



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Last week, we appreciated watching the school production, the Greek tragedy, *The Trojan Women*. We appreciated the story line, the costumes, the choreography, the multi-cultural aspects and language, the interpretation of having two or three actors playing the same character being present on stage at the same time, and the high quality performances by our students.

As an anti-war play, it could not accurately be described as enjoyable, as the actors and director confronted us with the horrors of war from the perspective of the women of Troy whose menfolk were lost to the Greek conquerors, and who were about to be brutalised as slaves. It was a very sophisticated, intense and striking account; and we congratulate the cast, crew and staff involved in the production.

The parents of the students involved can be particularly proud of their children's performances, and no doubt they also see the other tangible benefits to their children – the development of teamwork, life skills, stage presence, and the confidence gained to name but a few. Special thanks to the Director, school drama teacher Ms Eemien Sia. Photos may be seen elsewhere in this newsletter.

Over the past four weeks since the last newsletter, we have also enjoyed inter-house Music, Touch and Basketball competitions; and this week, we celebrated the achievements of the top performing students in the Term 2 reports. We have much to be thankful for.

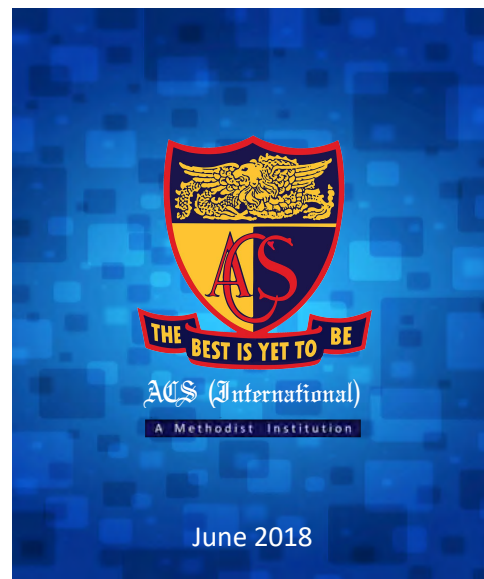
Next term, we begin with Prelim Examinations for Years 4 and 6, and with two Teacher Only Days for staff professional development on Approaches to Teaching and Learning, and a review of Restorative Practices.

As the school term closes this week, we wish the students and staff participating in overseas trips over the holidays a safe, enjoyable and rewarding experience. The trips include the Southern Africa, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam service trips; the University / Business Studies trip to the UK and Europe; and the Junior trip to the USA. Many thanks to the staff who have given up their time to give the students these wonderful opportunities.

We also wish all members of the school community a safe and relaxing time of refreshment with increased quality time with families these holidays. 'The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, He *refreshes* my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake'. Psalm 23:1-3 NIV

With Years 4 and 6 Prelim Examinations in the first two weeks of Term 3, these examination students will also obviously need to balance some holiday time with sustained study.

Rob Burrough
Principal



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Jamaica has 120 rivers

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY NEWS

First EXCO Retreat

The Christian Fellowship held its first EXCO retreat from 11-12 May at the Praisehaven Retreat Centre, Salvation Army.

We had a fruitful time discussing our roles and responsibilities and also planned the calendar for 2018/2019. The newly formed EXCO also had great fun bonding over games and various activities. We even managed a spontaneous morning walk in the surrounding nature reserves which linked to the old railway tracks. For most of us, it was exciting exploring a part of Singapore which we didn't know existed.



The next day, we held a Dedication Service at Holland Village Methodist Church. It was an opportunity for the EXCO to dedicate themselves to serving God in our school through CF, as well as for HVMC members who support our ministry to meet with and encourage our EXCO and CF members.

We hope that the time spent in CF will enable our students to grow and blossom in their knowledge and love for God, forge lasting friendships and be a beacon of truth and light to all.

To God be the Glory! The Best is Yet to Be!



Agnes John
Christian Ministry Staff

STAFF NEWS

This week, we bid farewell to three staff members, Ms Amy Elizabeth Woolloff in the Faculty of Science, Mr Zhang Youyou in the Faculty of Languages and Ms Clare Wee Wei Wah in the Faculty of Humanities, who are leaving us to seek other pursuits.

We thank them for their contributions and wish them all the best in their endeavours.

NOTICES

Prelim Examination Dates 2018

The Prelim Examination Schedules are now available for viewing online on the school intranet and the Parent/Student Portals. You may also follow the links below to view the schedules:

- [Year 4 Prelim Exam Schedule](#)
- [Year 6 Prelim Exam Schedule](#)

School Fees Increase in 2019

After holding the school fees unchanged for two years, the Board of Management will consider a small increase in the fee structure for 2019 at the upcoming July Board meeting.

The Board's philosophy is to try to minimise the financial impact on families whilst providing a world-class educational environment for the students. Any fee increase will be published in the August issue.

2 and 3 July

There are no classes for students on Monday and Tuesday, 2 & 3 July, as teachers will be involved in professional development training.

Prelim Examinations will begin on Tuesday 3 July, for Years 4 and 6 students. Please check the school intranet for the Prelim Examination Schedules.

There will also be a new student orientation programme on Tuesday, 3 July.

ACS Echo

The May – June 2018 issue has been published. Parents and students may get one copy from the General Office Reception.



Direct School Admissions

Prospective students can apply for admission to 2019 classes through our internal admissions tests or based on formal examination results such as PSLE or 'O' Levels taken in 2018.

Direct School Admissions (DSA) applicants for Years 1, 2, 3, Pre-IB, FIB and 5 can contact the Admissions Department to arrange to sit for English Language and Mathematics entrance tests. All applicants will also undertake an oral interview with a senior staff member. Year 1 applicants who do not pass the DSA process can re-apply for admission using their 2018 PSLE results.

Admission Tests for Other Schools

Please note that we do not provide supervision for tests for other schools. Students should approach recognised external agencies for this service.

Office Holiday Hours

Please take note that during the holiday period from 28 May to 29 June, the General Office will be open from 9am to 4pm.

2019 Calendar

The proposed calendar for 2019 is now published on the school website: <http://www.acsinternational.edu.sg/acs-calendars/terms-dates/>

Transcripts and Testimonials

This is the time of the year we begin to receive requests of these two documents. The Academic Secretary, Ms Manwant Kaur, will process these requests upon receipt of the completed transcript and/or testimonial application form, which can be downloaded from the website ([Current Students – Forms](#)). A period of 15 days is required to process any document. We regret that we are unable to respond to any request to produce them immediately.

Year 6 students will automatically receive these two documents at the end of the school year. They only need to apply for these documents if they are applying to university before year end.

Testimonials are only available for Year 6 students, and Year 4 students who are leaving school. School leavers in other year groups can only apply for a school transcript summary of all school reports.

National Service Information Night

Date: Thursday 19 July 2018

Time: 6.45pm – 8.20pm

Venue: Oldham Chapel

Objectives

1. Have an understanding of the process and procedure of National Service (NS) enlistment
2. Clarify any misunderstanding and myth about NS training and postings

Overview

During this event, parents and students will be able to hear from the official sources via representatives from the Ministry of Defence (Mindef) regarding NS enlistment and training. Parents, Operational Ready NSman (those who completed full time national service) and alumni will also be invited to share about the NS experience. The talk and discussion are also relevant to those who are posted to the Police and the Civil Defence Force.

This event, open parent and all students, is a combined effort of the school, PSP and Nexus, the National Education branch from Mindef.

Tentative Programme

Time	Programme
6.45pm	Registration opens
7pm	Mindef /Nexus: National Education and the need for National Service
7.10pm	Mindef /Nexus/ HE Advisor: Enlistment Process and Deferment Q&A
7.40pm	Perspectives from parents and NS men Q&A
8.15pm	Closing, presentation of tokens of appreciation Collection of feedback form

Please indicate your interest by filling up this [form](#).

For any enquires, please email Mr Chia Choong Kiat at choongkiat.chia@acsinternational.edu.sg.



June Holiday Tuition

The following extra classes will operate during the May / June holidays for IBDP and IGCSE classes.

The Arts Faculty

Art Department

First week of June holidays (Mon to Thu):

Peter Talbot (IGCSE Year 3 and IB Year 6) and Chang Hung Tho (IGCSE Year 4)

Last week of June holidays (Mon to Fri):

Peter Talbot (IGCSE Year 3 and IB Year 6) and Chang Hung Tho (IGCSE Year 4)

Music Department

30 May (10am–1pm)

26 June (10am–1pm)

Arleen Teo (IGCSE Year 4)

The Humanities Faculty

Claire Tan

Year 4

Practice on timed essays

Wednesday 30 May

Paper 1, 10am - 12noon; Paper 4, 2pm - 3pm

Friday 1 June

Paper 2, 10am - 12noon

Return of Papers

Wednesday 27 June, 10am - 1pm

The Languages Faculty

Teacher: Mrs Thiru

Subject: Year 4 Tamil

Date: 26 and 29 June

Time: 2pm - 4pm

The Science Faculty

Subject	Name of Teacher	Venue	Year	Target Group	Date	Time	Suggested work to be done
Biology	Linda	Bio103	4	4Bi3 and 4Bi5	6 June	10am -1pm	Revision class
Biology	Linda	Bio103	4	4Bi3 and 4Bi5	7 June	10am -1pm	Revision class
Chemistry	Kom	Ch105	4	4Ch2	28 June	9am - 10.30am	General consultation
Chemistry	Kom	Ch105	4	4Ch4	28 June	10.30am - 12noon	General consultation
Chemistry	Cheryl	Ch102	4	4Ch1	28 June	11am - 1pm	Revision class
Chemistry	Cheryl	Ch102	4	4Ch6	29 June	11am - 1pm	Revision class
Subject	Name of Teacher	Venue	Year	Target Group	Date	Time	Suggested work to be done
Chemistry	Susan	Ch101	6	6 ChHL4	27 June	9am - 12noon	General consultation (any questions from revision)
Chemistry	Grace	Ch104	6	6 ChHL1 and ChHL3	28 June	9am - 12noon	General consultation (any questions from revision)
Chemistry	Josephine	Ch103	6	6ChHL2	27 June	9.30am - 12.30pm	Consultation
Chemistry	Hilda	Ch106	6	6ChSL1 and 6ChSL2	27 June	9am - 12noon	General consultation (any questions from revision)
Chemistry	Hilda	Ch106	6	6ChSL1 and 6ChSL2	30 May	9am - 12noon	Revision for topics done in Y5 2nd half of the year: Eqm, ABS, Redox
Physics	Ho Wee Kwang	Ph201	6	6PhHL1	31 May, 1, 5, 8 June	9am - 1pm	General consultation (any questions from revision)
Physics	Kent Kor	Ph203	6	6PhHL2, 3	28 and 29 June	9.30am - 12.30pm	General consultation (any questions from revision)

The Mathematics Faculty

Year	Subject	Name of Teacher	Venue	Date	Time	Content
6	HL Maths	Jasmine Teo	OB3-4	26, 27 June	9am - 11am	Past Year Papers
6	SL Maths	Tan Shiao Ser	OB3-2	25, 26 June	2pm - 4pm	Past Year Papers
4	A Maths	Charles Lee	OB4-5	26, 27 June	9am - 11am	Past Year Papers, Consultation
6	HL Maths	Gregory Goh	OB4-8	25, 26, 27 June	9.30am - 12.30pm	Revision (topics decided in class)
4	E Maths	Frank Yip	OB3-1	25, 26 June	1pm - 4pm	Revision
4	A Maths	Raghuraman	OB3-6	28, 29 June	1pm - 3pm	Consultation, Revision
6	HL Maths	Raghuraman	OB3-6	28, 29 June	10am - 12noon	Consultation, Revision
4	E Maths	Lim-Tan Lay Pian	OB3-8	18, 19 June	9am - 12noon	Revision
6	SL Maths	Lim-Tan Lay Pian	OB3-8	18, 19 June	9am - 12noon	Revision



Commendation Awards (Term 2)

Principal's List for Effort and Achievement			
No.	NAME	YR	ACA
1	Lee May Ann Rachel	Y1	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Ronak Sanan	Y3	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Hannah Kek Yi Hui	Y4	Cheong Koon Seng
4	Tan Jia Ying Nicolle	Y4	Cheong Koon Seng
5	Tang Shiyu	Y6	Cheong Koon Seng
6	Wang Zelin	Y6	Cheong Koon Seng
7	Lim Si Min Grace	Y6	Cheong Koon Seng
8	Suramy Sood	Y2	Goh Hood Keng
9	Chia Fui Rupert	Y3	Goh Hood Keng
10	Gautam Ramasamy	Y5	Goh Hood Keng
11	Justin Cheng Ming Hearn	Y3	Lee Seng Gee
12	Sakthi Bharathi Baskaran	Y4	Lee Seng Gee
13	Shu Luoandi	Y4	Lee Seng Gee
14	Chen Kangan	Y6	Lee Seng Gee
15	Low Wen Ting Megan	Y6	Lee Seng Gee
16	Tamira Irem Eryener	Y4	Oldham
17	Yang Jiwon	Y4	Oldham
18	Sophie Darmawan	Y6	Oldham
19	Nanditha Vithanala	Y1	Shaw Vee Meng
20	Chen Yili	Y4	Shaw Vee Meng
21	Natanya Abigail Mandagi	Y2	Tan Chin Tuan
22	Gweon Sujin	Y3	Tan Chin Tuan
23	Ye Weiyang	Y6	Tan Chin Tuan
24	Megan Man	Y4	Tan Kah Kee
25	Teo Kai Hui	Y6	Tan Kah Kee
26	Zheng Jiayi	Y2	Thoburn
27	Cheng Xirui	Y3	Thoburn
28	Lu Pei Han	Y4	Thoburn
29	Ayushi Lahiry	Y4	Thoburn
30	Chen Xingyu	Y5	Thoburn
31	Hu Yuwei	Y6	Thoburn
32	Russell Scott Indradjaja	Y6	Thoburn

Distinction for Effort and Achievement			
No.	NAME	YR	ACA
1	Chang Tun-Min	Y4	Cheong Koon Seng
2	He Yajing	Y4	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Indah Wahyu Hapsari Tjahjowidodo	Y4	Goh Hood Keng
4	Amelia Govier Lynge	Y5	Goh Hood Keng
5	Joschka Flynn Kalisch	Y2	Lee Seng Gee
6	Judith Ann Ho Han Lin	Y4	Lee Seng Gee
7	Pham Thao Chi	Y3	Oldham
8	Hoe Tze En Nirel	Y6	Oldham
9	Yan Xin	Y6	Oldham
10	Yang Tze-Te	Y6	Oldham
11	Chen Yirong	Y3	Shaw Vee Meng
12	Elliot Luke Soh Yunjie	Y5	Shaw Vee Meng
13	Faye Marie Chen Setiawan	Y1	Tan Chin Tuan
14	Riho Takaki	Y3	Tan Chin Tuan
15	Choi Madeline Yu-Jin	Y4	Tan Chin Tuan
16	Tan Weng Tong	Y6	Tan Chin Tuan
17	Chau Nguyen Khanh Giao	Y3	Tan Kah Kee
18	Ren Yiting	Y4	Tan Kah Kee
19	Teo Kai Jie	Y4	Tan Kah Kee
20	Chen Jiashu	Y6	Tan Kah Kee
21	Goh Teng Wee	Y6	Tan Kah Kee
22	Airi Narita	Y1	Thoburn
23	Ethelyn Huang Meici	Y1	Thoburn
24	Shreya Supriyakumar Sakhalkar	Y2	Thoburn
25	Chen Xinmiao	Y5	Thoburn



Commendation for Effort and Achievement

No.	NAME	YR	ACA
1	Issei Hirai	Y2	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Moon Eunyeong	Y2	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Yun Yebin	Y2	Cheong Koon Seng
4	Natalie Chew Jiaxian	Y3	Cheong Koon Seng
5	Kan Nuoya	Y3	Cheong Koon Seng
6	Emily Elizabeth Kriebisch	Y4	Cheong Koon Seng
7	Loke E-Shyen Tessa	Y4	Cheong Koon Seng
8	Soh Jia En	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
9	Liu Tianwei	Y6	Cheong Koon Seng
10	Jesselyn Stella Rucita	Y1	Goh Hood Keng
11	Shi Yutong	Y1	Goh Hood Keng
12	Bagas Pambudi Tjahjowidodo	Y1	Goh Hood Keng
13	Summer Yew Min	Y1	Goh Hood Keng
14	Rohan Kishore Buxani	Y3	Goh Hood Keng
15	Danang Dyah Savitri Tjahjowidodo	Y3	Goh Hood Keng
16	Li Peize	Y6	Goh Hood Keng
17	Shu Xinyi	Y2	Lee Seng Gee
18	Hayleigh Sim Ziqi	Y1	Lee Seng Gee
19	Sin Zi Ting Chelsea	Y1	Lee Seng Gee
20	Manishaa Kaur D/o Sukdave Singh	Y4	Lee Seng Gee
21	Sanjeevani Sriram	Y4	Lee Seng Gee
22	Brendan Marc Tan	Y6	Lee Seng Gee
23	Wu Jiarui	Y6	Lee Seng Gee
24	Carter Luke Xavier	Y1	Oldham
25	Ajay Karthikeyan	Y1	Oldham
26	Uditi Ray	Y1	Oldham
27	Rohan Arora	Y3	Oldham
28	Neo Su Hui Ruth	Y4	Oldham
29	Shreaya Suresh Kumar	Y4	Oldham
30	Lee Hyojun	Y5	Oldham
31	Christopher Robin Panutomo	Y6	Oldham
32	Keum Minjae	PB	Shaw Vee Meng
33	Prisha Chalak	Y1	Shaw Vee Meng
34	Larissa Chan Mei Huen	Y1	Shaw Vee Meng
35	Jin Kawaso	Y3	Shaw Vee Meng
36	Wu Yanyu	Y3	Shaw Vee Meng
37	Devansh Sanjay Doshi	Y5	Shaw Vee Meng
38	Park Ju-Hyun	Y5	Shaw Vee Meng
39	Ng Yi Kai	Y6	Shaw Vee Meng
40	Wang Yujia	Y2	Tan Chin Tuan
41	Ho Myra Meiyen	Y1	Tan Chin Tuan
42	Masuvathi Ramesh Chander Samstheetha	Y1	Tan Chin Tuan
43	Sara Goh Ching Ern	Y5	Tan Chin Tuan
44	Wu Ke	Y5	Tan Chin Tuan
45	Nadya Sari Saptono	Y6	Tan Chin Tuan
46	Michelle The	Y6	Tan Chin Tuan
47	Wei Yu	Y3	Tan Kah Kee
48	Karan Ahuja	Y6	Tan Kah Kee
49	Sanya Bobby Sanghavi	Y2	Thoburn
50	Sun Lehan	Y2	Thoburn
51	Chan Z'Yann	Y5	Thoburn

Commendation for Effort

No.	NAME	YR	ACA
1	Bill Johnathan	Y2	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Ashley See Yao Jun	Y2	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Anahita Darayus Bhesania	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
4	Krish Mantoo	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
5	Avi Tripathi	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
6	Kim Seongeun	Y6	Cheong Koon Seng
7	Rachel Pang Wen Hui	Y6	Cheong Koon Seng
8	Sin Hau Nam	Y2	Goh Hood Keng
9	Fahim Mohammed	Y3	Goh Hood Keng
10	Xu Kejun	Y3	Goh Hood Keng
11	Hu Jie	Y4	Goh Hood Keng
12	Nandini Sachin Kulkarni	Y4	Goh Hood Keng
13	Li Andi	Y4	Goh Hood Keng
14	Janet Tedjasasmila	Y5	Goh Hood Keng
15	Vieri Harney	Y6	Goh Hood Keng
16	Xander Jay Xian Pang	Y6	Goh Hood Keng
17	Kim Hyelyn	Y1	Lee Seng Gee
18	Fujii Ryoko	Y5	Lee Seng Gee
19	Wang Zihao	Y5	Lee Seng Gee
20	Song Yitian	Y1	Oldham
21	Keira Lim Yi Xian	Y2	Oldham
22	Renzo Bass	Y3	Oldham
23	Kim Kyongsu	Y4	Oldham
24	Sim Si Leng	Y5	Oldham
25	Rhea Chalak	Y4	Shaw Vee Meng
26	Hou Yunzhi	Y2	Shaw Vee Meng
27	Tan Cao Lyn	Y2	Shaw Vee Meng
28	Jade Chan	Y5	Shaw Vee Meng
29	Chang Eunjun	Y5	Shaw Vee Meng
30	Kim Taehyeon	Y5	Shaw Vee Meng
31	Ng E Lene	Y5	Shaw Vee Meng
32	Chng Er Jue Javier	Y6	Shaw Vee Meng
33	Faith Wong Yann Hwa	Y6	Shaw Vee Meng
34	Goh Wen Xuan Evelyn	Y1	Tan Chin Tuan
35	Victoria Ann Warren Streeton	Y2	Tan Chin Tuan
36	Tan Ruiyi	Y4	Tan Chin Tuan
37	Joung Jaewon	Y5	Tan Chin Tuan
38	Louis Davin Lie	Y5	Tan Chin Tuan
39	Wang Zhuoyu	Y5	Tan Chin Tuan
40	Tan Byron	Y6	Tan Chin Tuan
41	Lee Jinseo	Y2	Tan Kah Kee
42	Wong Zhi Xiong	Y2	Tan Kah Kee
43	Wan Zhijun	Y3	Tan Kah Kee
44	Aarthy Narainy Ravichandran	Y4	Tan Kah Kee
45	Shwetha Anandan	Y6	Tan Kah Kee
46	Angel Presley Podiono	Y6	Tan Kah Kee
47	Benjamin Christopher Toh	Y6	Tan Kah Kee
48	Sun Meichen	Y1	Thoburn
49	Iness Kuma	Y1	Thoburn
50	Nguyen Minh Khoi	Y1	Thoburn
51	Tian Wei	Y3	Thoburn
52	Qianye Chen	Y5	Thoburn
53	Sunny Singh	Y5	Thoburn
54	Zhang Ruiyang	Y5	Thoburn
55	Tan Manting	Y6	Thoburn
56	Jessica Thia Rui Ping	Y6	Thoburn



STUDENT SUCCESSES

Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad 2018

Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO) caters to the top 40% of the student population. It aims to arouse students' interest in mathematical problem solving, and to develop mathematical intuition, reasoning, logical, creative and critical thinking.

SASMO is devoted and dedicated to bringing a love for Mathematics to students in secondary schools. The top 40% of the participants will receive an Award Certificate and a medal (Gold for top 8%, Silver for next 12% and Bronze for next 20%).

On 4 April, 50 students (Years 1 to 4) from ACS (International) took part in SASMO 2018. The list of our medal winners is given below:

SASMO 2018 – ACS (International) Medal Winners		
NAME	Grade	AWARD
ETHELYN HUANG MEICI	GRADE 7	GOLD AWARD
JUSTIN CHENG MING HEARN	GRADE 9	GOLD AWARD
RUPERT CHIA	GRADE 9	GOLD AWARD
LEE YOU MIN	GRADE 8	SILVER AWARD
EUNYEONG MOON	GRADE 8	SILVER AWARD
FU LIWEN	GRADE 10	SILVER AWARD
SONG JOON HYUNG	GRADE 10	SILVER AWARD
CAI LINSHAN	GRADE 10	SILVER AWARD
JIN ZEYU	GRADE 10	SILVER AWARD
SHU LUOANDI	GRADE 10	SILVER AWARD
ABHAY MALIK	GRADE 7	BRONZE AWARD
GABRIEL AUGUSTINE TAN EN	GRADE 7	BRONZE AWARD
DENNIS NG JUN SHENG	GRADE 7	BRONZE AWARD
JINSEO LEE	GRADE 8	BRONZE AWARD
WEI YU	GRADE 9	BRONZE AWARD
GOH JUN-EN SAMUEL	GRADE 9	BRONZE AWARD
KAN NUOYA	GRADE 9	BRONZE AWARD
WU YANYU	GRADE 9	BRONZE AWARD
XIRUI CHENG	GRADE 9	BRONZE AWARD
WANG RUIMING	GRADE 10	BRONZE AWARD

ACS (International) SASMO results

Category / Year	2016	2017	2018
GOLD AWARD	1	5	3
SILVER AWARD	3	4	7
BRONZE AWARD	6	7	10

Year 4 Student's First Book Published



Year 4 student Sazma Samir was joined by over 60 family members and friends at the launch of her first novel, *The Sixth Stone*, at Media Corp on 12 May.

Published by Kitaab International, the book was officially launched by Principal Mr Rob Burrough, with supporting comments by her Housemaster, Mr Ian Parry. *The Sixth Stone* is a fantasy about three sisters

who survive a plane crash and are marooned on a mysterious island.



Writing started five years ago and the manuscript had undergone three re-writes during its journey to publishing, says Sazma. In an interview with the publisher at the launch, she shared how she had to overcome a learning disability with the strong support of her mother, and that writing is now her main leisure activity. Sazma went through several interviews with the publisher before her final manuscript was eventually accepted for publishing.

We congratulate her on her success and hope that she follows the footsteps of the likes of Katherine Mansfield and JK Rowling, who both had their first writings published in their teens.



2018 NUS Geography Challenge

Four of our Year 4 Geography students took part in the 2018 NUS Geography Challenge on 24 February, which also included the selection of the International Geography Olympiad.



Competing against 125 schools, our team, comprising Nicolle Tan (4 CKS), Tessa Loke (4 CKS), Megan Man (4 TKK) and Chen Yili (4 SVM) reached the semi-finals. In the individual Geography Olympiad component, Chen Yili secured the gold medal, Nicolle Tan silver, and Megan Man bronze. Well done and congratulations, girls!

2017 Junior Competitive Team Debate

Congratulations to our 2017 Junior Competitive Debate Team for their fine result on 19 May. They made it to the finals and were placed second in the Silver Division. Also, thanks to the 2018 Junior Competitive Team members for attending the seminars and for cheering the 2017 team on.

TKK Friendly Neighbour Project

This year, TKK started a Friendly Neighbour Project in March. With the amount of money raised in April, we were able to purchase groceries and cleaning supplies for the family that we were helping. Personally, we found it challenging to provide the list of supplies needed by a family in one month, as it was our first time doing such a thing.



Together with our purchases, a group of us made an arranged visit to the family on 18 May. The idea of visiting the family and cleaning their house seemed like an easy task at first. But when we visited the home, it didn't seem like a piece of cake after all... Though we weren't able to clean the entire house, we worked as efficiently as possible to make the most out of the time we spent there.



This was a new learning experience for all of us as most of us live in a nice, comfortable and clean environment. We were very glad that we were part of this project as it made us become more aware of the daily struggles of those around us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and students who offered their generous support throughout the journey, without whom this charity event would not have been possible.



The Trojan Women

Euripides' *The Trojan Women* is a powerful indictment against the cruelty of war. It was first staged in Athens, 415 BC.

For ACS (International), it was a first attempt experimenting theatre with multi-languages, incorporating German, Korean, Hindi and Chinese language within the English play, harnessing the strength of many of our students who are bilingual.

This was also a collaborative school effort involving three CCAs – the Chinese Drama CCA, the Contemporary Singers Ensemble CCA and the Electro Acoustic World Music Ensemble CCA. Performed on 17 and 18 May, this production was the result of much creativity, perseverance and effort of student actors, singers, musicians, production crews and teachers over the past five months.

Comments from the audience which typified the show included: *"sophisticated, powerful, intense, great choreography, excellent use of lighting and shadows, clear diction, and a very high standard of performance."*

What is it?



The play follows the fate of the women of Troy after their city was sieged, their husbands killed, and the remaining of their families about to be taken away to Greece as slaves.

The script used was a close adaptation of the Greek tragedy by playwright Ellen McLaughlin. It was originally written by McLaughlin in response to the Bosnian War in 1995 and she casted refugees from the former Yugoslavia and Albania as her actors. Each part was to

be played by more than one actor and the written text allowed different languages to be interwoven.

In our play, we portrayed two Queen Hecubas, two beautiful Helens and three mad Cassandras who also played the chorus. The stage design elements were kept minimal; instead projection of lights and shadow puppetry were used. The songs sung by the Contemporary Singers Ensemble led by Mr Phua Ee Kia and the Electro Acoustic World Music Ensemble led by Mr Philip Tan greatly illuminated the entire play.

The Trojan Women production hopes to empower young aspiring actors, singers and musicians with roles that extend beyond their own. It is an attempt and also the director's heartbeat to reflect the size of the souls of these young people – for their hearts to work towards something bigger and to find beauty and values within themselves that they may not have found otherwise.

Ms Eemien Sia
Teacher of Drama
Director, *The Trojan Women*



Interact Club Service Projects

Home Visits

As we continue with our monthly home visits, special thanks to Julie Park (our Head Girl) and her father for very generously donating a laptop to one of the needy homes whom we visit – a single mum with five children. Her school-going children were delighted to receive the laptop personally from Julie on 11 May!

We would also like to thank our special guest, Dr Kristopher Achter, who joined us. We are grateful and feel well-supported when staff members join us in our service work!



Paper Recycling

Our second school-wide Paper Recycling exercise kicked off on 18 May with our Student Interactors going around the school enthusiastically collecting recycling boxes from all classrooms and sorting out the papers diligently.



Carrying the hundreds of boxes that we had sorted, we delivered them in high spirits to Mr Tan's home. Mr Tan is one of the regular needy homes that we visit. Mr Tan, who is in his late 70s, sells the paper to a recycling company. The money he earns helps to support himself and his elderly brother, both of whom are unemployed.



A big THANK YOU to all staff who contributed generously to our second Paper Recycling exercise! Thank you for helping us in our carbon off-setting goals.

Interact Club Student EXCO Committee



Dialogue with Earth Festival Founder

On the afternoon of 4 May, where the force was strong, the Interact Club invited a very special guest, Mr Michael Broadhead, the Founder and Volunteer Director of Earth Festival and Animal Allies, to speak to our Student Interactors.



A passionate advocate of environmental conservation, Michael shared with us the mission and vision of Earth Festival, how we can contribute, and more significantly, what we can all do to live more sustainable, healthy and compassionate lives.



As a chemistry teacher at the Canadian International School, Michael also provided very valuable feedback for our three student proposals for the Green Wave Competition Project that we are taking part in, in collaboration with our school Science Faculty.

Thank you, Michael, for inspiring us with the great work that you do!



Cycle and Connect!

At the crack of dawn on 12 May, a group of almost 30 students from the Interact Club and Thoburn House gathered to witness the beautiful sun rise over northern Singapore. It was a magical and surreal experience, a first for many of us here in ACS (International).



As participants of Singapore's first Cycle and Connect! programme, a sporting activity aimed to bond families and friends together through cycling, we were excited to be a part of this unique service project. All of us had different roles for the morning – road marshal, game station master, logistics facilitator, emcee, medic, etc. – and we went about our tasks enthusiastically.

The venue, Ponggol Promenade Nature Park (right opposite Coney Island), turned out to be a spectacular visual treat for all of us! We got to interact with the lush greenery in the park and even spotted rare animals, such as a monitor lizard swimming across the lake, egrets flying across the sky and many friendly turtles and fish.



We are thankful to be able to work with Blossom World Charity once again, the event organiser, to raise funds through this event, for the various elderly and mentally-challenged charities under their belt.

Interact Club Student EXCO Committee



Year 1 English Library Project

iBooks Author Reflection



iBooks Author

Create and publish amazing Multi-Touch books for iPad.

Over the past two terms, my English teacher has been teaching us the basic skills needed to piece together an iBooks author creation.

I think this part of our English lessons is very different from the usual way of teaching as it helps us to learn about geography, history, religion, landscapes, and much more, unlike pure grammar and punctuation. This is part of our IB learner profile as we have to piece together parts of a puzzle to succeed in the subject, for example, English lessons incorporating geography.

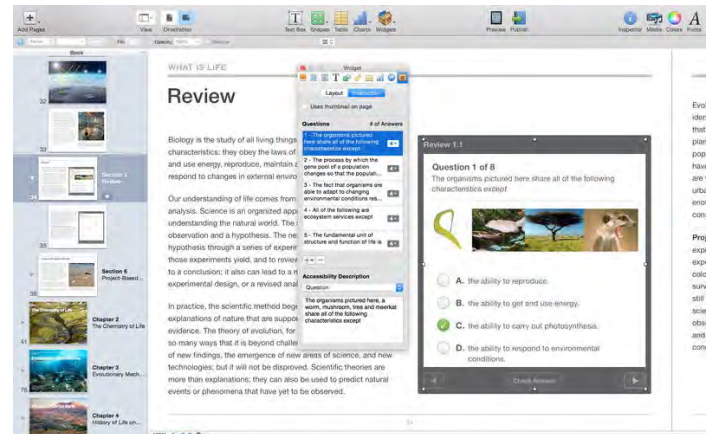
What I found most interesting about this particular project is that we were given "library lessons" each week where we would go to the library and work on our project. After that, we would present to the class, which helps to enhance our presentation skills.

I personally feel that the iBooks author application (app) has many good and bad points. To start with the good ones, it has many formatting capabilities which can help you a lot when creating your book. It also has an integration with iBooks author which allows you to own a digital library with all the books you have created on a separate window from your other created e-books. You may also find that, compared to other e-book creation softwares, this app helps make your book look more like a professional publication than a shabbily created book.

The only issue I faced is the occasional slowness of the app. Like many large programs, it can sometimes take a few minutes to load, and it sometimes moves slowly when performing certain tasks. Other than that, I did not find anything discernably difficult when using the app.

Overall, I feel that iBooks author has helped me go a step closer to fulfilling my IB learner profile. It has also spurred me on – doing a little bit more each time to make my iBook nicer and slowly getting closer to publishing my first iBook.

Rowan Cumming
1 TCT



HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Year 6 Personal Statement / Essay Writing Workshop

The last week of school is not only an exciting time as it leads to the five-week school holidays but it is also one of the most productive for Year 6 in terms of university application preparations.

Every day, after school, students from two houses find out about important tips on personal statement and essay writing, from 3pm to 5pm. Personal statements are required by most universities as part of the undergraduate applications process while Essays are mostly required by universities in the United States.

Mrs Rita Kaur, the Head of Higher Education and Careers, has been running these workshops for the past few years to help the graduating students with one of the most important part of their overall applications.

Students are given tips on what to include, which books/journals to read and what should be excluded in their personal statements and essays. Examples are given so that students understand the whole process of writing for their applications. Many students found the workshop to be very helpful as it has given them the required background to write their own personal statements and essays. Basically, the Year 6 cohort have started thinking seriously about their university application!

The workshop also leads to the Application Guide 2018 for Year 6 students, parents and guardians, which will be held on 14 July. Information on application to the popular universities will be provided. A step-by-step guide booklet will also be presented to students. Parents are always very excited about this event as they will receive first-hand information on deadlines, application format, etc.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NEWS

ACS (Independent) Boarding School

Annual High Table Dinner and Investiture of Junior Common Room Committee

On 15 May, ACS (Independent) Boarding School held their annual High Table Dinner. An occasion to inculcate proper fine dining etiquette among the boarders, it was also an occasion that marked the investiture of the incoming Junior Common Room Committee. On that Tuesday evening, boarders were treated to a sumptuous four-course meal and photo-taking of halls took place after dinner.

ACS (International) students had their first combined photo shoot that night.



Oldham Hall

Annual Celebration of Culture

ACS Oldham Hall held its annual Celebration of Culture on 22 April. Departing from tradition, this year's celebration took the form of a carnival, with multiple booths showcasing food and culture as well as busking performances from students of various countries. Ending the night with a prayer for the nations and a finale song, the Hall looks to greater appreciation and strong friendship between boarders and staff of all nationalities and cultures.



SPORTS NEWS

A,B and C Divisions Touch Championships

Touch Rugby at ACS (International) has grown substantially over the past few years. The girls participate in both local and international Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools (ACSIS) competitions throughout the year and have shown significant improvement.

The season started very convincingly with both the U16 and U19 teams winning silver and bronze medals respectively in their ACSIS leagues. Following this, the U14 and U16 teams competed in a one-day Singapore Secondary Schools Touch Tournament, and both teams were undefeated, bringing home the gold.

The U19 had their best season yet in the division A Junior College League. They made it to the semi-finals and then on to a nail-biting third / fourth play off. They finished with bronze – out of 10 teams – and we are all extremely proud of their progress. The season ended with a fantastic 4-2 victory to claim the Varsity Cup for the second year running against SJI International.

We are looking forward to the U14 ACSIS League later in the year.

U14 / C Div – Captain: Natasha Taguchi

Achievements: C Div Gold medalists

When we went to Evergreen Secondary School, we felt very excited since it was the Year 1's first game and we desperately wanted to win it. There were two games going on at the same time. In the end, we won every single match, and no team had scored a single try against us! We were all very happy that we were given this opportunity to play against the local schools and got to bring home the trophy!

Faye Chen 1 TCT and Emma Chong 2 SVM



U16 / B Div – Captain: Mehar Taneja

Achievements: B Div Gold medalists and U16 ACSIS Div 1 Silver medalists

On 9 April, the U16 touch rugby team took part in the B div Singapore Secondary Schools Championships (SSTC). Our team fought very hard throughout a hot day and came in first, remaining undefeated throughout the whole tournament. This tournament was definitely a lot of fun and gave us a chance to work together as a team, bonding and overcoming challenges that we didn't expect to face.

Mehar Taneja 4 SVM



U19 / A Div – Captain: Lynn Kunak

Achievements: JC League Bronze medalists, U19 Div 2 ACSIS Silver medalists and Varsity Cup winners

The 2018 JC League was as exhilarating as it has always been, and our team came home carrying the bronze medal. Every single one of us were proud and honored to be given the opportunity to represent our school.

This league has not only been physically challenging, but mentally as well, strengthening the bond and connection among the team members.

Although we did not achieve first place, there is always next year, and we will come back stronger than ever.

Kaylene Choe 5 CKS



ACSIS Season 3 Sports

In this year's Season 3 of the Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools (ACSIS) that took place from February to May, our teams performed well and enjoyed themselves.

The team results for the various competitions are as follows:

- 14U Boys Tennis (Div 3) **6th Position**
- 14U Girls Tennis (Div 2) **1st Position**
- 14U Boys Basketball (Div 3) **1st Position**
- 14U Girls Basketball (Div 3) **1st Position**
- 16U Girls Netball (Div 2) **1st Position**
- 16U Girls Netball (Div 3) **6th Position**
- 19U Girls Netball A Team (Div 2) **2nd Position**
- 19U Girls Netball B Team (Div 2) **6th Position**
- 19U Mixed Ultimate (Div 1) **6th Position**
- 16U Boys Badminton (Div 2) **2nd Position**
- 16U Girls Badminton (Div 2) **5th Position**
- 19U Boys Badminton (Div 1) **5th Position**
- 19U Girls Badminton (Div 2) **5th Position**



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
30 May	• Singapore Mathematical Olympiad 2018 (Junior and Senior Category) (9.30am – 12noon)
1 June	• Singapore Mathematical Olympiad 2018 (Open Category) (9.30am – 12noon)
28 May – 3 July	• Term Break
2 July	• Staff only CPD
3 July	• Orientation Day for new students
	• Staff only CPD
	• Prelims Commence (3 – 13 July)
4 July	• School Assembly (CKS, GHK, LSG, OLD) Tutor Time (SVM, TCT, THO, TKK) (8am – 8.35am)
5 July	• Corporate Prayer Meeting (8am – 9.15am)
6 July	• Chapel (SVM, TCT, THO, TKK) Tutor Time (CKS, GHK, LSG, OLD) (8am – 8.35am)

SCHOOL TRIPS	DATE
UK University & Business Trip	• 26 May – 2 June
US Trip	• 27 May – 5 June
Zimbabwe	• 27 May – 13 June
Laos	• 28 May – 2 June
Cambodia	• 28 May – 5 June
Vietnam	• 28 May – 5 June

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Application Deadline : 20 July (Friday)
Audition : 23 July (Monday)
Final : 21 Aug (Tuesday)

For entry forms & details please contact Mr. Philip Tan, Ms Arleen Teo or any members of the Electro-acoustic World Music Ensemble.



ACS (International) Philharmonic Orchestra presents

Melody Fantasy

DATE : 19 AUGUST 2018, SUNDAY
TIME : 4.30PM
VENUE : VICTORIA CONCERT HALL

TICKET PRICE: \$10 (FREE SEATING)
*DOOR OPENS AT 4.00PM

Please get your tickets from ACS (Int'l) office reception or email to APOConcert@acsinternational.edu.sg

ACS (International) Philharmonic Orchestra

Come 19 August,
our Philharmonic Orchestra
will perform at the
Victoria Concert Hall for the very first time.

We would like to invite you and your family to join us at our concert entitled *Melody Fantasy*. Drawing from the great minds of Tchaikovsky, Brahms and the like to construct our repertoire, alongside modern musical compositions from Studio Ghibli and even Hollywood, this year's annual concert promises to enlighten you and blow your mind with a wonderful performance!

Get your tickets from our
General Office reception today!

Russell Tan
President
ACS String Orchestra

