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**Internships in F3: mapping your future with the further future**

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There are unanimously three big hurdles any student in Hong Kong must brave in their primary to tertiary studies: choosing your secondary school at P6; choosing your electives at F3; and taking the public exam at F6. Unanimously again, students, teachers and parents alike agree that choosing your electives is by far the most important. But how do you factor in countless considerations and aspirations into simply a few subjects? There is a rather unpopular but effective method: Internships.

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Among F3 students, internships may not be particularly prevalent, reserved as a luxury for senior forms. This causes one to think, why? One of the main reasons is to provide them with real-life experience for factoring into their choice for tertiary faculties. However, by looking at the bigger picture, junior form students should already take their aspired faculties into consideration when choosing electives. Doing internships early may allow students to gain insights into certain industries and take reference.

**Boomerang Advantages in Academics**

Working as an intern in a real company, students can see for themselves real-life applications of knowledge learnt at school. By working on a more grounded and practical level, we can understand those abstract lines and dots better, conversely improving your academics by learning in internships.

“Though fascinated, I had always been terrible at Economics. But since I’ve interned in this Happy Bank’s management department, my scores skyrocketed unimaginably.” - Mary, F5 Economics

**Experiencing Your “Dream Job” Early**

For those aspiring to pursue a particular career, internships offer an invaluable opportunity to gain hands-on experience and explore their desired field. If you enjoy the internship experience, you gain a head start over others in your chosen

field. On the other hand, if the experience proves unsatisfactory, you save yourself from potentially spending years in a job you wouldn't have enjoyed. The ability to preview your future through internships is an easily accessible and often overlooked luxury that every student can utilize to plan their academic path accordingly.

In conclusion, choosing your electives is the ultimate decision in every student's trek to success, the crossroads are misty and the options are many. Let internships be a bright lantern that makes everyone able to clearly see the yellow path to their success, starting by choosing the right electives.