1. How has your family shaped the way you approach challenges in life? Can you give a specific example?

My family has had a huge impact on how I approach challenges. During my life, my parents have always emphasised that talent and hard work as well as resilience is what creates success in life, so I strive to achieve that. While I am trying to become more independent, their lessons and influence has greatly impacted my thinking. As an example, when I failed a trial test, my mom tried to think about how to make sure I don’t do it again, which has helped me overcome that mistake of not reading the question right.

1. What is one tradition or habit in your family that you cherish the most, and why?

Setting up the tree with my dad and sister is a tradition I truly cherish. It’s one of those yearly moments that bring us all together. Every year, my dad sets up the tree while me and my sister do the ornaments afterwards, before watching my dad once again take over to do the lights. There are some that are old, some that are newer and some that we made ourselves. It’s not just about the decorations - it’s about creating memories welcoming the holidays, which take place near Christmas. Even when life gets busy, this tradition reminds us to pause and enjoy each other's company by playing during the time with the time we have instead of remaining glued to our devices and screens like we do normally.

3. Who in your family inspires you the most, and what lessons have you learned from them?

The person in my family who inspires me the most is definitely my mom. She always helps me out, dedicating so much time that proves how much she loves me. She helps me out figure out my problems and encourages me to keep doing any good things. When I feel frustrated with my academic studies or my music practices, she will encourage me to continue. She also gives me other pieces of insightful information like if you stop studying hard, you will fall behind when others are racing against you. She’s shown me that no matter what challenges life throws at you, it’s how you handle them that really makes the difference. When I grow up, I hope to be able to be like her to other people.