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When Chong Hui Min collected her N-level results yesterday, she started crying.

"I waited for this for two years," Hui Min, 17, said several times as she looked at her results.

She read six subjects and obtained four distinctions, with an EMB3 score of 10 points.

The Junyuan Secondary School student put the national exams on hold last year when she was diagnosed with bone cancer. She repeated Secondary 4 this year while coping with the side effects of her treatment.

Hui Min's results qualify her for the one-year Polytechnic Foundation Programme, where students who pass all their preparatory modules move on to the first year of their chosen diploma course.



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Hui Min intends to study biomedical science at Singapore Polytechnic under this scheme. Her dream is to become a doctor, a goal reinforced by her brush with cancer.

Her tour guide mother, Madam Jean Lee, 54, is thankful to the school for its support.

Referring to Hui Min, she said in Mandarin: "She has matured a lot. At this stage of life, she wants to seize every moment."

Hui Min's co-form teacher, Madam Teh Sim Sim, 50, said she was proud of her student. "She's very tenacious and resilient," she said.