

Recollections of my days at the Duke of Gloucester School

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I fondly recall my very exciting days at the Duke with special memories for our math, history and science Teachers who trained me to think creatively and critically.

These skills, instilled by the Teachers, have greatly assisted me in every one of the endeavors I undertook over the years since leaving school, in my long and fortunate career.

In conclusion, Suniti, permit me to complement you on doing a much needed and valueable service to our alma mater and all those teachers and alumni who benefited so much from this remarkable school.

Compared to the Prince of Wales School for the Europeans, our school was much less endowed in terms both of the physical facilities and programmes. I some times wonder what would have been the out come if our school had been similarly structured.

I am sure many more success stories would have emerged since more talent would have been nurtured to bloom on the basis of respective individual strengths.

Do continue this love's labour and know that our prayers are with you.

With my warm regards,

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