



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Markers and transitions. Markers and transitions are significant milestones in people's lives. Birthdays, anniversaries, prize-givings and today's Leadership Investiture are important markers for us all as they are times to celebrate, times to look back and reflect, and times to look forward. Transitions are times of change – moving from the old to the new, from the known to the unknown, and from certainty to uncertainty. Our Leadership Investiture, like many ceremonies, is both a marker and a transition. It is a time to celebrate, a time to look back and reflect, a time to look forward, and a time to let go. It also implies some sadness at the passing of the old yet signals hope and the promise of the future.

At today's ceremony we expressed our sincere thanks to all the outgoing student leaders on undertaking a fantastic job over the past year. The leadership excos, the school prefects, house prefects, School Council, Ambassadors and CCA captains can all be well pleased with their efforts. It has been a vintage year in terms of quality of student leadership and effectiveness.

The baton has now been passed to the incoming student leaders. We congratulated them on their appointments and expressed our confidence in their abilities. We reminded them that leadership involves serving others and displaying maturity, responsibility, strong moral character, ethics and leading by example. As it says in Luke 12:48 'From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.'

Our student leaders were exhorted to not see leadership as a burden. It is a privilege, an honour and an acknowledgment of their particular skills and abilities. We wish the new leaders every success for the coming 12 months. Good luck!

This newsletter contains a significant number of student successes over the past month – many at national level. Our congratulations to all, and our thanks for continuing to raise the standards of performance in every area of school life.

Best wishes for the month ahead.

Rob Burrough

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**DID YOU
KNOW ?**

If you keep a goldfish in a dark room, it will lose its color.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Alice Wong who has given birth to a healthy baby girl, Charice. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

We welcome back Ms Christine Ang as a part time teacher in the Art Department.

NOTICES

Communication between Home and School

Parents are reminded that the best form of communication with class teachers is via the teacher's school email address – found on the school intranet.

Please note: Parents are not able to visit classes to see the teacher to discuss issues without an appointment. This measure is to ensure that the teacher is able to fully focus on teaching and learning.

No Parking Zone!

The Singapore Land Transport Authority has asked the school to remind parents dropping off or collecting students from the front gate that the parking lots in front of the school gates and adjacent to the front fence are 'no parking zones' from 7.00am to 8.00pm.

A reminder too that parents are encouraged to make use of the back gate via Holland Close as a much less congested alternative to drop off their children at the start of the day.

Writing Effective Personal Statement/Essays Workshop for Year 6 students

Please be informed that the Higher Education Counsellor, Ms Rita Kaur, will be conducting a personal statement/essay writing workshop for all Year 6 students. The workshop will help students to develop the necessary skills required by providing students with brainstorming strategies in writing effective personal statement/essays.

Dates: 18 to May 21 (two houses on each day)

Time: 3.15 pm to 4.45pm

Venue: Seminar Room.

Attendance is compulsory for all students

May 18 – students from LSG and THO

May 19 – students from CKS and OLD

May 20 – students from TTK and GHK

May 21 – students from TCT and SVM

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Ms Rita Kaur at rita.kaur@acsinternational.com.sg

Guys & Dolls – Broadway comes to ACS (International)!



On Thursday 14, Friday 15 & Saturday 16 May our talented students will be entertaining audiences at this year's school production – GUYS & DOLLS!

Come see Nathan Detroit, the organiser of the oldest permanent floating crap game, bet Sky Masterson that he can't make the next girl he sees fall in love with him...Miss Sarah Brown of the Save-a-Soul Mission. Bustling with gamblers, gangsters, and sassy showgirls, GUYS & DOLLS celebrates Broadway's golden era with one of the greatest scores ever written for a musical.

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, GUYS & DOLLS introduces audiences to a cast of characters who have become legends in the musical theatre world: Sarah Brown, the upright but uptight "mission doll" out to reform the evil-doers of Time Square; Sky Masterson, the slick, high-rolling gambler who woos her on a bet to Cuba and ends up falling in love; Adelaide, the chronically ill nightclub performer whose condition is brought on by the fact she's been engaged to the same man for 14 years; and Nathan Detroit, her devoted fiancé, desperate as always to find a spot for his infamous floating crap game.

Frank Loesser's toe-tapping score, including fan favourites such as "Luck Be a Lady," "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat," and "I've Never Been in Love Before" is the perfect musical complement to Runyon's colourful characters.

Tickets on sale in the school canteen every lunchtime - \$10 (students & children), \$20 (adults). Alternatively, email Mr Rajan s.sivarajan@acsinternational.com.sg to place your order.

ACADEMIC NOTICES

Commendations

Each term the school presents students who have achieved strong grades for Achievement and Effort or for Effort are presented with a certificate in one of four categories: Principal's List, Distinction, Commendation for Achievement and Effort and Commendation for Effort.

The criteria for each category are to be found in the chart below. Please note that there has been a slight amendment in the criteria for Commendation for Effort (highlighted in yellow). The new criteria will take effect from Term 2 grades onwards.

| TESTS & COURSEWORK | | | | SUBJECT ATTAINMENT | | | | ATTITUDE TO LEARNING | | | | COMPLETION OF WORK | | | | TOTALS | |
|--------------------|------|------|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|----------------------|------|-------|------|--------------------|------|-------|------|--------|----------|
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| n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | >= 6 | >= 2 | = 0 | = 0 | >= 6 | >= 2 | = 0 | = 0 | n/a | C Eff |

High Achievers

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement may be selected for a place in the High Achievers Programme. Such students will be assigned a mentor who will guide them to consolidate and maintain high grades as well as direct them to participate in activities to enhance intellectual skills and knowledge. This includes: reading beyond the IB or IGCSE syllabus on subject areas of particular interest to them as well as in a broader sense to incorporate material on subjects beyond their specific academic interest. Students are encouraged to engage in research and discussion as well as to attend conferences, talks and workshops to enhance and enrich their potential.

Places on this programme are limited and student must meet strict criteria (below) which should be sustained over the course of the year. Whilst High Achievers are selected for the programme, talks, and conferences are available to all students. The new criteria will take effect from Term 2 grades onwards.

| | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
|--|---|--|---|
| Entry Point(s) | Beginning of year 4: based on EOY for Y3, ten (10) students accepted. Students whose grades are mostly As and A*s will be considered. No subject should have grade 'C' or lower. | Beginning of year 5: based on IGCSE/GCE O levels, ten students accepted. Students whose grades are mostly As and A*s will be considered. No subject should have grade 'C' or lower. After Y5 semester 1, two places offered. Number of 7s and 6s for 'Tests and Coursework' for the 3HL and 3SL subjects for Term 2 will be considered for placement. No subject should have grade '4' or lower. Minimum 38 points out of maximum possible 42 points. | |
| Entry requirements for discretionary cases | Throughout the year, VP(A) or P could recommend and install appropriate candidate(s) on a case by case basis, no subject should have a grade of '4' or below in all four categories. | Only one intake at the end of Y5: must have substantial contribution to the academic front in school, results minimally 30 points out of maximum possible 42 points for EOY, no subject should have a grade of '4' or lower for EOY. Under recommendation and endorsement by VP(A), IBC or P. | Throughout the year, VP(A), IBC or P may recommend and install appropriate candidate(s) on a case by case basis, results minimum 30 points out of maximum possible 42 points for the latest term results in 'tests and coursework', no subject should have a grade of '4' or below in all four categories. |
| Exit Clause | No 3 or below for T1/T2/T3 for all four categories and EOY for any subject, attendance of less than 85% for any one term, major disciplinary case. Two warnings will be given before removing the student from the list after consulting VP(A). Parents will be informed and seven (7) days will be given for appeal. | No 3 or below for T1/T2/T3 for all four categories and EOY for any subject, attendance of less than 85% for any one term, major disciplinary case. Two warnings will be given before removing the student from the list after consulting VP(A). Parents will be informed and seven (7) days will be given for appeal. | No 3 or below for T1/T2/T3 for all four categories and EOY for any subject, attendance of less than 85% for any one term, major disciplinary case. Two warnings will be given before removing the student from the list after consulting VP(A). Parents will be informed and seven (7) days will be given for appeal. |

Application to attend courses overseas during term time

- Occasionally students are offered opportunities to attend specialised gifted and talented programmes outside school during term time. Leave of absence to attend such courses may be given upon receipt of a formal letter of application from the student's parents and after consultation with the student's subject teachers as well as a review of the student's academic performance.
- Should leave of absence be granted the student will agree to:
 - Catch up with all work missed
 - Submit all assignments due during period of absence

Academic Honesty Policy

- All students and parents are required to familiarise themselves with the School Academic Honesty policy as well as those of the IBO (IB) and CIE (IGCSE).
- At ACS (International) we keep to a rigorous academic honesty policy and any student found to be engaging in any form of academic malpractice will suffer consequences. Repeated infringement of academic honesty policies may result in a student's removal from a component of the course or the programme itself.
- Each academic honesty policy is located at: <http://www.acsinternational.com.sg/en/section/863>.

Curriculum Information

- Curriculum Information is available on the Intranet and also on the School Website.
- INTRANET:
Please go to: 'Years' and select the correct year group from the drop down menu.
- WEBSITE:
Please go to 'Curriculum' and select from the drop down menu: <http://www.acsinternational.com.sg/en/section/835>.

Admission Tests for Other Schools

- Kindly 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.

New School Leadership Investiture

Today Thursday 30 April the annual formal handover of leadership from the 10th Boards to the 11th Board took place. We have been delighted with the effective leadership shown by the outgoing boards and we wish the new leadership the very best in the new roles. The main leadership groups for 2015-16 follow:

11th Prefectorial Board

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------------|
| Ong Zhi Yang | LSG | Head Boy |
| Alicia Chong | SVM | Head Girl |
| Bryant Chong Jin An | LSG | Deputy Head Boy |
| Kriti Ahuja | TKK | Deputy Head Girl |
| Charles Fuad | CKS | Secretary |
| Ian Tan | CKS | |
| Joshua Teo | CKS | |
| Wong Remus Joel Xiang Sheng | CKS | |
| Yu Siming | GHK | |
| Felia Alvina Sutisna Su | GHK | |
| Nur Raisah Binte Ismail | GHK | |
| Tok Qian Hui Tricia | GHK | |
| Proud Sangnapa | LSG | |
| Alma Maysa Putri | OLD | |
| Dana Sivarajan | OLD | Head of House |
| Nikkei Martono | OLD | |
| Andre Jek | SVM | |
| Kyohei Hayano | TCT | |
| Lim Xiu Jie | TCT | |
| Arnell Nur Karina | THO | |
| Sandhya Selvakumar | THO | |
| Yap Jun Qi | THO | Head of House |
| Sebastian Phang | TKK | Head of House |
| Sarah Anne Wai Mun YIP | LSG | Head of House |
| Jung Hanbi | SVM | Head of House |
| Jeremy Yu | GHK | Head of House |
| Jackie The | TCT | Head of House |
| Chrystal Choo | CKS | Head of House |

The Final List of Ambassadors 2015-2016

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|------|
| Kyohei Hayano | President | STCT |
| Felia Alvina Sutisna Su | Vice-President | 5GHK |
| Marcus Tan | Secretary | 5SVM |
| Xie Haihan (Hank) | Treasurer | 5TCT |
| Nicolas Ng | Logistics | 5THO |
| Ivan Phanada | Publicity | 5LSG |
| Kwun Da Hye (Heather) | Internal Affairs | 5TCT |
| Ammon Ng Tzu-Herng | External Affairs | 5SVM |

| Name | Year | House |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|
| Alma Maysa Putri | 5 | OLD |
| Ammon Ng Tzu-Herng | 5 | SVM |
| Aston Khoo Teng Shen | 5 | TKK |
| Chew Esheng | 5 | OLD |
| Chu Hung-Yu (Katherine) | 5 | SVM |
| Do Thi Dien Anh (Min) | 5 | TCT |
| Felia Alvina Sutisna Su | 5 | GHK |
| Grace Cheng | 5 | LSG |
| Ho Tze Yin Nicole | 3 | THO |
| Ivan Phanada | 5 | LSG |
| Janessa Sim | 5 | TCT |
| Julian Syn | 5 | LSG |
| Karan Attal | 2 | OLD |
| Koo Ja Hyun (Leo) | 4 | TCT |
| Kwun Da Hye (Heather) | 5 | TCT |
| Kyohei Hayano | 5 | TCT |
| Li Chang Rui | 5 | GHK |
| Li Zi Han (Mona) | 3 | CKS |
| Marcus Tan | 5 | SVM |
| Martin Chia | 5 | CKS |
| Michelle Yuehting Liao | 5 | THO |
| Muhammad Noor Azzad Abdul Aziz | 5 | CKS |
| Ng Ze Weng | 5 | CKS |
| Nicolas Ng | 5 | THO |
| Sandhya Selvakumar | 5 | THO |
| Sangini Tushar Doshi | 5 | OLD |
| Sharon Fang | 5 | TKK |
| Tang Zhenyu (Maverick) | 5 | TKK |
| William Choong | 5 | CKS |
| Wilson Nathaniel | 5 | OLD |
| Xie Haihan (Hank) | 5 | TCT |
| Xie Yi Rou | 5 | CKS |
| Yoon Christopher Jaehyun | 2 | CKS |
| Yu Siming (Victoria) | 5 | GHK |
| Zhang Yiyang | 5 | GHK |

11th Student Council

President: Arnell Nur Karina

Vice President (Welfare): Andre Jek

Vice President (Publicity): Henry Chea

Treasurer: Soonha Hwang

Secretary: Tricia Tok

Head of Logistics: Rabeyah Nasir

Aishah Angell

Christopher Choo

Dominic Daniel Kwan

Emily Ong

Joshua Teo

Kan Wei Mun

Kim Do-Hyung

Nicole Lueder

Ryan Lim

Stephanie Lee

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Cheerleading – National Champions!

On Sunday 19 April, our cheerleader girls, the AC Pistols, took part in the Cheerleading Association (Singapore) National Cheerleading Championships 2015 held at the Temasek Polytechnic Sports and Arts Centre.

It was an exciting afternoon of some serious and intense cheerleading by teams from many schools, all competing at different age groups.

The girls spent much of the morning soaking in the atmosphere, feeling both excited and extremely nervous. The occasion really sunk in when they realised that they were going to perform in front of hundreds of spectators, supporters and friends. They had put in countless hours of hard work, dedication and commitment to prepare for the occasion. And when it was their turn to shine, our ACS girls simply shone the brightest. With their well-coordinated timing, obvious confidence and impeccable poise, they managed to hit All Stunts Up in their impressive routine.

With that, our AC Pistols are once again the National Champions of Cheerleading in Singapore in the secondary school category.

I am proud to say that our girls pushed through all obstacles faced with our pure love and dedication to the team. Our team, gave it our all, pushing away all injuries and other commitments in order to achieve our team goal, to hit an "All Stunts Up". On competition day, not only did we achieve our team goal, but ultimately came home Gold medalists, and official National Champions in our category!

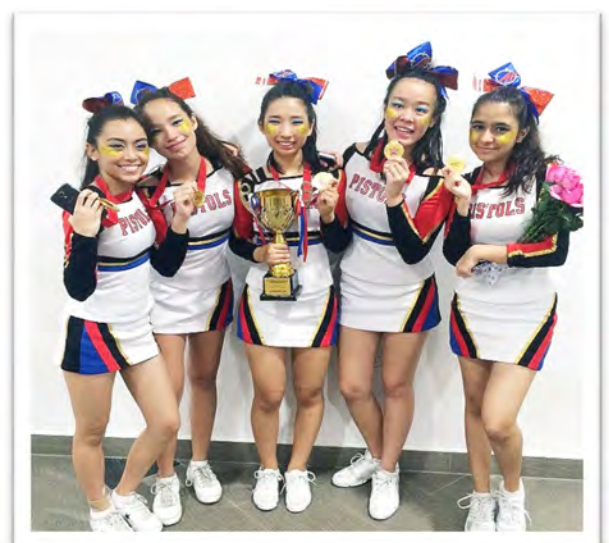
*Heather Kwun Da Hye
Captain
Cheerleading CCA*

We would not have been able to make it this far if it had not been for all 16 amazing girls in the team, motivating each other to push onwards; the coaches, who were the pillars of strength in the team, always pushing us to the best of our abilities as well as supporting us not only during training but outside of training as well; and last, but not least, our amazing teachers in charge who were always there for us, fighting for us to get a place to train and believing in us.

All of the blood, sweat, and tears have all been worth it! I am truly proud to be a part of the AC Pistols, whom I also call my second family.



*Nur Raisah Binte Ismail
Vice-Captain
Cheerleading CCA*



Chinese Drama: Top Distinction Award

The school Chinese Drama CCA won the top Distinction award at the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2015 Arts Presentation for Drama (Chinese Drama Secondary Category). Mercury Disaster is a play based on a real case study of industrial pollution in Minamata Bay (Japan) 1953. The students of Chinese Drama Club conducted extensive research and took part in improvisation workshop, before writing out their own version of the story. Heavily layered with texts, movement and video projection, the play gives voice to the many villagers who have suffered silently. It has a strong ensemble presence with actors transforming from villagers to factory machineries to the waves in the ocean. The play portrays a power struggle between the commoner and authority, and the struggle goes on, until the last villager falls to the ground. It is indeed a thought provoking piece of work. No wonder it has won the Distinction Award at the Singapore Youth Festival Chinese Drama Competition (Secondary School Category) 2015. The piece was previewed as part of the Liberte 2015 at the Drama Studio on 14 April.



Singapore Secondary Schools Debating Championships 2015

We are thrilled that our debate team in the Grand Final held on Friday, 17 April emerged as Division II Champions in the Singapore Secondary Schools Debating Championships 2015. The debaters were: Dhruv Uppal (GHK), Naveen Venkat (THO), Jeriel Lim Jie Rui (OLD) and Leo Ja Hyun Koo (TCT).

In the Division II Grand Final, our team was in the Opposition against the Singapore American School. The Motion was: 'This House would require all organisations involved in the fashion and advertising industries to use models of a representative range of the sizes and body shapes in society'.

There are a number of firsts for our debate team that must be mentioned:

First, this is our first debate team to have reached the Grand Final of a debate championship. Second, after the three compulsory preliminary rounds, our team was placed first out of 22 schools in their division, having won convincingly in all three preliminary rounds. Third, in the Final Individual Best Speaker list, our debaters gave the best showing ever. Naveen Venkat was ranked 8th in the list. Dhruv Uppal was named Best Speaker in all the six rounds of debate: the three preliminary rounds, the quarter-final, the semi-final and the Grand Final, earning him the top spot of Best Speaker among some 100 debaters in division II – an outstanding achievement indeed. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Dhruv, Naveen, Jeriel and Leo.



Left to Right:

Mr George Goh (Debate Coach), Guest of Honour, Leo Koo, Naveen Venkat, Dhruv Uppal, Jeriel Lim.

Viva Viols



The ACS (International) String Orchestra was greatly honoured to present its performance “Viva Viols” at the Victoria Concert Hall on 18 April, Saturday. The orchestra performed a total of 14 pieces plus we were entertained by the Flute Ensemble and soloists - Axel Wong and Shawnia Seah. The wide range of

repertoire included the Pirates of the Caribbean, Game of Thrones, Gabriel’s Oboe, Hungarian Dance No.1 for Four Hands, chamber ensemble The Hobbit - Misty Mountains, and I Dreamed a Dream. The rendition of Hungarian No. 1 Piano Duet by Brahms performed by Chen Ke Han and Larry Gao Xuxin was also a highlight.



ACS (International) String Orchestra started out as a small group of eight members in 2006, and it has now grown to be a large community of 37 musicians with strong support from parents and friends of the musicians. About 400 people attended the concert which was held in preparation for our forthcoming trip to Japan and to thank everyone for their amazing support for the orchestra. We would like to thank our conductor Mr. Lim Soon Lee and our teachers who have put in a lot of hard work and effort to make and transform the String Orchestra into what it is today.

by Leo Koo & Daniel Goh



Higher Education Fair

Despite the torrential downpour that occurred on that Thursday afternoon, students shuffled into the school hall to visit the 38 booths from universities from all over the globe.

The Higher Education Fair hosted some of the top university representatives from countries like Australia, the United Kingdom and here in Singapore.

Other booths also enabled students to learn about studying in countries like Switzerland, Germany, France, Canada, USA, New Zealand and many others.

Offering more than just small souvenirs such as candy or bookmarks from their local lands, the booths acquainted the students with all they wanted to know about the courses offered, tuition fee, housing and much more.

Here’s what some of our senior students had to say about the fair.

“I found the fair very useful especially since such a wide range of universities are here in one place. I can gather all the information I need conveniently.”

Felicia, 6TCT

“By looking at what these schools have to offer, I now have something to aim for and work harder towards.”

Guo’An, 6TCT

The Higher Education Fair proved to be a fruitful and enlightening experience for all students and parents who attended.

By April Lee

‘World of 7 Billion’ Contest Finalist

Paulina Wijaya, 6GHK, has submitted a video presentation that has made it to the finals of the ‘World of 7 Billion Contest’ <http://www.worldof7billion.org/>. Paulina’s video can be seen on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHRhT47fRns>.

This is a huge accomplishment and we are very proud of her efforts. We wish her the very best of luck for the finals in May.

'Walk with the Poor'

- Poverty Simulation Exercise by the Ambassadors

Poverty. We hear about it all the time. We campaign for its eradication and we have so many charities fighting against it. However, do we actually understand it, know what it feels like, glimpse into the lives of those we speak of?

On 25 April, the Ambassadors of ACS (International) attempted to do just that. They held a Poverty Simulation Exercise 'Walk with the Poor' that aimed to raise awareness about those living in poverty by allowing participants to role play as real people who live below the poverty line in Singapore. The simulation exercise allowed participants to understand how these people move around on a day to day basis, what opportunities lie in wait for them in Singapore and how difficult it is for them to survive.

On that day, two classrooms were set up with booths that represent different agencies of Singapore. These included the Bank, the Employment Agency, Hospital, Police Station etc.... The participants underwent four sessions of 10 minutes of role-play with each session representing a week in the life of the person they role played. Within those ten minutes they had to try to find a job or pay bills or seek medical treatment or go to school. At the end of those 10 minutes they returned "home" for 5 minutes where it would be revealed to them if they hadn't paid their bills or if they were starving due to a lack of food. They were then given a little time to plan for the next "week" before being released for the next session.

While this exercise was not a game but a simulation to raise awareness, the event did have some fun. Highlights included a terrorist-like hostage situation instigated by the parent of the vice-president of Ambassadors herself. It was hilarious watching the "police" trying to deal with the crisis. The Head Girl of the school was herself thrown into jail four times and subsequently able to escape four times as well. It was a very enriching experience with parents, teachers and even our own vice principal participating actively and enjoying themselves very much.

After all 4 sessions had ended, the participants were asked to reflect on what had happened; what were some of the things that impacted them the most and how this changed their perspective of poverty in Singapore. At the end of it all, the biggest learning point was that it wasn't as simple a matter as simply getting a job. Many times, we are guilty of thinking that poverty is a choice that is easily avoidable via hard work and perseverance. While this is not untrue, it isn't as simple as that. The participants realised that many of the poor are simply born into poverty and that their whole lives are so focused fire-fighting on a day to day existence that they would not have much time to think of anything else.

At the very end of the day after running this simulation exercise twice, we managed to raise approximately \$3800 for the Getting Out Of Debt (GOOD) project by Methodist Welfare Services.

by Lincoln Lee, President of Ambassadors



Nepal Trip Reflection



During the March holidays, a group of us went to Nepal on a service trip to support the Bandipur Medical Camp. Before we set off, we successfully fundraised \$2000 with \$1500 going to the medical camp and \$500 to the Dalit primary school. So thank you for all for making this possible.

Upon arriving at Bandipur Medical Camp, we were separated into two groups and took alternating shifts between helping out at the medical camp and teaching in a village school. Educating, interacting and bonding with the young children at the school allowed me to explore and examine myself. Being there, I understood more about who I am and who I want to become. In serving, you receive so much more than you could ever give. Simply put, the intention of helping the children in bringing some joy and education to their lives was not all that happened that day. The children showed us simple joys of life, and a glimpse of what true humility and gratitude is.

On the other hand, at the medical camp there were various jobs we could take up. Shadowing a dentist, dispensing medicine with the pharmacist, helping the gynaecologist as they performed the pap smear test, a test for cervical cancer, were just a few examples of what we did. Going to the camp, I made good friends, served a group of people and felt invigorated. I never felt so humbled. It made me have a burning passion to serve others and opened my eyes to another community and their way of life. Being part of the medical camp was one of the truest experiences I have ever had in my life.



Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." This trip changed me than I ever imagined it would.

It made me grow as a person and taught me that everyone has challenges, talents and dreams but in this world we are all in this together. We are the pillars of the world and therefore we should stand together, reach out to one another and standby each other's side. With that, I'd like to thank the teachers, Ms Victoria Sargent, Mr Nick Mc Farlane, Mr Chris Bossan and Ms Michelle Liew for this valuable experience which allowed me to take away so much. I hope that others will also have a fruitful and memorable time at their own CAS trips.

Stephanie Lee Year 5(LSG)

Fund Raising for Nepal Earthquake Victims

As many of our students have touched the lives of these Nepalese in their recent Nepal Service trip, we would like to take this opportunity to fund raise for the Nepal Earthquake victims. Students who have been to Nepal last month will be selling "Save Nepal" tee shirts to raise funds for this country. If you would like to donate cash or cheques, please make your cheque payable to 'Singapore Red Cross Society', indicate 'Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund', donor's name, contact number and address at the back. Submit cheques or cash donations to the Front Office of the school please.



U19 Netball- ACSIS League 2015

Over the months of February and March, the U19 A team entered the ACSIS league. It was a tough division but the team fought hard and ended in 5th position out of the 7 teams. The team beat UWC Dover 2, TTS 3 and tied with AIS Gold 21-21 after a tiring and nerve wrecking game in their finals. Congratulations to the girls!

By Myra Tan



This year our U19C team competed in the ACSIS division three league. Most of our players were U14s but with only two losses, one tie and winning the rest of our matches we ended in fourth place. We gained in determination, produced hard work, had an amazing team spirit and wonderful support from our coach Ms Georgina, all of which spurred us on to reach the finishing line.

By Surabhi Surya and Jewelle Chua



The U19B Team competed in the ACSIS League in Div 2. Many of us in the team were only 16 and for us to play against such opposition really stretched us. At such a high level of netball, it is remarkable that we have come 5th in our division. Thanks to the power of determination, hard work, team work, and the motivation from our coach Ms Biggs, we concluded the season with much fun and a whole lot of experience gained.

By Erin Ching



Archery National Championships

ACS (International) competed in the 5th National Inter-School Archery Championships last week. Day One saw the senior team – Andrey Szeto; Herbert Wong; Stanford Ong; Phurin Limrattamorn; David Lam and Cael Tan – gain a highly commended 2nd place in the Team Category Division A Recurve Intermediate Boys category with Andrey Szeto gaining 4th place in the Individual category.

The boys also earned a trophy for 4th place overall in the Division A Overall Boys for team performance. Commendations go to the whole team for their sterling efforts, and determination to improve our rankings year on year.

Over the next two days the junior team – Matthew Oh; Daniel Leow; Rishi Nandiraju; Liam Kuok; Harris Kunak and Akkshaj Singh – endured strong competition in the B division championship. Weather conditions continued to be sweltering, but the team maintained their concentration and supported each other to produce some strong performances. Although the B division competitors were unable to bring back any medals, the team were just pipped into 5th place in the Division B – R50 category, just missing out on the opportunity to bring home more silverware.

In the individual Division B – R50 category Matthew Oh finished in 8th place among a strong field of 45 competitors, testament to his commitment to training. Next year this strong foundation will surely bring us closer to the coveted top 4 rankings. Well done all, and a special thank you and recognition of the strong mentoring and guidance provided by our nationally renowned coaches Angie Ng and Gordon Thong.



A Division Team Left to Right:

Mrs. Jones; Cael Tan; Phurin Limrattamorn; Andrey Szeto; Herbert Wong; David Lam; Coach Angie Ong; Stanford Ong.



B Division Team Left to Right:

Akkshaj Singh; Rishi Naniraju; Matthew Oh; Daniel Leow; Liam Kuok; Harris Kunak.



ABCD Fundraiser

The Ambassadors' are working to raise \$20,000 to help 10 disadvantaged families Get Out Of Debts (G.O.O.D project) in this year of the Jubilee.



On 10 April they held an Anything But Casual Dresscode Event For GOOD (ABCDEFG). Some wonderful costumes were in evidence! A total of \$944.15 was raised. Further donations are welcomed to help meet the \$20,000 target.

ACS (International) Sports Tournament 2015

On Saturday 25 April the 3rd annual ACS (International) Sports Tournament took place. The three competitions were netball, girls touch rugby and boys football.

International schools and sports clubs from Singapore and two schools from Malaysia took part in the tournament. The standard of play in all three sports has improved year on year, which led to many exciting and close matches. All of the ACS (International) teams involved played exceptionally well and the BBQ afterwards was much appreciated by all! A special congratulations to our U19 Boys' football team who finished as overall champions of their competition. The results are as follows:

U14 Girls Touch Rugby:

3rd: ACSI A, 5th: ACSI B

U15 Boys Football:

4th: ACSI A, 5th: ACSI B, 6th: ACSI C

U19 Boys Football:

1st: ACSI 2, 5th: ACSI 1

U14 Netball:

4th in Pool B: ACSI A, 4th in Pool A: ACSI B

U16 Netball:

4th: ACSI A, 7th: ACSI B

Taekwondo Champion

Bryan Yap (1TKK) won the Singapore International Schools Taekwondo Poom competition for his weight category.



Fencing

Congratulations to Poon Chee Yean who has been selected to participate in the SEA Pacific Fencing Championships in Manila this month.

Aloysius Low (5TCT) gained the bronze medal in the MOE National Schools A Div (U19) fencing championship.



Football

It has been a packed month for football. Our senior boys were involved in the President's Challenge Cup and were grouped together with last year's National Champions Meridian Junior College (MJC). The group was a tough one. Every team lost heavily to MJC, but our boys managed to be the first team to score against them in a 1st round match since the 2012 season, going down 6-1. The MJC coach said the match against us was the hardest test they had this year. We went into our final match against Innova JC knowing that a win would put us through to the 2nd round for the first time in our school's history. Unfortunately, lady luck eluded us on the afternoon. Innova put away their sole chance, then sat back and defended for the rest of the game. We wish Innova JC and Meridian JC the best of luck as they progress onto the next round.

Our Division 'B' boys were called upon to take over as we continued in the AIS Cup (organised by the Australian School). This is an under-19 tournament involving the Australians, French, OFS, Germans, Americans & SJII. It was always going to be really hard for our under-17 boys, but they gave their very best in each match losing by the odd goal. The experience gained will serve the boys well when we start our ACSIS season in September. When we played LFS on Saturday 28 March, all present observed a minute's silence before kick off as a mark of respect for Mr Lee Kuan Yew.

The month has ended with our annual ACS (International) Sports Tournament – 9-a-side Football. In the under-15 category, we decided to give our younger members an opportunity to play against teams from SJII, OFS and Uplands (Penang). Though they finished outside the medals, our young boys did the school proud. In the under-19 category, our senior boys won all but one match to finish in first place. A great way to end an exciting time for Football CCA.



Volleyball

The ACS (International) Volleyball teams have recently completed a tough 9-week Phoenix Volleyball League held at UWC Dover. This tournament differed from previous competitions as it was open-aged and attracted both University and adult volleyball clubs. As such the standard was of an extremely high standard, but our students (both past and present) were able to hold their own in many of the games.



Both the girls and boys teams produced some of their best volleyball to date and recorded victories over United World College, Overseas Family School, the American Volleyball Academy, German European School as well as the IK Men's Volleyball Club.

All our players gained valuable experience during the competition and should be commended for their outstanding commitment and dedication over the 2-month tournament. The ACS (International) girls team finished in 5th place overall, whilst the boy's team narrowly missed out on the bronze medal, finishing in 4th Place. A special congratulations to ACS (International) players Lauren Wong and Soonha Hwang, who were voted the 'Most Valuable Players' by the organisers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

| APRIL | EVENT |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 30 | • Student Leader Investiture |

| MAY | EVENT |
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| 1 | • Labour Day (Public Holiday) |
| 8 | • Inter-House Badminton |
| 12 | • NAPFA Fitness Testing |
| 14 | • Waterloo Mathematics Contest 2015 (Years 1 and 2) • Guys and Dolls School Production |
| 15 | • Guys and Dolls School Production |
| 16 | • Guys and Dolls School Production |
| 18 | • Year 6 Personal Statement Writing Workshop (18-21 May) |
| 19 | • School Photographs |
| 20 | • School Photographs |
| 22 | • Casual Dress Day – Fund Raising for Cambodia/Vietnam CAS Trip • 18:00 End of Term 2 Reports published |
| 26 | • Group 4 Science Launch |
| 27 | • Inter-House Sports Day |
| 29 | • Lessons 1, 2 + 3 • Final School Assembly/ACSxtrordinary • End of Term 2 • USA Business and Careers/University Trip (29 May to 6 June) |

Aldersgate SG 2015

Aldersgate SG 2015 is the annual flagship event of The Methodist Church in Singapore. This year, the theme is “Seeking the Welfare of Our City”, taken from Jeremiah 29:7. Three guest speakers have been invited to share their perspective and experience of seeking the welfare of the city in Singapore, Sri Lanka and Malaysia respectively; hear them at the lectures and panel discussion from 21-23 May.

Visit aldersgate.methodist.org.sg for more info.

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ACS (International) in collaboration with
Holland Village Methodist Church (HVMC) presents

ACS (International) Career Talk Series for Year 6 students

**Thursday, 7 May 2015
11.30 am – 12.45 pm
At the Oldham Chapel**

Good opportunity for students to learn about:

- Real life challenges faced in each career
- The different career paths
- Planning towards their chosen career

Distinguished speakers are:

- Dr Adrian Siew Ming Saurajen
ENT Surgeon
- Mr Engel Yeo
Architect at Chik & Yeo Architects and AEP Consultants
- Ms Jacqueline Chua
Managing Director at Coutts & Co Ltd
- Mr Tan Woon Hum
Shook Lin & Bok LLP
- Mr Poh Cher Seng
Principal Consultant with Grace Consultants

Free Lunch is provided for students by HVMC.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP by 3 May to rita.kaur@acsinternational.com.sg



Oldham Rugby Fundraiser

Oldham Rugby continued to excel last season. By God's grace, we can expect half of Singapore's SEA Games Rugby 7s squad to be from Oldham Rugby. As we intend to send 4 teams to the SRU Men's League this coming season, we are selling golf umbrellas again to raise funds. The main features of this golf umbrella are:

- 1) Single canopy → lighter.
- 2) More subtle design allows it to be used at more occasions.
- 3) High quality – auto opening, UV layer, 3M Velcro fastener
- 3) Online payment and delivery facilitated.

The custom-designed golf umbrellas are priced at an attractive \$40/- each. To order online, simply click this web link: www.grouphunt.sg/oldham/oldham-rugby-umbrella-campaign.

Looking forward to your support once again, as well as your presence at the matches this season.

*To God Be All Glory and The Best Is Yet To Be
Jonathan Hui
for Oldham Rugby*

Guys and Dolls

Tickets
 \$10- STUDENTS
 \$20- ADULTS
 AVAILABLE AT RECEPTION
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Broadway comes to ACS International this May . Bustling with gamblers, gangsters and sassy showgirls, Guys & Dolls celebrates Broadway's golden era with one of the greatest score ever written for a musical.

Thursday 14th, Friday 15th & Saturday 16th May 2015
7pm Oldham Chapel (Doors Open 6pm)

Based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon, Music and lyrics written by Frank Loesser.

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