



## ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Happy 132<sup>nd</sup> birthday ACS! Birthdays are family occasions and times of celebration, remembrance and opportunities which serve to strengthen the bonds which hold families together. Founder's Day is our ACS family birthday celebration and on Thursday we celebrated 132 years since Bishop Oldham established the first ACS school and 13 years since Bishop Solomon dedicated ACS (International). This year's Guest of Honour was Mr Hugh Lim, an illustrious ACS Old Boy who has had an outstanding career in the Singapore Armed Forces and in government. He was a Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff, and he is now the CEO of the Singapore Building and Construction Authority. He gave an inspiring and informative message, exhorting those present to focus on the '4 P's – Purpose, Perseverance, Partnership and Prayer' in all that they do to achieve success.

The Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore, Rev Dr Chong Chin Chung, had his annual Founder's Day message read to the assembly by our Chaplain, Rev Joel Yong. The Bishop encouraged everyone to develop strong, personal, face-to-face relationships with each other in order to overcome the many different, distorted and negative influences which pervade social media; and to always speak the truth in love.

President of the ACSOBA, Mr Lim Tat, also gives an annual message, this year delivered by Mr Paul Lee from the ACSOBA. He spoke about the strengths of being an ACSian and of receiving an ACS education. He said that the ACS of the future must rely on today's ACS students to keep the ACS traditions going and to keep the ACS flag flying.

Our Founder's Day celebration featured musical and dance performances by our students ranging from classical and contemporary music to modern dance. Top academic and all-round prizes for 2017 were also presented. See elsewhere for details.

On Sunday Holland Village Methodist Church is holding the annual ACS Sunday service, held in conjunction with Founder's Day. School community members are welcome to attend the service which starts at 10.30am

Next week is the last week of Term 1 and we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable week's break from lessons. We look forward to seeing you at the PTM on the first Thursday of Term 2.

**Rob Burrough**



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KNOW ?**

The Australian aircraft carrier QANTAS stands for Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services





## Founder's Day Award Winners

The following premier awards were presented at Thursday's Founder's Day celebration.

### **Han Pok Fong:**

#### **Top Academic Performance in 2017**

Year 6: Evangeline Leong

Year 4: Gautam Ramasamy

### **ACSOBA Medals:**

#### **Best All Round Academic and Holistic Performance in 2017**

Year 6 Gold: Zhu Mengqi

Year 6 Silver: Dhruv Uppal

Year 4 Gold: Chen Qianye

Year 4 Silver: Park Ju-Hyun



*Founder's Day was also celebrated in the UK.  
Photo taken by Ivan Phanada (Class of 2016)*





## CHRISTIAN MINISTRY NEWS



### ACS (International) Monthly Parents Prayer Meeting

Dates: 8 March/ 5 April / 3 May/ 5 July / 2 August / 4 October/ 1 November

Time : 8.15am – 9.30am

Location : John Wesley Hall, level 6 Sports Block

Contact Person : Heidi, +65 9340 5501

### Welcome Lunch



To welcome our new International students to the ACS family, we hosted a lunch on 26 January at the John Wesley Hall. It was lovely meeting with our new students and also introducing them to our community and some of our activities.

### Baking with International Students



The next day, some international students from Indonesia, Taiwan and China came together for an afternoon of baking. With Chinese New Year round the corner, we tried our hand at baking pineapple tarts. It was a fruitful way to spend a Saturday afternoon bonding together and learning a new skill at the same time. The students enjoyed their time in the kitchen and were thrilled to turn out something edible to bring back to their hostel. We also baked brownies for tea which we enjoyed with ice cream.



## Movie Night by the Christian Fellowship and Ambassadors



In a first ever collaboration with the Ambassadors, Christian Fellowship and the Ambassadors organized a Movie Night on 2 February at Oldham Chapel. Students who came enjoyed watching the movie together with their friends. One family even joined us! It was an enriching experience working together with the Ambassadors and we look forward to more joint projects in future.

*Agnes John  
(Christian Ministry Staff)*



On 2 February 2018, more than 100 students and parents attended the first ACS Movie Night which was a joint fundraising venture between the Christian Fellowship and Ambassadors. The event was held in the School Chapel from 3:30pm to 6pm.

The aim of this project was to raise awareness and funds for Club Rainbow, an organization that supports and empowers children with life-threatening illnesses in Singapore.

We screened "A Dog's Purpose", which unintentionally coincided with the Lunar year of the dog. In addition to regular ticket sales, we had a "sure-win lucky dip" contest with attractive prizes to be won. The lucky dip happened before the movie screening at the Chapel foyer and attracted a crowd. The top prize was Beats X earphones, won by Jordan Nathaniel. The runner-up prizes were \$50 Nike and Adidas vouchers won by John Goh and Hazel Kim. The remaining prizes were nine \$50 Daily Scoop vouchers won by Alarice Teo, Nahiyen, Theia, Hazel Kim (x2), Alloit Lim, Natalie Heng, Rain Teo and Christian Sim.

Besides that, a snack booth was also set up after the movie. All revenues were donated to Club Rainbow as part of the funds. Overall, the event was a success, and we raised a total of \$882.55!

We would like to acknowledge the help of teachers, Ms Akane, Ms Alice Wong, Ms Stacey Low, Ms Beena George, Mr Roger Teo, Ms Agnes John, and members of Christian Fellowship and Ambassadors, who were there to run the event, and also the school for granting us this opportunity to organize such charity event.

*Wong Chia Yun (Ciera) 5TKK*



## STAFF NEWS

We welcome two new staff members to our school - Mr Giri Tummala (Mathematics) from Global Indian School, and to Miss Penelope Ng Sze Yee (Chinese Language) from Chung Cheng High School (Yishun) replacing Ms Tan Wan Sze who leaves to pursue a Master of Acting degree in Korea.

## Whole School PTM – 22 March

Parents, Guardians and students are asked to attend the first PTM of the year on Thursday 22 March. There are no bookings ('first come first served') and teachers will be available from 8.30 – 12 noon and again from 1.00 – 4.00pm. Based on past years the morning is busier than the afternoon, so if parents have a choice we recommend delaying until the afternoon.

## NOTICES

### Pre-Loved Blazers

PSP has for sale a small stock of pre-owned blazers (dry-cleaned).

#### Price list:

Dry-cleaned blazer - \$40

In exchange for a worn blazer (not cleaned) - \$10

In exchange for a worn clean blazer - Free

#### Current Stock:

Girls

XS - 1 piece

Boys

S - 2 pieces

M - 5 pieces

XL - 3 pieces

## Staff CPD

Staff CPD was held on Monday 26 February, 3.15 to 4.30pm.  
In-house Workshops organised for staff:

1. Firefly
2. Apple Teacher
3. Pear Deck
4. Peaks Profile
5. Peer Coaching

The above mentioned workshops except for Peaks Profile are led by staff of ACS (International).





## Commendation Award Criteria

The below is reprinted as a guide to explain the criteria for the awarding of Principal's List, Distinction and Commendation awards. These awards are generated from the term reports. The first Commendation Assembly will be Week 1 of Term 2, the day that the Term 1 report is published.

	SUBJECT ATTAINMENT				ATTITUDE TO LEARNING				COMPLETION OF WORK			
	SA76	SA7	SA13	SAX	AtL76	AtL7	AtL13	AtLX	CoW76	CoW7	CoW13	CoWX
PL	>= All	>= 4	= 0	= 0	>= All	>= 5	= 0	= 0	>= All	>= 5	= 0	= 0
D	>= All	>= 3	= 0	= 0	>= All	>= 4	= 0	= 0	>= All	>= 4	= 0	= 0
C	>= All	>= 2	= 0	= 0	>= All	>= 3	= 0	= 0	>= All	>= 3	= 0	= 0
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### Commendations wef 2017 Explained

#### Principal's List

Subject Attainment: All subjects with grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 4 must be grade 7.

Attitude to Learning: All subjects with grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 5 must be grade 7.

Completion of Work: All subjects with grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 5 must be grade 7.

*Note: One grade 5 across all three criteria is allowed as dispensation.*

The students must meet the criteria in all three categories for the Principal's List.

#### Distinction

Subject Attainment: All subjects with grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 3 must be grade 7.

Attitude to Learning: All subjects with grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 4 must be grade 7.

Completion of Work: All subjects with grades of 6 or 7 out of which at least 4 must be grade 7.

*Note: Two grade 5s across all three criteria is allowed as dispensation.*

The students must meet the criteria in all three categories for Distinction.

#### Commendation for Effort and Achievement

Subject Attainment: All subjects with grades of 5,6 or 7 out of which at least 2 must be grade 7.

Attitude to Learning: All subjects with grades of 5,6 or 7 out of which at least 3 must be grade 7.

Completion of Work: All subjects with grades of 5,6 or 7 out of which at least 3 must be grade 7.

The students must meet the criteria in all four categories for Commendation for Effort and Achievement

#### Commendation for Effort

Subject Attainment: N/A

Attitude to Learning: All subjects with grades of 5,6 or 7 out of which at least 4 must be grade 7.

Completion of Work: All subjects with grades of 5,6 or 7 out of which at least 4 must be grade 7.

The students must meet the criteria in all three categories for Commendation for Effort.

*Note: For IB cohorts, grades for every HL subject are doubled, and Extended Essay grades are not considered.*



## STUDENT SUCCESSES

### Back to School Party

The Back to School Party held on 9 February provided an exciting afternoon filled with music, dance and a vast range of delicious food provided by the PSP. This year, the school was brought onto a golden beach complete with palm trees. Across the beach, there were beautiful flowers hanging from the grass skirting surrounding the stage.

The party included musical performances by the CASables, Xander and Shawnia to sway us into the relaxing mood, welcoming the weekend as the students sat back on their bean bags enjoying the company of their friends. Following their performances were the girl dance groups who were very successful in keeping up the excitement. The crowds erupted into loud cheers as they took on the stage.

Moreover, there was a photobooth for students to take pictures to remember the jubilant event, an airbrush tattoo stand and game stalls where prizes could be won, adding to the fun of the event. Students were queuing up while they eagerly chose the designs of their tattoos or planned different strategies to win the games. While some were busy with the tattoo and game stalls, others were waiting in line for the free ice cream. What better way to enjoy Friday than sitting back and enjoying a cold ice cream on a hot day?

And what's a party without food? The PSP provided a wide variety of mouth-watering food, which included Hello Kitty sandwiches, pizza, nachos topped with cheese, corn in a cup, egglets as well as fruit cups.

We would like to say a special thank you to the PSP exco and parents for providing the event with delicious dishes, the performers for gracing us with their exciting performances that lifted the mood of the crowd, as well as the thirteenth Student Council and a group of Year 5 for organising the event and decoration of the venue. Thank you to the PA Crew as well for the music set up. We look forward to next year's fun-filled Back to School Party!

*Fransisca Indrawanputri (5-TKK),  
Sarah Darmawan (5-GHK)*





## Motivational Speaker, Dr William Tan

Dr William Tan recently spoke to the school at assembly. Dr Tan contracted polio when he was two and became paralysed from the waist down. He was also bullied severely, expelled from school, and suffered stage 4 cancer. Notwithstanding these setbacks, he went on to become a neuroscientist and a medical doctor, winning scholarships to Harvard and Oxford. Dr Tan is also an accomplished sportsman.

An Asian-Pacific Games triple gold medalist, he has competed in the 1988 Seoul Paralympics, the World Games, and the Commonwealth Games. Over the past twenty years he has participated in marathons and raised millions of dollars for charitable organisations both locally and internationally. After his leukemia diagnosis, Dr Tan focused his energy on table tennis. He has represented Singapore at the ASEAN Para Games 2011 and 2014.

Dr. Tan encouraged the assembly to never give up, to live their dreams, use the power of the will, and to change 'IMPOSSIBLE' to 'I AM POSSIBLE'. He says that the first steps are the most difficult. Dr Tan also promoted his upcoming event "Bizlink Conquering All Barriers Challenge." Dr Tan is pictured with school cancer survivor, Alex Sivarajan 5 Oldham, and his father Mr Rajan.



## NUS Geography Challenge 2018

Our Year 4 Geography students have cleared the first hurdle of the NUS Geography Challenge 2018 and now advance to the semi-final round. Representatives will be selected from this competition to compete in the International Geography Olympiad hosted by Quebec City, Canada in August 2018. Singapore were champions in 2010, 2012 & 2014 and runners-up in 2016. Therefore, the standards of the NUS Geography Challenge are very, very high.

Individual awards from the first round are as follows:

Chen Yili - Gold  
Nicolle Tan - Silver  
Megan Man - Bronze  
Tessa Loke – 'Finalist'

We wish the students well in the semi-finals.

## IHF Challenge Trophy Handball

Goh Teng Wee has been selected by the Singapore Handball Federation to participate in the upcoming IHF Challenge Trophy in Malaysia in April. We wish him well.

## Wrestling

Congratulations to Ethan Ang who is a member of Team Singapore Wrestling Federation of Singapore squad. We wish him well in his competitions.





## CKS Camp



CKS House held its inaugural student camp on the morning of 10 Feb (Sat) to promote bonding between students of different year groups. With God's blessing of good weather, students were engaged in various physical activities in the Sports Hall and the field to allow them to work with their groups.

The students also learnt more about their teachers as they had to ask teachers for details such as the subjects which they were teaching and their country of origin. Feedback from students was generally positive and we look forward to continue holding this camp in the next year. To God be the glory, the best is yet to be.





## Thoburn & TCT Camp

Through a collaborative house camp held on the 3rd of February, students of Thoburn and TCT started off the year with a bang. From challenging games that enforced cooperation and perseverance to action games that brought out smiles and laughter, the camp undoubtedly brought students closer together. The activities comprised a wide variety of both wet games and dry games.

During the camp itself, students were placed in groups comprising of both houses which not only helped to develop teamwork skills but also promoted unity within the ACS community. The groups were then made to compete with each other to see which group performed the best in the games. With this implementation, the incentive to win further drove students to participate actively thus creating an overall enjoyable and thrilling experience for both participants and leaders.

Despite the little mishaps, we were able to overcome them and end the camp with an unexpected yet exciting water balloon fight on the field which brought everyone together. Camp did not only spark new friendships, but had strengthened existing ones as well. Those unfamiliar faces were somehow recognisable by the end of camp.



The seniors of Thoburn and TCT would like to thank the students who were actively involved in the games and the teachers who helped out. Dedicating their time and effort after school hours to make this camp complete, everyone was able to pull through till the very end of camp.

*Anjana and Farah*





## Lunar New Year Celebration

### Gogo! ACS : Chinatown Running Man Game

For the Lunar New Year 2018 Celebration, we formed a Games Committee and planned a series of games for the school. Gogo! ACS is one of them. In round one, three representatives from each house were invited to play a Virtual Reality game at HADO, Scape. Four houses emerged to play Round 2.

On 2 February, 16 participants went to Chinatown to play our own version of Running Man. In this game, each team has \$20 budget to buy food listed on the bingo card. The players can go for the next item only if they finish the food or perform the mysterious task and they cannot be split up to play separately. They have to complete four items in a row in order to receive the ultimate challenge. The first two groups to complete the task will enter the final round.



We played the role of 'Angels' for Oldham house, guiding the team and making sure they comply to the rules of the game. As the game started, participants from Oldham house act quickly and chose a line immediately. They really went all out for the game as they even asked passersby for help to finish the pomelo which is the second food item on the line they have chosen. They finished the first 3 items within 10 minutes and we worried that the game would end too soon. However, the last 'Fa Cai' candy was a big challenge for them. After searching for half an hour, they decided to give up and change to another line of food. They too struggled at the mysterious task which was to sell any doggie toys for the owner. Again, they failed and changed to another row. Although their team did not get into the final round, we see how hard they worked as a team and how they supported each other. We believe everyone learns something through this game, which makes it meaningful for both participants and organizers.

Zhuang Kaidi 6LSG and Si Mahaoqi 6TKK

*I helped out as an 'Angel' for TTK team. It was the most valuable and enjoyable event this year. Playing a running man game in Chinatown with my schoolmates is a brilliant and unprecedented idea. It was the day I made some new friends and had some precious, unforgettable memories with them. We played games, completed missions, and took pictures and videos in Chinatown. It was not only a fun game but also a great opportunity to learn more about various cultures about Lunar New Year. We ate scrumptious Chinese New Year food, communicated with the people on the streets, the people in the market, the residents, and experienced a variety of cultures. One of the participants was Thai and he even used Thai to buy food from his fellow countryman. Through this game, I learnt various things such as leadership, teamwork, how to communicate with others, and culture, and made many valuable friends. I can assure you that it was the most interesting and exciting game of my life. If I have a chance, I would like to organize and participate in next year with more friends.*

Kalista 5TCT

*Through the game, I realised that the whole point of this competition is not just to fight to become the best. The teamwork spirit that we practiced in AR games, the diverse cultures we enjoyed in different parts of Singapore, the bravery to overcome the frustration when my house didn't manage to get into the grand final. I will never forget things I experienced and learnt in the rest of time at ACS.*

James 4OLD



Tea Leaves Egg x 2	Pomelo x 1	韭菜盒子 x 2	China 大中国 发财果 x 1 box
Mantou Any Favour x 2	?	Walnut x 100g	Deep Fried Spring Roll x 2Big
话梅 Melon Seed x 100g	Persimmon x 100g	Dumpling Any filling/ Boiled or Fried x 8 pieces	Stirred Fried Chestnut x 100g
Malt Candy x 2	Roast Sweet Potato x 2	?	Crocodile/ Lobster BBQ Meat x 2 pieces





When my Chinese teacher asked me to sing for the Lunar New Year Celebration, I readily agreed. However, I took a long time to decide on the song. Ideally I should perform a typical LNY song but considering the diverse nationalities and ethnicities at ACS (International), I chose a Chinese song that showcased a desirable good value to our Chinese custom and tradition. To spark-off, I sang the vibrant, dynamic and yet Jazzy Chinese Pop Song – Bu Tong Fan Xiang (Extraordinary) to win the hearts of the teachers & students!

Next, I met up with John and Elijah to discuss the ideas before we decided to call ourselves JES. I practiced my song item by learning from scratch the Chinese articulation of the lyrics. Next, I learnt the singing techniques from the original singer. I improvised and choreographed from there to present the best out of the song. Alongside my practice, John and Elijah practised hard on their respective instruments, the saxophone and violin. It took many hours of hard work but the response from the audience was rewarding.

I feel honoured to be given this opportunity to sing a Chinese song at this festive occasion. Despite limited rehearsals, I see how all performers were dedicated and worked hard to make the celebration a success. This is especially true for the group dance and guzheng ensemble as they had to present a cohesive team effort. The collaboration & cooperation among teachers, students, volunteers were significantly notable to instil ONE common goal to a great success of this LNY event. Of course, not forgetting the audience's participation in the games that made it special for us!

*Shermaine Saw Hui Qi, 2 LSG*





## Special Invited Guests to Our Chinese New Year Celebration

To many of us, Chinese New Year (CNY) is a festive season synonymous with abundance of costly delicacies, brand-new clothes and red packets, coupled with joyous family reunion gatherings. However, not all of us are as fortunate to afford such extensive CNY celebration.

On 14 February, we invited special guests who were young adults and staff from SUN-DAC voluntary welfare organisation to our school's CNY Celebration. SUN-DAC is an activity centre for persons, between ages 16 to 60 years old, with intellectual disability and cerebral palsy. Our school's spirit of inclusiveness to share the festivity mood with those less privileged in our society is in line with one of SUN-DAC's objectives to integrate their adults into the community.

Many of our invited guests' faces lit up with excitement as they watched the various performances lined up for the Chinese New Year celebrations in our school. In particular, the guests mentioned that they were watching lion dance live performance for the first time. They were mesmerised by the school dancers' agility in manoeuvring with expressive movements of the lion's head and body to the rhythmic drumbeat.

After the celebration performance ended at 11am, they were treated to a sumptuous bento lunch. We also stayed on to teach them how to make lanterns out of the recycled past years' red packets. Through this closer interaction, we are able to bond closer and bring smiles on their faces.

No CNY celebration is complete without well-wishes gifts. When it is time to say goodbye, they were presented with goodie bags and red packets. All of these were fully funded by the charity fundraising event held on 7th and 8th February where bubble teas were sold under 20 minutes as our teachers and schoolmates responded enthusiastically to charitable causes. Hence, the goodie-bags not only contain the physical gifts but more importantly, the altruistic intangible concern and compassion we have for our special guests.

Although they were not very expressive with their words, the genuine broad smile on their faces as we parted our ways made me realise that I am very honoured to be given the privilege to organise this charity event. The weeks of logistic preparation, including the coordination efforts with external bubble tea vendor for the fund-raising events in the midst of all the academic deadlines I had to grapple with is all worth it because we were able to bring much cheer to our guests and hopefully warmed their hearts by extending our friendship.

My heartfelt appreciation to the school who gave me the opportunity to organise this event, my fellow Ambassadors who tirelessly helped me to usher our guests and keep them company throughout the performance and during the lunch with SUN-DAC, my schoolmates who joined in the lunch spontaneously upon seeing that we had visitors, teachers and schoolmates who so generously purchased the bubble-teas and all of you when have helped me in one way or another. This would not have been possible without all of your support.

There is a Chinese saying '施比受更为有福', meaning that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Perhaps, 2 Corinthians 9v8 sums it well for us – we are blessed abundantly by God to be a blessing to others.

Grace Lim  
13<sup>th</sup> Prefectorial Board  
Ambassadors





## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NEWS

### International Students' Reunion Dinner

The annual ACS Chinese New Year dinner organized by the International committee was held on 24 February at 6:00pm at the Sports Hall.

There was a total of 116 people who attended the dinner and the night was entertaining and fun with games, the movie 'Wall-E' and delicious Mookata (Thai hotpot cum grill) with a large variety of food. We also celebrated by eating Yu Sheng, a special dish of the region. The Yusheng were contributed by the wonderful PSP who and we students even had fun decorating the Yusheng into various designs.



Holland Village Methodist Church members also came along to support the event and they helped out with quizzes and giving out of prizes.

Performances were also held which created a great atmosphere to welcome in the new lunar Year. The night ended with our traditional group photo of international students and 3 lucky winners walked away with shopping vouchers.

This was the last event from the 2017/2018 International Committee and we hope the international students had great fun with us during this time.



*Tiffany Tan 6TCT and Andrew Lam 6-GHK*





## Celebrating LNY at Home Away from Home

On 17th of February, the second day of the Lunar New Year, a group of our school students from Oldham Hall went to the River Hongbao 2018 Lunar New Year celebration which took place in The Float @ Marina Bay.



River Hongbao 2018 was an eleven-day celebration full of lights, sights, and sounds to usher in the Year of the Dog. Frankly, we did not expect much before we went there, but it



turned out to be a great way to celebrate Lunar New Year! When we went there, we were so excited to find ourselves in the middle of the dazzling lantern display. Then, there was a food street which offered spiral potato, dragon beard candy, savoury squid and many more delicious treats that we enjoyed very much. Finally, the highlight of the night was the fireworks that beautifully decorated the night sky of River Hongbao.

It was such a memorable night, and although I did not go back home for holidays I was happy to celebrate the new year with my friends. On behalf of students who went to this outing, I would like to thank to Ms. Stacey Low for planning this and guiding us throughout the night, and I look forward for upcoming outings as well!

*Julie Park Ju-Hyun 5SVM*

## Hostel News Oldham Hall

Oldham Hall strives to create a family environment where our boarders can make many new friends across cultures and countries. The annual Orientation Games is held for this purpose, as the start of the year sees many new boarders joining the "OHANA" family. Our boarders had a good time bonding in their houses as they competed against other houses for points.

The Orientation Games was followed by a Dedication Service the same evening. The Dedication Service is when the Management Committee, Staff and Assistant House Masters and Mistresses come together to dedicate themselves to God's service in the presence of the boarders. Reverend Chiu Ming Li gave a short message to all gathered.

The evening ended with a sumptuous supper and the announcement of the houses' placing for the day. It was great to see boarders and staff alike having so much fun together.



## ACS (Independent) Boarding School Lunar New Year Celebration

On 22 February, boarders at ACS(Independent) boarding hall engaged in Lunar New Year celebration by tossing Yusheng together as a boarding family. There was even a guest appearance by a Mascot!



## Academic Focus in the Boarding School

Home to many MOE scholars, the academic culture in the boarding school is very strong. Self-study time known otherwise as 'Prep Time' plays a key feature in the structure of the hall. Students are expected to report to Prep Rooms to study for 2 hours from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. every night from Sundays to Thursdays.

To support all boarders, the boarding school also runs tutorial sessions throughout the week. These are all conducted by teachers of ACS (Independent) School who are residing at the boarding hall as well as Assistant Hall Masters. The tutorials cover range of subjects from IB HL Mathematics to English literature. List of tutorials available are made known to the boarders and these consultation sessions are open to all boarders residing in the boarding school.





## Upcoming Events for International Students

### March Holiday Programme

#### Visit to Science Centre

15 March 2018  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Register at the General Office!  
2 way transport from school provided  
Cost: Free and lunch is provided*

### Area51 Event!

Date: 24 March 2018  
Timing: 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

*Register at the General Office!  
Limited to 40 spaces!  
Meet in school at 1:30pm.  
2- way transport provided*



# AREA 51

TOGETHER WE SURVIVE

S'PORE DISCOVERY CENTRE'S  
DEBUT THRILLER ADVENTURE EVENT!

## ABOUT EVENT

<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	24 March 2018 (Sat) 11am to 6pm	<b>TICKETING</b>	SDC Ticketing Counter or sdcare510.peatix.com
<b>VENUE</b>	S'pore Discovery Centre & Army Museum of Singapore	<b>ADMISSION</b>	Early Bird Ticket (\$10) Standard Ticket (\$12)

Note: Early bird promotion ends on 18 March 2018 (Sun)

Singapore has been plagued by a deadly virus which mutates many into zombies. All uninfected, please make your way to S'pore Discovery Centre, the "last sanctuary" where survivors recover, train up and muster resources to push back the zombie hordes. Do not panic.

Come 24 March 2018 (Sat), SDC will be transformed into the last safe haven from a "zombie outbreak" that has taken over the entire Singapore with its debut thriller event – Area 51o. Organised as one of SDC's key highlights to commemorate Total Defence Day 2018, the ticketed event gives an unconventional take on Total Defence through a fictional crisis scenario – zombie apocalypse.

Thrill-seekers will enjoy a unique and immersive experience as they roleplay as survivors of a zombie apocalypse and go through a series of missions and challenges. Can you stand up to the challenge?

**WARNING** EVENT MAY BE TOO INTENSE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13. NO MASKS ALLOWED.

## GAME HIGHLIGHTS

PAINT BALL ZOMBIE-INFESTED MAZE ESCAPE ROOMS LASER TAG & MORE

## TICKET ENTITLEMENT

**VALID FROM 24 MARCH TO 30 JUNE 2018**

- One admission ticket to S'pore Discovery Centre
- One admission ticket to Army Museum of Singapore (valid from 24 to 31 March 2018 only)
- One iWERKS blockbuster ticket\*
- One iWERKS 3D short film ticket\*
- 20% off your next movie @ iWERKS\* (redemption up to 5 tickets)

**VALID ON 24 MARCH 2018 ONLY**

- One set of Area51o game resources (redemption of 3 lives and 4 ration coupons for event gameplay)

\*Seats are booked on a first come first served basis. Movie titles are subject to change. For updated movie titles, screening periods and showtimes, please refer to www.sdc.com.sg. Guests are required to present the original ticket to redeem these entitlements at the ticketing counter.

NOTE: Tickets sold are non-refundable, even in cases of inclement weather. S'pore Discovery Centre reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions without prior notice.

## CATCH THESE BLOCKBUSTER MOVIES AT OUR iWERKS THEATRE!

(Movie ratings and timings to be advised)

<b>Pacific Rim: Uprising (2D)</b>	<b>A Wrinkle In Time (3D)</b>	<b>Solo: A Star Wars Story (2D)</b>	<b>Marvel's Avengers Infinity War (2D)</b>

## Interact Club February Service Projects

### Blossom Love Happy Nation – Charity Gala Lunch cum Family Carnival 2018

Organized by Blossom World, a charity organization that our Interact Club works with regularly, 22 of our Year 5 students volunteered their time on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to help out with running the games and balloon-sculpting booths for its annual charity lunch and fund-raising carnival.



A much larger-scale event than expected, a whopping 2,000 beneficiaries turned up for the lunch and carnival! The Minister for Education, Mr Ong Ye Kung, and Senior Minister of State, Ms Sim Ann graced the event as the Guests of Honour. We relished the opportunity to take a group photo with the two Ministers and were very proud to share more about the service work that we do in our Interact Club.

A big shout-out to Dr Kris Achter who turned up to show his support for all of us!

### Dialogue in the Dark

Our Interactors had the unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to walk in the shoes of the visually-handicapped recently for their 'Dialogue in the Dark' experience. Immersed in a room in complete darkness for an hour, we got to experience first-hand how simple things like crossing the street or visiting a hawker centre suddenly became extraordinary challenges.

We had to navigate our environment in absolute darkness, with the help of visually-impaired guides. After which, we had the hands-on opportunity to craft our very own 'thank you' messages in Braille for our guides. This was truly experiential learning at its best – a thought-provoking and unforgettable experience indeed for all of us!



### Paper Recycling Term 1 2018

Our first school-wide Paper Recycling exercise kicked off during the Lunar New Year spring cleaning season. 80 of our Interact Club students went around the school enthusiastically to collect the recycle boxes from the staff in all departments and proceeded to sort out the papers diligently.



Carrying the hundreds of boxes that we sorted, we delivered these boxes in high spirits to Mr Tan's home, one of the regular homes that we visit on a weekly basis. Seeing Mr Tan's overjoyed face really made our day! And we felt that all our blood, sweat and tears were worth it!

A big THANK YOU to all staff who contributed generously to our first Paper Recycling exercise!

### Home Visits

As we continue with our weekly home visits to deliver groceries and clean up 4 needy homes in our community, we would like to thank our special guest, Ms Ceri Sinnett, who accompanied us on one of our visits. It feels very gratifying and encouraging indeed when members of staff join us in our service work to the community around us!



*Interact Club Student EXCO Committee*





## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH	EVENT
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South East Asian Mathematics Competition (SEAMC) – ACS</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Day (08:00 - 13:00)</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Day of Term 1</li> <li>School Ski Trip Departs</li> </ul>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 2 Begins</li> </ul>
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTM – AM Session (08:30 - 12:00)</li> <li>PTM – PM Session (13:00 - 16:00)</li> </ul>
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open House (09:00 - 12:00)</li> </ul>
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Religious Emphasis Week</li> </ul>
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good Friday (School Closed)</li> </ul>

## University Visits In School

**Hawai'i Pacific University**  
**Friday, 02 March**  
**12.00 noon – 12.40 pm**  
**Booth in the School Canteen**



**Australian National University**  
**Monday, 05 March**  
**12.00 noon – 12.40 pm**  
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**International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)**  
**Monday, 05 March**  
**12.00 noon – 12.40 pm**  
**Booth in the School Canteen**

**Irish Universities and Medical Schools Consortium**  
**Friday, 09 March**  
**12.00 noon – 12.40 pm**  
**Presentation at the Library**



**Indiana University Bloomington**  
**University of Minnesota**  
**Nebraska University**  
**Monday, 19 March**  
**12.00 noon – 12.40 pm**  
**Booth in the School Canteen**



**New York University, Abu Dhabi**  
**Wednesday, 28 March**  
**12.00 noon – 12.40 pm**  
**Booth in the School Canteen**



**Hong Kong Polytechnic University**  
**Thursday, 29 March**  
**12.00 noon – 12.40 pm**  
**Booth in the School Canteen**





# OPEN HOUSE

## Saturday 24 March 2018



**ACS (International)**  
Singapore is a distinctive international secondary school open to all Singaporeans & other nationalities, offering an all-round English-based education for students aged 12 - 18 years leading to the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP).

- Exceptional examination results; very strong value added achievement; and an all-round holistic education
- 50:50 mix of local and international teachers who uphold the dual Methodist ethos and ACS heritage
- Small class sizes with overall student : teacher ratio of 8.7 : 1
- 40 different CCAs – 16 Sporting; 12 Visual and Performing Arts; 12 Special Interest Groups
- 25+ overseas trips per year
- Over 200 formal student leadership positions
- Scholarships for 4 Singaporeans to undertake the IB Diploma programme

- Top students have achieved perfect IB scores of 45 points
- 19 Top of the World awards in IGCSE examinations over each of the past eight years
- Students accepted to Oxford and Cambridge universities for the past eight years
- Admissions to top universities in the UK, US, Australia and Singapore
- PSLE and Singapore GCE 'O' level students achieve outstanding value-added examination results for the IB Diploma with improved pathways to good universities
- Successes at national level this past year in Archery; Touch Rugby; Cycling; Swimming; Chinese Drama; Debating; Fencing; Football; Golf; String Orchestra; Taekwondo; Volleyball; Wushu.



Mr Rob Burrough  
Principal



Mrs Tan Siew Hoon  
Vice Principal



Mr Gavin Kinch  
Vice Principal



Dr Kristopher Achter  
Vice Principal

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

**9:00am**

Principal's Address

**9:30am – 12:00pm**

School tours & presentations by staff & students

**Oldham Chapel, ACS (International)**

61 Jalan Hitam Manis, Singapore 278475

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