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## **Dear Parents, Students and Friends**



For the sixth year in a row we have gained a Top in the World award in the November IGCSE examinations! Congratulations to Aishah Angell on her outstanding achievement in the 2014 IGCSE Physical Education examination. This follows three awards in 2013 and 13 individual awards over the past six years.

These Best in the World awards are recognition of students' high academic ability and sustained hard work, particularly over their past two years in IGCSE. We also acknowledge the efforts of the teachers – most recently, Mr Simon Ibbotson, Miss Katie Wilson and Miss Georgina Smith in Physical Education - in assisting, guiding and providing high quality teaching to their students. A photo of Aishah receiving her award can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We also congratulate the cast, crew and staff involved in the recent *Guys and Dolls* musical production on their high quality and very entertaining performances. The long labour pains to bring to birth were worth it! 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 the students – the development of teamwork, life skills, stage presence and the confidence gained to name but a few.

Over the past four weeks since the last newsletter we have also enjoyed the school Sports Day, inter-house Badminton, school photos, the Year 6 Principal's Dialogue and hosted a three day visit by 17 Malaysia Methodist Schools' educators.

Next term we begin with Prelim Examinations, Teacher Only Days for professional development and quickly move on to Open House and our 10th Anniversary celebrations. See elsewhere for details.

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, Vietnam and Kota Kinabalu service trips; the University / Business Studies trip to the USA; the String Orchestra trip to Japan; and the Rock-climbing trip to Krabi. 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. With Year 4 and 6 Prelim Examinations in the first two weeks of Term 3 these students will also obviously need to balance some holiday time with sustained study.

'The Lord bless you, and keep you: The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.' *Numbers 6:24-26*.

## **Rob Burrough**

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## **STAFF NEWS**

At the end of this week we say goodbye to long serving staff member Mrs Teo Lay Cheng in the Mathematics faculty. She is taking time off to be with family and leaves us after nearly 10 years of service, joining the school soon after it started in 2005.

We congratulate Ms Grace Lim in the Science faculty on her marriage to Mr Andrew Ong in the school Chapel last Saturday. The presence of Ms Grace's senior students added to the occasion.





## **NOTICES**

# **Teacher Only Days - No Classes**

There are no classes for students on Monday and Tuesday 6 & 7 July as teachers will be involved in professional development training. However, Prelim Examinations will begin on Monday 6 July for Year 4 and on Tuesday 7 July for Year 6 students. There will also be a new student orientation programme on Tuesday 7 July.

# **Preliminary Examinations**

The Preliminary examinations take place 6-16 July. Please refer to the schedule which has been sent to all parents and guardians by email.

The timetables are also available on the school website under: News – Examination Schedule 2015.

## **Revision Sessions**

The schedule for revision sessions over the holidays is also posted on the website: News – June Revision Classes. These revision classes are not compulsory. Please note that the classes are not coordinated across departments as they are dependent on teacher availability. Should students find that there are two classes on at the same time, they should select the session that they most need to attend and then check to see if the other teacher is offering a second session and make an arrangement to contact the teacher with any specific questions.

# **Transcripts and Testimonials**

This is the time of the year when we begin to receive requests for transcripts and testimonials.

The Academic Secretary will process genuine requests for such documents upon receipt of the transcript and testimonial application form which can be downloaded from the website <a href="http://www.acsinternational.com.sg/en/section/2010">http://www.acsinternational.com.sg/en/section/2010</a>.

- Students must provide evidence of a genuine application to another establishment.
- Applicants must give the school a period of 15 days to process the request and we regret that we are unable to respond to requests to produce them immediately.
- Please note that Year 6 students receive such documents automatically at the end of the year and do not need to make an application for these documents unless making an early application to university.

# **Admission Tests for Other Schools**

Please note that ACS (International) does not provide supervision for such tests on an automatic basis. Students applying to other schools and who are required to complete tests must complete the Transcript and Testimonial Application form and indicate the need to sit entrance tests in the 'Other' section. The School will only consider such requests upon receipt of the form. Institutions setting these tests should not contact the School directly until ACS (International) has given the green light.

Submission of forms and requests should be made to the Academic Secretary, Ms. Manwant Kaur, or the Vice Principal Academic, Ms. Kathleen Manley. Should ACS (International) agree to undertake such tests, the student is required to sit them after school and will be charged a fee for the hire of an external invigilator. Alternatively, students may approach outside agencies for this service.

#### **Year 1 Direct School Admissions**

This year, for the first time, we are introducing a Direct Admissions programme to Year 1 in 2016 as well as admission via PSLE results. Direct Admissions applicants should contact the Admissions Department to arrange to sit the English and Mathematics entrance tests. All applicants also undertake an oral interview with a senior member of staff. DSA applicants who do not pass the DSA process are still eligible to reapply after the PSLE results are published in November.



## **Open House**

This year we are holding our annual Open House on the morning of Saturday 25 July starting at 9.00am with the Principal's address. Guided tours of the school including visits to all faculty interactive displays will follow.

All interested parents, prospective students and other family members are welcome.



# **Library Closed over Holidays**

Due to construction works at the Darren Loh Block during the school holidays, the library will be closed from 1 June to 5 July 2015.

# 10th Anniversary Celebrations

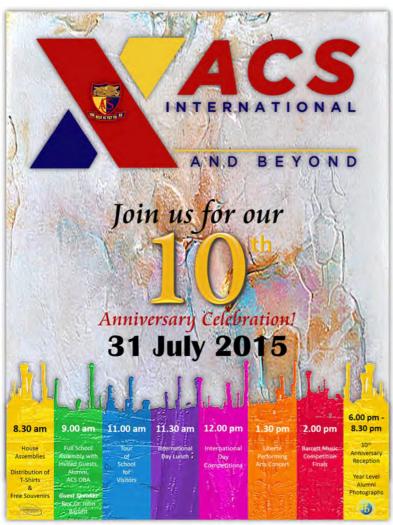
The main 10th Anniversary celebrations will be held on Friday 31 July. The Guest of Honour is Foundation Principal Rev. Dr John Barrett. The day will start with House Assemblies at which the 10th Anniversary T Shirt sponsored by the PSP, and commemorative bookmark and wrist band will be given to all students and staff. A formal assembly with an International Day flavour will follow, and will feature an address by Dr Barrett and a panel discussion with several ACS (International) alumni. After the assembly there will be a cutting and distribution of the anniversary cake and the burial of the Time Capsule.

The PSP and school will then hold the International Day lunch with entertainment provided by school music and dance groups.

The prestigious school Barrett Music Competition finals will be held in the Chapel following the International Day festivities at 2.00pm.

There will be an informal Reception for current and former staff, Board and parents, and ACS (International) alumni in the Sports Hall from 6.00 - 8.30pm.

The Darren Loh Cup football competition featuring current and former students (male and female) will be held on Saturday 1 August.



# 10th Anniversary Souvenirs for Sale







Some high quality 10th Anniversary souvenirs are now available for order. These include an attractive teddy bear with school and house uniform; sharp pen; large and compact umbrellas; and luggage tags. All have the ACS (International) branding. Orders with money can be made via the School Office or <a href="https://intranet.acsinternational.com.sg/api/news/?id=117">https://intranet.acsinternational.com.sg/api/news/?id=117</a>.

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# **STUDENT SUCCESSES**

# **IGCSE Top of the World**



Top in the World - Again! Congratulations to Aishah Angell on gaining the Top in the World Award in the 2014 November IGCSE Physical Education examination. She was presented her certificate by Mr Daryl Khong, Schools Development Manager for Cambridge International Examinations, at assembly last week. This is the sixth year in a row that students at ACS (International) have been placed first in the world in the Cambridge IGCSE examinations.

# **History Bee**

On Saturday 16 May, Remus Wong represented ACS (International) in a gruelling test of knowledge at the Singapore round of the History Bee and Bowl held at NPS International. This competition pitted some of the sharpest local historical minds against each other with students vying for an opportunity to attend the Regional Championships in Thailand. Questions covered topics from early Mesopotamia to the end of the Cold War - with many obscure and interesting fields in between! Remus was an excellent candidate for this event. His broad interests and understanding of a range of historical periods meant he was in with a good chance. Unfortunately, Remus didn't make it through to the final, but he emerged wiser and more humble for the experience.



# **Job Shadowing Programme**

We thank the following businesses for giving our Year 6 students the opportunity to participate in Job Shadowing over the June holidays:

Organization	Field
Chua Tju Siang Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and Liver Clinic	Medical
Lee & Lee (Dental Surgeons) Pte Ltd	Dental
ar + d Architectural Firm	Architecture
Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising International	Advertising
NUH	Medical
Xerox Asia Services	Business
Huttons	Real Estate
Tan Tock Seng Hospital	Surgery, Medical
BBDO Advertising International	Advertising
Straits Law Practice LLC	Law
Namazie & Co	Intellectual Property Law
Shook Lin & Bok LLP	Law

# 2015 World of 7 Billion Video Contest

Congratulations to Paulina Wijaya on being a finalist in the 2015 World of 7 Billion video student contest. As a finalist her video was one of the top 10 for her global challenge topic and considered in the top 3% of all video submissions. She can be very proud of this accomplishment! The link to her video is <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHRhT47fRns">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHRhT47fRns</a>.

The winners have been announced on their website: <a href="https://www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest/2015-winners/">https://www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest/2015-winners/</a>

## SEA Games - Good Luck Aloysius!

We wish Aloysius Low the very best as he represents Singapore in next month's SEA Games in Fencing.

# **Principal's List for Effort and Achievement**

S/No.	Name of Student	Year	Academic House	
1	Christopher Jaehyun Yoon	2	Cheong Koon Seng	
2	Chen Kaiyuan	4	Cheong Koon Seng	
3	SiQi WangQian	4	Cheong Koon Seng	
4	Yu Lingjie	6	Cheong Koon Seng	
5	Sarah Darmawan	2	Goh Hood Keng	
6	Dhruv Uppal	4	Goh Hood Keng	
7	Xu Yingzhi	4	Goh Hood Keng	
8	Zhu Mengqi	4	Goh Hood Keng	
9	Irvan	5	Goh Hood Keng	
10	Maggie Liu Yi Ling	4	Lee Seng Gee	
11	Lyu Shijia	4	Lee Seng Gee	
12	Ivan Phanada	5	Lee Seng Gee	
13	Chen Siyue	6	Lee Seng Gee	
14	Ariane Wen Li Ruppli	6	Lee Seng Gee	
15	Chung Yungling Samantha	4	Oldham	
16	Guo Shiyu	4	Oldham	
17	Xue Anwen	4	Oldham	
18	Yu Yaxin	4	Oldham	
19	Song Zhaomou	5	Oldham	
20	Kishoraan Sivananthan	2	Shaw Vee Meng	
21	Sarah Ng Jie-Ling	5	Shaw Vee Meng	
22	Anjana Sudharsan	2	Tan Chin Tuan	
23	Evangeline Leong Li En	4	Tan Chin Tuan	
24	Wang Jiyue	4	Tan Chin Tuan	
25	Koo Ja Hyun	4	Tan Chin Tuan	
26	Peng Bohan	5	Tan Chin Tuan	
27	Ayushi Lahiry	1	Thoburn	
28	Ng Xuan-Ning Anna	2	Thoburn	
29	Sunny Singh	2	Thoburn	
30	Arin Thirasawasd	2	Thoburn	
31	Russell Scott Indradjaja	3	Thoburn	
32	Ilaria Sarup	3	Thoburn	
33	Wu Jiaqi		Thoburn	
34	Deandra Angelica Muliawan 6 Thoburn		Thoburn	
35	Chen Siye 4 Tan Kah Kee		Tan Kah Kee	
36	Chen Yuxuan 4 Tan Kah k		Tan Kah Kee	
37	Hu Yanran	4	Tan Kah Kee	
38	Yang Xiyan	4	Tan Kah Kee	



# **Distinction for Effort and Achievement**

	Distinction for Effort and Achievement					
S/No.	Name of student	Year	Academic House			
1	Camille Alix Damas	2	Cheong Koon Seng			
2	Papawarin Kerdkaewfah	2	Cheong Koon Seng			
3	Hannah Kai-Xin Koh	2	Cheong Koon Seng			
4	Tang Shiyu	3	Cheong Koon Seng			
5	Lee Hyun Ju	4	Cheong Koon Seng			
6	Shaun Christopher Lee	4	Cheong Koon Seng			
7	Indah Wahyu Hapsari Tjahjowidodo	1	Goh Hood Keng			
8	Huang Ruo Xin Veronica	2	Goh Hood Keng			
9	Shin Jin	2	Goh Hood Keng			
10	Hanyu Wu	2	Goh Hood Keng			
11	Tristen Augustin Luhur	4	Goh Hood Keng			
12	Rishi Bharadwaj Nandiraju	4	Goh Hood Keng			
13	Akkshaj Sanjay Singh	4	Goh Hood Keng			
14	Benjamin Tan Ting Cher	4	Goh Hood Keng			
15	Chen Ke Han	6	Goh Hood Keng			
16	Hong Seo Yeon	2	Lee Seng Gee			
17	Kim Min Jun	2	Lee Seng Gee			
18	Ham Ji Won	2	Lee Seng Gee			
19	Khunassanan Nunthakunatip	2	Lee Seng Gee			
20	Zihao Wang	2	Lee Seng Gee			
21	Chen Kangan	3	Lee Seng Gee			
22	Neo Su Hui Ruth	1	Oldham			
23	Adam Sulaiman Angell	2	Oldham			
24	Ephraim Leow Shao Peng	2	Oldham			
25	Hoe Tze En Nirel	3	Oldham			
26	Liu Yang	3	Oldham			
27	Jeriel Lim Jie Rui	4	Oldham			
28		4	Oldham			
	Yang Tzu Hsien					
29	Ku Bonmu	6	Oldham			
30	Tan Xuan Ying Risa	6	Oldham			
31	Cheryl Ann Tan Li-Lin	1	Shaw Vee Meng			
32	Jo Ji Hyeon	2	Shaw Vee Meng			
33	Kim Na Yun	2	Shaw Vee Meng			
34	Lea Adele Letessier	3	Shaw Vee Meng			
35	Esther Victoria Indiarto	4	Shaw Vee Meng			
36	Kwon Minwoo	6	Shaw Vee Meng			
37	Phoon Wuei	6	Shaw Vee Meng			
38	Riya Sanjeev	1	Tan Chin Tuan			
39	Joung Jaewon	2	Tan Chin Tuan			
40	He Zhuoxi	3	Tan Chin Tuan			
41	Kwak Yu Jin	3	Tan Chin Tuan			
42	Zhang Wei	3	Tan Chin Tuan			
43	Henrry Gunawan	4	Tan Chin Tuan			
44	Eric Wen Bo Chao	4	Tan Chin Tuan			
45	Kim Gyuri	2	Thoburn			
46	Ma Tang Hieu Binh	3	Thoburn			
47	Lian Mingshi	4	Thoburn			
48	Liao Tzu-Ning	4	Thoburn			
49	Wang Tianwen	4	Thoburn			
50			Tan Kah Kee			
51	Fransisca Indrawanputri	2	Tan Kah Kee			
52	Lyu Yun	2	Tan Kah Kee			
53	Karan Ahuja	3	Tan Kah Kee			
54						
	Teo Kai Hui	3	Tan Kah Kee			
55	Gao Xinyue	5	Tan Kah Kee			
56	Zhao Tian Zhi	6	Tan Kah Kee			

# Year 1 Music Programme

Our Year 1 students had just completed the annual Term 2 Specific Instrument Specialisation Enrichment Programme, where students had their Instrumental group lessons in selected instruments.

Students were offered a choice of the following instruments for this year: Guitar, Violin or Percussion.

This value-added music programme is part of our school's continual efforts to nurture a holistic student, well-versed in the appreciation for Aesthetics and the Arts, specific ensemble skills and musical knowledge of selected instruments amongst our lower secondary students beyond the usual General Music classes.

We seek to intrigue, engage and expand the learning landscape further for our students in having the collaboration of both our teachers and professional external instructors, who teach the students in small groups for a more customised learning plan for them.

Here are some positive feedbacks about the programme from our students:

"This term, I've learnt about guitar playing. I get to hear its amazing rich sound palette. Just within 8 lessons, I can play both chords and melodic line of 'Amazing Grace'".

Emily Elizabeth Kriebisch, Year 1Z

"I've learnt a lot about the violin, its parts, how to read music notes and play a few songs...Mr Jeremy our violin instructor had taught us well and has inspired me to continue playing the violin after this course...I am really grateful to have such interesting lessons at ACS (International)".

Joie Chin, Year 1X

"The violin is such an inspiring instrument that I even bought one immediately after my 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson! Its tune is beautiful and it is very fun instrument to play with".

Iliyan Allana, Year 1W

"I get the chance to learn how the drum set, electric drum pad and hand percussion can even accompany a classical piano piece!"

Audrey Sin, Year 1W



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# **Academic Honesty Quiz**

At ACS (International) we have clear and robust academic honesty policies. All members of our community must ensure they are familiar with the policy and what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. This includes staff, students and parents.

Several years ago some students from ACS (International) lost their Diplomas in each case because of a breach of the Academic Honesty guidelines. In some cases the feedback from IBO on why the work was not academically honest came as a surprise to those students and their parents. Here, students can lose their Diploma. A university student would be expelled with no further ado.

Therefore, we take Academic Honesty very seriously at ACS (International) and we deal unequivocally with offenders.

So just how confident are you that you understand the Dos and Don'ts of Academic Honesty?

Try this simple quiz to see. Each example is taken from real life – OURS!

In each case decide whether the behaviour is academically acceptable or not acceptable (academic malpractice).

Answers are at the end of the newsletter.

# QUIZ

- 1. Two students work on same title together.
- 2. Two or more students show each other their IA work.
- 3. Students engage external tutors to help them with IA.
- 4. Students take information from other sources e.g. Internet
- Students copy sections from other sources into their work.
- 6. Students' parents help with IA.
- 7. Student has tutor help with IA and states that tutor only helped with some elements of said IA.
- 8. Student accidentally does not quote / acknowledge sources.
- 9. Student gets a senior from ACS Independent (or somewhere else) to do it for them.

# **Darren Loh Cup**



The Darren Loh sign-up sheet is available on the website: <a href="https://intranet.acsinternational.com.sg/api/subwebs/?id=182">https://intranet.acsinternational.com.sg/api/subwebs/?id=182</a>

## **ACStradinaire 2015**





The 11th Student Council kicks off their campaign this year with a revamped showcase of talents in ACS International with ACStradinaire – WE DARE! This year, ACStradinaire received many entries

from students who are raring to go and wanting to show the school that they DARE! From singing to stand-up comedy, this year's finalists promise to be a great show for the both judges and audience.

Tickets are selling fast and the Electric Eleventh Student Council welcomes you to this year's ACStradinaire to witness some of ACS International's most promising and extraordinary talents in three hours of entertainment, competition and excitement! The 2015 ACStradinaire will be held on 29 May 2015 at 2pm in the Oldham Chapel. Join Us! ACStradinaire - WE DARE, do you?

The 11th Student Council

# **World Vision**

World Vision is presenting a talk for adults with a heart for youth education on 13 June, 3.00pm to 4.30pm. This talk aims to inform parents on nurturing gratitude and empathy in our children. More details can be found at

http://www.worldvision.org.sg/1/eblast/ABW-ACS-Eblast\_web.html.

To register, please visit

http://www.worldvision.org.sg/events/event-details.php?id=42.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

JULY		EVENT	
6 & 7	•	Staff CPD (No classes)	
6		Prelims start Year 4	
7	•	Prelims start Year 6	
7	•	Orientation 3 (new students)	
8	٠	Lessons start for Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and FIB + Pre-IB	
11		Year 3 Eco-field Trip	
15	•	Group 4 Project Implementation	
19	٠	Interact Club National Day Outreach and Performance	
22	•	Group 4 Project Evaluation	
24	•	Non Uniform Day – LSG House Charity	
25	•	Open House (09:00-12:00) University Application Talk (12:15pm)	
27	٠	Youth Day (School Holiday)	
28	٠	Inter-House Girls Touch Rugby & Inter-House Boys Basketball	
31		10th Anniversary Celebrations + International Day Liberte 2015 – Live Performance Barrett Music Competition 10th Anniversary Reception	

OTHER KEY DATES / EVENTS				
Friday 14 August	• PTM Years 4 & 6 (4.30 – 8.30pm)			
Thursday 3 September	PTM Whole School (all day)			
• 9 October	Last School Day Year 4			
• 16 October	Last School Day Year 6			



This competition is open to all ACS (International) students.

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- Participants shall prepare a solo programme covering works from at least two of the following stylistic periods: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th Century to present.
- The Preliminary round will take place in Music Studio 2-3 from 13 – 20 July 2015.
- Participants shall provide their own piano accompaniment for string solo; wind solo; vocal solo at the Preliminary Selection and Finals.
- The maximum performance durations in the preliminary round are as follows:

Group A: Piano – 8 mins

Group B: Instrumental String Solo – 8 mins

Group C: Instrumental Wind Solo & Vocal Solo – 5 mins

- The finalists of each category will receive cash prizes, trophies and certificates.
- The closing date for registration is Thursday 9 July 2015 at 1 pm. Please submit your completed form to the General Office.

# **West Australia Trip**

During the September school holidays, students in Years 1, 2 and 3 are invited to take part in a unique service trip to Western Australia.



# **ANSWERS TO QUIZ**

- 9. Not acceptable. Cheating. Considered academic malpractice.
- 8. Unfortunate but not acceptable. Constitutes academic malpractice / plagiarism.
- 7. Not acceptable. Constitutes academic malpractice. Student must refer to relevant ACS teacher for support.
- 6. Not acceptable. Constitutes academic malpractice. Not student's own work. Student must only refer to relevant ACS teacher.
  - Must have adequate analysis, commentary. Too high a similarity index in Turnitin then it is rejected.
- 5. Ok only IF the work is cited / acknowledged. Must beware of IA containing numerous and long passages from another's work.
  - OK if IA largely comprised of another's work.
- 4. OK as long as all sources are acknowledged. Includes direct quotations and ideas as well as any 'passages' copied into IA. NOT
  - 3. Not permitted. Not considered student's own work. Student must consult subject teacher
- Not permitted. Considered collusion. Should one student 'take' from another without their knowledge both students penalised.
  - 1. Not permitted. Collusion. Constitutes academic malpractice.