and Dana is from Hong Kong, but she she doesn't speak Mandarin or Cantonese. She speaks English.



Ravin Raori 34:20

OK.

Yeah.



Chloe Chen Chen 34:28

So it's also sometimes when they speak really fast, I can't understand.

But I will laugh next to them because.

Sounds interesting.

But if.

I have to say we don't have really deep conversation compared to my.

High school friends. Maybe because language.

And we have different.

Culture background, foot. It's another kinds of friends that also give you warmth during university time.



Ravin Raori 35:10

Sorry, can you say the last thing again?



Chloe Chen Chen 35:13

Yeah, it's 'cause. I feel like although we can't, we didn't talk about many really deep emotions and that kind of conversation, but it's also a they all they all also often makes me feel warm and feel like I have a friend here in London and yeah.



Ravin Raori 35:43


Thanks. Sharing that, I think that's really powerful actually. Like thank you so much.

Like I think one of the things that I'm really.


That I that I think is really like.


That I think it's really powerful about what you mentioned is.

This idea of like you know, the language and cultural barrier making it difficult to connect deeply, you know you know the thing I have definitely faced this as well and sort of the opposite way because when I was in Hong Kong for example, there were many. Oh, hey Priam, I saw you just able to join.


 **Prin Akapongkul** 36:19
Hi. Sorry about that.


 **Chloe Chen Chen** 36:21
Hello.

 **Ravin Raori** 36:21
Oh no, don't worry. I think I'm just wrapping up, going through the questions with Chloe. And then maybe I can get the two of you to help me do some thematic analysis. But if you're able to hold on for like, another 5-7 minutes, would that be OK?

 **Prin Akapongkul** 36:35
Sure. Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 36:37
All right, cool. Sounds good.
But yeah, we were kind of.
I kind of had a similar problem where when I was in Hong Kong, a lot of the friends I made with locals were also Hong Kong locals and obviously I didn't speak Cantonese and I had some Chinese friends as well, but I didn't speak Mandarin, at least not that well, and they were very nice people like they really helped me and were very warm with me and we did and exactly what you said, like there was this feeling of.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 36:55
Yeah, yeah.
Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 37:12
They are my family and we do have this kind of deep connection, but at the same time, a lot of times I would also just laugh because like, I don't really understand.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 37:20

Yeah, I don't understand. I don't want to break the atmosphere.

 **Ravin Raori** 37:23

But I'm like.

Yeah, but, but I think there's a vulnerability to that in being able to like kind of, you know, feel, you know, it's kind of like you're trying to make yourself be part of them. But at the same time, you know, that that can be difficult sometimes.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 37:36

Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 37:41

So yeah, I I I just really I relate to that a lot and appreciate you sharing as well. Cool.

So the next one is what other sort of situations are context or scenarios where you ended up making new friends. So that could be anything from you know like group projects to like going to the club or going to a party or you know anything.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 38:11

I I had a funny story.

In year one one of my.

Best friends in year one is. It's from.

A year above me also GMD it's a girl. And How I Met her is I was seeing we were both in embossing room. The Workshop Embossing workshop in second floor.

 **Ravin Raori** 38:27

OK.

Mm hmm.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 38:40

And we were doing our own things.

We didn't talk 'cause. I was the people who like like to talk to the people. I don't know. I'm straight away and we we both doing our own things and we both introvert

and then fire alarms starts and we just yeah go downstairs.

Together and to wait outside the unit's entrance. And we were both lost. And I said, oh, why, why are we there is always fire alarm, blah blah and start to chat and then we become friends.

We we find there's many similarities between us and she's also from jamd a year above me and.

And she she's now in Hong Kong as well. She she did her her MA in Hong Kong.

And I said, oh, I love Hong Kong culture and.

And movies and we start chat and we became really close friends.

But then she graduates soon 'cause she was seen year three and.

Yeah. And we were just separate like, so our friendship was only half a year. It's really short. But we were really close at that time.

Oh, I think I think people still.

Can refresh it.

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 40:17

Something also about just embracing the sort of, you know, going back to this idea of shared experience. Right. You're in that moment, you're kind of sharing an experience with someone.



Chloe Chen Chen 40:26

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 40:28

And that allowed you to perhaps open up to them in a way that you maybe didn't have wouldn't have before because you just had to be with this in this situation with another person.



Chloe Chen Chen 40:38

That's right.



Ravin Raori 40:39

So that's great to know. So I'm gonna, I think that's that's a lovely. That's a lovely story. Thanks for sharing that.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 40:42

It is mushrooms that I'm sorry.

 **Ravin Raori** 40:47

With any other scenarios or situations where?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 40:50

Two, I think workshops is definitely one.

Workshops and.

Can gathering people that are not only from your year and your major cause everyone is doing their projects, maybe in 3D workshop on?

You you came across someone doing a cool sculpture or model and you will attract it by that and maybe start a conversation from their project and.

Yeah. And I think that's a nice space too, to meet new person.

 **Ravin Raori** 41:33

OK, wonderful. Yeah, absolutely. Thanks for sharing that.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 41:38

And to the looks of that, it's something I'm so glad you got some.

 **Ravin Raori** 41:40

Cool. The last question is.

If you would go back in time to give some advice to yourself in the first year.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 41:45

I just didn't want it.

 **Ravin Raori** 41:51

About making new friends about engaging with community, what would that advice be?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 42:02

Easy, I feel like.

Umm, I feel comfortable.

As who I am and not not push myself to make new friends.



Ravin Raori 42:13

Mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 42:18

Like there were people from, I might say, just keep. Just keep that status. I'm how?

How make you comfortable and.

It's OK not to have so many.

What's that called inter?

Like.



Ravin Raori 42:40

It's OK not to have so many what? Sorry.



Chloe Chen Chen 42:42

So many.

What's the word the inter Internet with?



Ravin Raori 42:53

Like like network you mean?



Chloe Chen Chen 42:53

I mean.

Good network.



Ravin Raori 42:57

OK, cool. Yeah.



Chloe Chen Chen 42:59

Although I know network, it's really important, especially if you want to work here in London.



Ravin Raori 43:06

Uh huh.



Chloe Chen Chen 43:09

But if it's really, I don't know. I'm I sometimes make.

Confused myself as well because some of my friends they went to events that especially for networking.



Ravin Raori 43:23

Yeah.



Chloe Chen Chen 43:24

And I know it's helpful, but I just can't.

I just I can go with my friends. Maybe, but I can't do it myself.



Ravin Raori 43:35

Yeah. And I think that's, I think that's you know like or just saying like you know maybe like.



Chloe Chen Chen 43:35

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 43:42

Being careful about the time and effort, right?

And in networking because.



Chloe Chen Chen 43:48

Do that because I just need to have it. Maybe I I just feel like it's not that important for me to meet so many people. So that's why I I'm. I'm not going to those networking events.



Ravin Raori 43:51

Yeah, I think it's.

Right, yeah.



Chloe Chen Chen 44:06

But it's still a bit. Yeah, I'm not refusing them, but I won't do it like.



Ravin Raori 44:13

Yeah.



Chloe Chen Chen 44:14

Very much hope.



Ravin Raori 44:16

Yeah, I can understand that. I think you know again like thinking about like.



Chloe Chen Chen 44:16

You've improved.



Ravin Raori 44:22

The effort involved in having to put yourself there. I think Brin yesterday also was mentioning this idea of, like, this thing about like, you know, if you spend so much effort, it's also quite tiring to have to do that constantly. And I agree with you while I think networking, especially in a city like London, is really important, it's also equal to acknowledge that you need the right conditions for yourself to be able to do networking, right. Whether that means like.



Chloe Chen Chen 44:40

Yeah.

Are you looking?

And.



Ravin Raori 44:48

Putting yourself in a situation where perhaps you're more comfortable, like you know with another friend or with a group of people, and then maybe that way, finding some more organic way of networking, you know.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 44:55

Yeah, yeah, for sure.

 **Ravin Raori** 44:59

'Cause it can be a bit a lot to be like hi, I'm ravin. Or hi, I'm Chloe. And this is what I do. And here's my card. Although I think that's a useful skill, I do think that sometimes it's kind of detrimental to our mental health as well, right?

Great. OK. So we've got quite a bit of stuff here.

The next part won't take too long, but I think for the next part.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 45:24

Portfolio.

 **Ravin Raori** 45:25

I might need you guys to join the Miro, if that's OK.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 45:28

Yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 45:29

Prerana, are you around me?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 45:34

Even I'm not proud of my feel. If I was back on my.

 **Ravin Raori** 45:36

I don't plan is around.

Like you get a print in the background.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 45:42

My first year, what would the second year, especially first year, second year, there was no.

 **Ravin Raori** 45:46

Chloe is playing with you.
Oh, OK.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 45:50

It's so high both of this for me, like I like half of it and the other half I think is trashed for sure.



Ravin Raori 45:53

When do you do that?



Chloe Chen Chen 45:57

I love my third project.



Ravin Raori 46:00

OK. Maybe we'll just. Chloe, maybe we'll just have like a maybe we'll just have like a 5 minute break or something.



Chloe Chen Chen 46:00

That's it.

But now I'm like.

Yeah. Where you text in the message, should we?



Ravin Raori 46:12

Yeah, let me see if I can type in the messages one second.



Chloe Chen Chen 46:14

Oh.

Yeah, yours is good though, yeah.

I think it's funny because a lot of the.



Ravin Raori 46:25

We also just share the code for the room.



Chloe Chen Chen 46:32

A lot of the work keeps changing, but that one's still up, but it also do you know

why? I I was interested in this project. I want to see, say 'cause. I I did a project for applying.

Bachelor for applying here. It's also about friendship, cause I like this topic and I was when I was.

Doing I apply for.

Pai graduate from high school, and I went to Cambridge, and so I separate with my friends in Beijing and.

The the project was about.

I feel like meeting face to face. It's really important to continue in friendship.



Ravin Raori 47:23

Mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 47:24

And I I designed a app that.

Reminds you to meet with your friends, like maybe after a month.



Ravin Raori 47:35

Oh wow.



Chloe Chen Chen 47:36

It will. It will remind you, you haven't seen each other for how many days and maybe you should meet.

Because every the the inspiration was every time I went back to Beijing. It's my friends who will start the conversation to come back to Beijing and let's meet and I feel like if every time she didn't throw up this conversation, we maybe our friendship is died already because.

Even though we didn't chat with each other.



Ravin Raori 48:04

Hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 48:06

A whole year, when I was abroad, but every time we meet each other face to face, we feel like, oh, we are still the best friend and nothing changed. And so I feel like

meeting was really important. And then I I I did that project and I feel it's interesting that you also do a project about friendship.



Ravin Raori 48:24

Oh wow.

Yeah, I don't. Sounds like a lovely project actually. I mean, I think it's really important to like, remind yourself that do not take our friends for granted as well. Like that.

Yeah, exactly. That. You know, these are important people in your life and we should check in with them whenever we can. But I think that app is actually really great. Like, oh, you haven't spoken to this person, just call them say hi, you know, say how.



Chloe Chen Chen 48:37

Yeah, yeah.

That's like you, you have to make efforts to.

Continue in your friendship is not it's not. Yeah, you shouldn't take it for granted.

Otherwise it will like disappear someday. If you don't talk to each other for a long time.



Ravin Raori 49:08

Exactly. Yeah. Yeah. No, I completely, yeah. Well, I'm really glad that, you know, you found something related to that project in this, and I'm really happy to have you. It's been really valuable, actually, all the stuff that you sent, I really appreciate it. It's gonna be super useful in the research, but also at the same time, I will be crediting all of you guys as contributors to this research.



Chloe Chen Chen 49:11

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 49:31

So that'll be a like, you know, nice to have you guys on that as well.



Chloe Chen Chen 49:36

I'm glad I'm helpful.



Ravin Raori 49:39

And of course, thank you so much. I don't know if we managed to get Brynn Brin, are you? Are you there?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 49:40

It's like kind of like some some treatments, like a cold like.

 **Ravin Raori** 49:47

Oh, hey, cool. Are you able to join us on Miro?

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 49:52

I get it. Try not trying to hide the pain.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 49:54

We don't know.

 **Ravin Raori** 49:58

So I shared the link in the chat.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 50:01

Wow.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 50:02

But I think I literally just slightly just woke up. That's why I'm mainly late. Also, I'm so sorry but might have to leave at like half past.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 50:04

I heard something.

 **Ravin Raori** 50:09

That's fine.

That's fine. Yeah. Yeah. Don't worry. That's a quick one.

Do you guys know each other?

 **Prin Akapongkul** 50:22

Don't think so.



Ravin Raori 50:23

Go. OK well.



Prin Akapongkul 50:25

Oh, I can join the I can join.



Chloe Chen Chen 50:27

He said he was.



Ravin Raori 50:28

OK. Brilliant. Well Bryn, this is Chloe, your classmate. And Chloe, this is Bryn, your classmate.



Chloe Chen Chen 50:30

OK, we never met each other.



Prin Akapongkul 50:36

Hello.



Ravin Raori 50:39

But I'll quickly share my screen.

Chloe, will it be OK to to just mute for a bit? Because I think there's, like, some people speaking in your background that I can hear. Thank you. Sorry about that. It's just I can hear some folks. So it gets it was a bit difficult to hear.

But let me just share back my screen so I've shared this link to this mural. If you guys are able to get in.

Here.

Got just like.

So reading out the second Chloe, are you able to get into the mirror as well?



Chloe Chen Chen 51:17

Yes, yes.



Ravin Raori 51:18

OK, cool. So using some of the data we generated in the first instance, which is all of the data here.

The first task is just to pick out five to six, six statements that feel like they mean the most to you, so just reading, taking 10 minutes to just read through everything.

And feel pick out the ones that you really like, that feel like they most mean the most to you and then just copy pasting them or in fact don't even copy paste them like actually maybe that's the easiest. You can just drag over, you can just click a sticky note and go command C command V.

And then you can just drag it over, so you can just copy paste the five or six that feel the most relevant to both of you.

We can take 10 minutes for that 'cause. You know, there's a lot of text on here, and then there's a small activity after that as well. And then then we're done. Is that OK?

 **Prin Akapongkul** 52:10

Yeah, sounds good.

 **Ravin Raori** 52:12

Oh brilliant, absolutely.

Play some chill beats in the background, although I don't know how chill the beats will because Miro's music is quite ****.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 52:23

That's true.

Hey, it's still better than kahoot. Actually. No, that's I like kahoot music slaps.

Evan, am I gonna see you at the party tomorrow?

 **Ravin Raori** 52:35

Yeah, I'll be there.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 52:36

Go on, also, the house said he'll sing if I get him drunk enough.

 **Ravin Raori** 52:42

5 billion sounds great. Can't wait.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 52:46

But that £200 that we have on the bar, it's going straight to the house. So he he can sing.

 **Ravin Raori** 52:54

Wonderful. Can't wait.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 52:55

Yeah, I was just joking. It's for everyone.

OK.

You want me to copy and paste it?

 **Ravin Raori** 53:17

Yeah, if that's OK.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 53:19

Yeah, cool.

 **Ravin Raori** 53:20

Sorry about the variable meeting.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 53:22

Is it includes our self's answer, where it should be from others.

 **Ravin Raori** 53:27

Now you can include your own apps as well.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 53:30

****.

 **Ravin Raori** 53:31

Cool.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 56:11

Not how we were talking about how it Met Your Mother yesterday, Robin.
And.



Ravin Raori 56:20

Hello.



Prin Akapongkul 56:21

Hello sorry my mic not my mic. My speaker was weirdly muted for a second.
You know how I was talking about How I Met your mother yesterday?



Ravin Raori 56:31

Yeah.



Prin Akapongkul 56:32

So yesterday, me and Victoria, right and EO we went to watch wicked.



Ravin Raori 56:37

Oh, nice. How was it? Good.



Prin Akapongkul 56:38

Was great, but after we came back after we watched the film, me and Victoria, we lived quite close to each other, so I just went like, oh, do you come back to mines, just watch another film and then we just binge like half the season of How I Met your mother.



Ravin Raori 56:53

That's wonderful. Which season is it?




Prin Akapongkul 56:56


It was season 2.





Ravin Raori 56:58


Oh, cool. So in the early days.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 56:59
In my point of view, it's the best season there.


 **Ravin Raori** 57:02
I think something to me was my favourite.


 **Prin Akapongkul** 57:06
Season 3 about again.


 **Ravin Raori** 57:09
I think it's when.
I don't remember, but like I just remember it being my favourite season like I think it probably when.
They start in work at like that annoying firm, the one with the like when he starts making his like first guy's paper.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 57:31
Oh yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 57:32
Yeah.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 57:35
Skyscream. Wait, is it the one that looked like * ****?

 **Ravin Raori** 57:35
Thank you.
Yeah.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 57:40
Yeah.
Shoot, I just read five to six. My bad.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:01:49

OK, I think it's fine. If you want to include more than.

All right, great. Thanks you both.

It'll be really good to just hear from you both quickly about why you selected the ones you selected. Would anybody like to go first?

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:02:46

Sure, I'll start.

Hi.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:02:51

Hey.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:02:51

I have changed the camera view out again.

So the the reason I chose these 10.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:03:01

Huh.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:03:01

Is mainly from what I've experienced myself or I feel like it really affected me a lot. I mean like.

Especially like with the pink ones.

You know what I said before, which is, you know, the community is really there, but it's really up to what it makes, makes you make it. I think that's definitely one of the things that I feel like is quite meaningful and, you know, hoping the first years and talking to the first years and third years and or second years.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:03:28

Mm hmm. Mm hmm mm hmm.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:03:37

I feel like.

I mean, most of them are just just things that I've like, experienced myself, and I feel like it's quite important.

When it comes to uni from me.

I mean, one of my closest mates are people I've met in first year as well.



Ravin Raori 1:03:50

Yeah.

Mm hmm.



Prin Akapongkul 1:03:55

You know the people I sit with in the first year, Robin, you saw us, we couldn't shut up.

I mean school. I was a part to put the pizza party in, and then I was just like, no, what the school events in society that pretty much all of it counts as one.

I also add to like the post it note saying it's OK to take rest. I mean I think that's one of the most important factors, let's be honest here, even as an extrovert, you still need to rest.



Ravin Raori 1:04:26

Mm hmm.

Mm hmm.



Prin Akapongkul 1:04:32

If you keep socialising and just burn yourself out halfway through.



Ravin Raori 1:04:36

Mm hmm mm hmm.



Prin Akapongkul 1:04:37

And.

You know, after class socials, I practically just joined all of the cigarette smoking.

You know dakoon bar all of that until just one, as I feel like it's it's a lot easier to organise things.

Straight after class.

Or like hand in's, I mean I I know for sure I've myself have organised multiple like dockin bar visits. Or like Nando's visits after class.



Ravin Raori 1:05:07

Mm hmm.



Prin Akapongkul 1:05:11

And there's also multiple times that I've bailed because I was too tired and I needed to rest. So I was just I that's probably the main reason why I added it's OK to the breast.



Ravin Raori 1:05:19

Right.



Prin Akapongkul 1:05:26

But I also feel like making friends at uni the last three I feel like is one of the most important ones.

'Cause, I feel like you know.

Uni is about making friends that will last a while and it's also a networking event so. Because yeah, that's practically it for me.



Ravin Raori 1:05:46

Great. Great. I mean a lot of like the issues that we discussed yesterday.

Which is again, you know super important because we we spend quite a lot of time breaking them down. But I I absolutely agree. I think it's it's great to see that you know you're putting your sort of like priorities in certain places and also in how you understand and read what your journey has been right like you were mentioning you know some of your closest friends are the ones that you made in the first year. But at the same time perhaps the sort of opportunities outside of class whether that's at the darkroom bar or whether that's in the smoking area.

Well, we're good opportunities to socialise, but then you know, it's also acknowledging this idea of, like rest and time and you don't always have the bandwidth either to be able to socialise. You know, sometimes there's a pressure. It feels like a bit of networking. I think Chloe mentioned quite a bit about networking and that pressure as well.

So yeah, no super interesting stuff. And I wonder, Chloe, if you wanted to share some of what about what you wrote.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:06:51

Yep.

I feel like I did talked about them dear hard chat but.

It's people grow and change over time so.



Ravin Raori 1:07:09

Mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:07:11

Yeah, I feel like.

Friends, they have, they're all individuals and they have their own dreams and aims and people are changing.

And growing.

Through the time, so maybe the you you guys was have the same aim and dream, but then someone.

Have another.

Aim that makes you guys don't have that much same topic to chat with. Then it's it's normal that it's gradually you guys separate and chasing different.

Chasing different lights.

And friends equal family. It's true. It's what I agree with. And 'cause, it's really Francis is really important for me in my life and they always give me so much support and 'cause we are in the same age. So we have same.

Worries and.

They give me.

Many suggestions during my growing and they will like some of true friends, they will say.

What I think you did something not that good. I wish you can.

Focus on yourself more. Protect yourself more.

And don't need. No need to agree with everyone and they will say something that I didn't.

Thought about but it's actually makes myself.

Feel better after they told me those things that I just that I didn't discovered myself.



Ravin Raori 1:09:15

Mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:09:16

Allowing things to take their natural path, it's.

Yes, that's what I do. Normally I don't force anyone to be my friends where I don't.

Find.

Friends. Because I'm lonely. It's just I believe any natural.

Relationships happen to me, that is.

Maybe needs to happen in your life, so I I I can't wait and wait for a nice relationship to happen.



Ravin Raori 1:09:51

Mm hmm mm hmm.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:09:55

Being from the same culture? Yes, because language. It's for enough my.

Like it's a problem that I can't.

Have a deep conversation with.

People from other cultures, and so you, you just hard to make friends with them.

Comfort with self-expression.

I feel my understanding is if you're not confident or you're not comfortable in that situation, you just.

Can't express yourself well and the people around you may not.

Feel the truth yourself. They can't get. You're a nice person, a friendly person, and

your personality. If you are not comfort in that situation 'cause, it's not the true

yourself. Maybe it's a fake personality and that's that. You can't make true friends in that situation.

And introverted.

Perspective.

Advice just show up makes a lot of difference and I OK I I will note that down.

I feel it is kinda true.



Ravin Raori 1:11:17

1 yeah.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:11:20

Yeah, maybe I sometimes you just you don't need to give yourself too much pressure. You can ask your friends to go with you and maybe just show up and to see what happens around you all. It's also maybe worth it too. Be there? Yeah.



Ravin Raori 1:11:32

Yeah.

Listen, listen.

Yeah, wonderful. I think that one that print contributed yesterday actually and I think it's definitely a, a really powerful one as well. Like you know, if we can't give our full energies, we can still just kind of show up and be around each other. And I think there's some kind of you know and then it kind of lends in naturally to this thing of like allowing things to take their path, you know.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:12:01

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 1:12:03

I think there's lots of kind of like lovely connections between the things that you both picked as well. Like, I think there's some really lovely connections. You know, this idea of like also just give being kind to yourself and resting.

I think it's quite good, right? Just like having some time to just, you know, not necessarily always giving you the pressure again goes back to this idea of like being comfortable with how you express yourself, right.

Because at times, you know, if you're not being your most authentic or true self, maybe it's difficult right to be that for for other people or to other people.

You know, and then again, acknowledging that people can grow and change, you know, friends and family, I really liked again here because you were touching again on the topic of critical friends. Of course, some of the barriers around language and culture that we've talked about. So there's some really great stuff here. You both that.

But you know, I think it's starting to kind of perhaps highlight the main issues, perhaps highlight some of the values, perhaps bring forward what friendship is about even right.

So for this last part and we don't need to then sit and reflect on this too much because I know that you guys have a lot going on and I don't want to keep you for too long.

But you know, looking at what's moved us as individuals and again, you can keep these if you like or you feel free to also grab from the larger group.

If we could just start to sort out some of this, or if you know you've read something and you've started to like, establish an understanding of friendship based on this, like these conversations that we've had, they can just be keywords, right? They don't have to be like full sentences. It can just be like keywords, like starting with what is friendship is about. So definition. Right. Is it about like having a group of people you trust? Right. Is it about like?

You know, going to the cinema together. Is it about sharing?

You know, is it about deep conversations, right? We've talked about this thing about connecting deeply. So you know, just it could be a few keywords. It could be things from here. It could be things from here, whatever you like. But what actually defines friendship, right? What is it about?

Then moving into. Perhaps you know what are the values that we want to have as a group making communities right so values could be things like loyalty, honesty, you know, authenticity. You know, this idea of being true, right about like also care.

Right. Giving yourself rest and that kind of stuff.

And then commitments, right commitments is more about like actually this is what I'm going to do in the future, right? So it's about like could be things like you know just showing up for example right or making time right or like being honest with each other. I mean honesty could also be a value, but you know the idea of like committing yourself to give your friends true feedback right when they're right and when they're wrong.

So we can take 10 minutes for this Eno brain. You have to go at half past anyway.

Right. So if if you both could just put down a few keywords in each of these sections, again, you can also copy paste from these previous things. That'd be great. Is that OK?

Yep. All right. All right, cool.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 1:15:15

Yeah.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:15:16

Yeah, that works. So you want us to copy paste?



Ravin Raori 1:15:20

Copy, paste or use keywords. You know, whatever's easier for you, but basically, to identify what friendship is about, what the values of friendship should be, and any commitments that you want to make moving forward in how you make friends and how you operate with your friends and things like that. Does that make sense?

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:15:39

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 1:15:39

Oh brilliant.

I'll put on. I'll change the music. I'll try to be honest. Niro has like 8 songs, so I'll move it from chill beats to maybe Cosmic 5. I don't know what that is, but we'll see.

But yeah, we can start now.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:18:14

I'm trying to see like the WhatsApp group for the course Rep is spamming right now. I think you're on mute, I think.



Ravin Raori 1:18:28

Why is it spamming?

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:18:30

It's we're we're, like, freaking out more. It's more like Nihal, but Nihal's freaking out. 'cause so far there's like six people that are applied to the new Bowl. And I'm like, mate, you put it up in the past, like 10 minutes.



Ravin Raori 1:18:45

Yeah, we can.



Prin Akapongkul 1:18:47

But.

Yeah, he's just freaking out. He's like, oh, there's not gonna be enough people. And I'm like.

Calm down, people. Show up.



Ravin Raori 1:18:59

Yeah. Let me show. You'll be funny.



Prin Akapongkul 1:19:02

That's why I just picked my phone and I just went wow, OK, that's a lot.

But I love that.

What would you say is values though?



Ravin Raori 1:19:17

The values could be things like honesty could be like being critical with your parents could be things like trust vulnerability.

You know all the first things you know.



Prin Akapongkul 1:19:55

I love this troop. Troop fronts are not psychopath. Yes.

I do know a few people that are psychopaths. Slightly scary.



Ravin Raori 1:20:11

Good point.



Prin Akapongkul 1:20:15

Right. But good stories, though. I mean, if you're friends with anyone that's crazy, it's like a good, good conversation starter.



Ravin Raori 1:20:22

Memories, yeah.



Prin Akapongkul 1:20:24

I mean like I can literally talk about one of them right now.



Ravin Raori 1:20:27

Family.



Prin Akapongkul 1:20:28

I think one of one of my old fat mate.

Where? Where was it in love with a homeless man that's also ahead of Satanist group.



Ravin Raori 1:20:44

Wow, that sounds like.



Prin Akapongkul 1:20:45

And he's from Australia and they were doing crack in, in our accommodation.



Ravin Raori 1:20:53

Oh wow, that's. Yeah. I mean that's.

Yeah, that that's some.



Prin Akapongkul 1:20:59

Yeah, I feel like that's the worst that I'll I'll get from it.



Ravin Raori 1:21:06

Yeah, sounds like a tough situation.



Prin Akapongkul 1:23:21

I would say his commitment.

I can't really think of a lot.



Ravin Raori 1:23:25

You know, commitments can be things simple, things like time, right, commitments can be.

Putting yourself in situations that make you uncomfortable, you know, stepping out of that comfort zone maybe.

Be like you know, I guess it's kind of overlapping values in a bit, but maybe less about what are the values, more about what you want to do.

I could also just be make more friends, meet new people or, you know, call the friends that you already have, right? Make them feel appreciated.



Prin Akapongkul 1:23:53

Yeah.



Ravin Raori 1:26:03

Cool. Brilliant.

Brynn, have you got a couple of minutes or you have you got jump off immediately?



Prin Akapongkul 1:26:09

Yeah, I got a couple minutes.



Ravin Raori 1:26:12

Right, pretty.



Prin Akapongkul 1:26:13

I don't have any spam messages yet, so I think we're good.



Ravin Raori 1:26:18

OK, so Pren and Chloe, thank you so much for taking the time to start organising these into different categories. For me, I think the nice thing about these categories, at least the way that I thought about them is they start from kind of like identifying what friendship means, looking at perhaps what values like what.

What is important in a friendship right? It's the values and then.

Thinking about, you know, when we create this idea of a community, when we're trying to inculcate a feeling of belonging, what are some of the commitments we can

perhaps make? So what happens from here basically is I will obviously go through all of this data 'cause. There's so much data here and I will add to the stuff that you both and others have already contributed, because I'm interested in this research methodology. It's also part of the project that I'm doing in the brief that we've been given called particip.

Action research. So it's about bringing the research participants into the research itself.

What happened? So where? I'm not sure quite sure where this research will end up, but the hope is that it ends up into some kind of mission statement, some kind of manifesto, some kind of document that's reflective of all of these conversations that we've had that can be looked at as a sort of idea of friendship, of an idea, of belonging, of an idea of what that all of that stuff means at university level.

What I will do is when I get to that stage I will send you send you guys that thing whatever that thing is. I don't know what that thing is yet, but I'll know in a few weeks.

Just to get a sense of do you feel like this accurately represents what we talked about, right? Just to make sure that your voices are still heard in that process and then you can have an opportunity to tell me, actually Raven, I think it should be this way and not this way and this way and not this way.

So I'll send that forward to you all at some point. So keep an eye out on your emails from that. And of course, as I mentioned, I will list you all as contributors in the research.

And finally, I also definitely owe you all a pizza or some kind of thing somewhere in the new year. The whole pizza let's do pizza. So I'll organise a thing for that. Maybe we can all get together and have a pizza. And I think, Brian, you'll be happy about. Because you know, you've mentioned the GMD party and pizza a number of times, which I think is super lovely to mention, so you know.

But before we wrap up.

Were there, were there any like thoughts or comments or concerns or anything that you know you guys wanted to ask me or bring up?



Ravin Raori 1:29:13

OK, great.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:29:15

I can't think about any now.



Ravin Raori 1:29:19

All right. Yeah, that's fine. If there's any questions, just e-mail me. I'm always happy to answer. And this mural board is live. And you you all have the link. So if you would like to go back and change some of your responses or add some stuff, you're very welcome to as well. OK.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:29:34

I was just going to ask, yeah, yes.



Ravin Raori 1:29:38

Lastly, I just want to take this opportunity to just say thank you. I really appreciate you both your time generosity. It's really contributed to my project in a really nice way, and I don't even see it as my project. I kind of see it as our project. So thank you so much for that.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:29:57

You're welcome.



Prin Akapongkul 1:29:58

I got you.



Chloe Chen Chen 1:30:00

No, I've seen that I have the same animation.



Ravin Raori 1:30:01

Thank you. Thanks, Chloe. Thanks, Ben. And yeah, I'll see you both. Hopefully tomorrow. If you're joining the social thingy.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 1:30:04

Very active.

Yes, what is?

You said that listen to only.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:30:11

And if in case I don't see you by any chance have a lovely Christmas and happy New Year.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 1:30:14

Yeah. Merry Christmas, you device.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:30:17

Right.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:30:19

I'll see you tomorrow. I hope I see everyone here tomorrow at GMD. Not my fault, GMD.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:30:21

All right.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:30:28

But yeah.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:30:30

All right, all right.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:30:30

We have, oh, by the way, Chloe, we have 200 lbs on the dog room bar so.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 1:30:36

That's really cool. I was when I saw that I could be OK.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:30:37

Please call him if you want free drink or two or three. I don't know how many people showing up so.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:30:42

It'll be lovely.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 1:30:44

I didn't get to 50K this year.
2045.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:30:48

All right. Well, once again, lots of love. Thank you so much. And I'll see you both soon.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 1:30:52

That's the last one. Thank you. Nice to talk to you.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:30:57

They can.

 **Prin Akapongkul** 1:30:57

Thank you. Bye bye.

 **Ravin Raori** 1:30:59

Likewise, take care. Bye.

 **Chloe Chen Chen** 1:30:59

Bye.

● **Ravin Raori** stopped transcription