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**Honesty is a great stairway to success**

Recently, there are several cases of students getting caught cheating in the exam, or students copying homework from their classmates etc. These go against honesty.

There are a few causes of why some students are not being honest with their schoolwork. Firstly, a strong possible reason is that they get overwhelmed with their laziness. They get lazy as they often feel unmotivated. So, they tend to find easier methods, even if they break the rules, just so as they could get rid of the workload assigned to them.

Secondly, some students end up doing such things as cheating or copying homework because they may have become too pressured or stressed. They get too pressured and stressed because sometimes they feel that there is so much schoolwork that they start to have emotional breakdowns. Sometimes, it results to being unmotivated. Moreover, they end up cheating in the exam or copy others’ homework.

Lastly, a common reason to these cases is their procrastination. Procrastination is an overwhelming factor as students may have a lot of different kinds of distractions when they are not in school. As they encounter distractions, they end up not following the students that were given to them as they are not thinking carefully. Then, as things go on, they get insufficient amount of information that they were supposed to have to prepare for their examinations. As often, sometimes they cannot accept the fact that they are likely to fail, so they start to consider cheating or any other rule-breaking methods to get the desired results.

With causes or many more, it could mean that students do not really have a great sight of the importance of honesty. So here are some reasons why being honest is important.

Firstly, being honest is a way to show how much you value your studies. Even though students may not know or understand enough as they were supposed to, in the end they will have the help that they need as the teachers will be willing to and more likely will do better the next time. Also, being honest to yourself can help you have a better sight of what you need to improve so as you can do better.

Secondly, in general, honesty also helps people earn other people’s trust. Honesty is a strong factor of moral values. Therefore, your honesty towards your studies can reflect how you will be when handling other responsibilities in the future and how you can build people’s trust towards you.

Lastly, honesty is also a way of showing respect to people and to yourself. As you value honesty, you learn how to respect people. For example, in studies, even though you do not have enough knowledge for the examinations and likely to fail, you still value fairness with everyone else who prepared so much more than some other students.

It is obvious that honesty is a very important thing to understand, especially for students. So then cases like cheating, copying homework or using Internet as the sources to get answers without thinking carefully etc. should be prevented.