



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends

The past week has been a particular time of celebration as we remember the many successes of the 2014 school year. The three formal prize givings this week – Sports Dinner, Senior Graduation, and Speech Day have been specific times where we have acknowledged some of the many student successes this year. Our congratulations to all prize winners and our thanks to the two Guests of Honour, Mr Lim Biow Chuan, Member of Parliament for Mountbatten SMC, at Graduation; and Dr Tay Khoon Hean at Speech Day for their time and insights given to all gathered in celebration. Thanks also to the VIPs (Very Important Parents) who attended in support of these ceremonies.

Birthdays are also another cause for celebration. A time to gather together, to remember and honour the person having the birthday and a time to give presents. A most significant birthday this month is of course Christmas, celebrated by Christians to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. The Christmas tree is a well-known symbol of Christmas – attributed to Martin Luther, the father of the protestant Reformation, who cut and decorated the first Christmas tree in 1535. For Christians, the Christmas tree symbolizes new life – and new beginnings – in Christ. The branches stretching toward heaven symbolise that Christ is the Son of God; the candles or lights on the tree symbolise that Jesus is the Light of the World; and the gifts to others remind us of the gift of God to us – his son Jesus Christ.



Another less known symbol of Christmas that also had its origins in Germany is the Christingle. As you can see from the image a Christingle consists of an orange representing the world; a red ribbon around it representing the blood of Christ; dried fruits skewered on cocktail sticks representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons; and a lit candle which also represents Jesus Christ as the light of the world.

For many, Christmas is a time of celebration with family, and an opportunity to share gifts. At the end of the academic year it is also a time for everyone to rest and recharge batteries after the busy-ness of all that was achieved in 2014. We wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday with friends and family, and we look forward to another great year in 2015.

Best wishes

Rob Burrough

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**"When they saw the star,
they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy"**

Matthew 2:10



STAFF NEWS

At the end of the year we farewell the following staff: Mr Dougal Strahan – to follow his dream of working in a mission school for children of missionaries in Cambodia; Ms Teh Shi Wei – to Sota to specialise in her passion of photography; Mr Solomon Saduma – to return to Africa; Mrs Orla Kelly – returning to the UK with her husband and also to have a baby; Ms Judit Cano Medina – also returning with her husband to Spain; Mr Alex Ouellette – returning to Canada; and Mdm Loh Chew Choo who leaves teaching to work for Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce. We also farewell Mrs Caroline Heng who has been providing maternity leave cover for Mrs Sargent.

We thank each one of these staff members for their strong contribution to ACS (International) and our students, and we wish them well for the future.

New staff appointments will be announced in the first newsletter of the New Year.

NOTICES

Transcripts and Testimonials

The School provides transcripts and / or testimonials if a student is intending to withdraw from ACS (International) and the school has received such formal notification. We require a period of 15 days' notice upon receipt of the transcript application form which can be downloaded from the school website:

<http://www.acsinternational.com.sg/en/section/932>

Go to: Support - Transcript Application - download the form and submit to Ms. Manwant Kaur, Academic Secretary.

Some schools in the USA ask for subject references in English and Mathematics. We will provide such subject references upon receipt of an official request from the school applied to. Please note that writing such references take time for a teacher to do well and give justice to the student concerned. We are, therefore, unfortunately unable to provide multiple individual subject references on demand without such a formal request. Again, for this to be processed, a period of 15 days' notice upon receipt of the transcript application form and the request from the school applied to is required. Students and parents may not approach teachers directly as all such requests must be processed through the central office.

In the case of students applying to universities in the USA there may be a need for subject references in subjects other than Mathematics and English. Such requests must be processed through the Careers and Higher Education Counsellor, Ms. Rita Kaur, in the first instance. Students may not approach subject staff directly.

Changes for 2015

A number of changes are planned for 2015 in order to improve teaching and learning outcomes for students. These include:

School Timetable The 2015 school timetable is also attached. Please note that school starts with Period 1 at 8.00am.

The school timetable has been changed from four 70 minute lessons per day to five 60 minute lessons per day. The reasons for the change are to increase curriculum time (an extra 22 hours over two years for HL subjects for example); to reduce clashes between Academic and CCA time; to increase Support, IB Core time and CCA time; to rationalise time spent on house and tutor group activities; and to remove the confusing Week A and Week B timetables

Term Dates 2015 The school and public holidays calendar for 2015 is again attached for your reference. All students in Year 5 entering the IB programme are expected back at school on Monday 13 January for two weeks of leadership training and IB induction. All Year 5 students will be given provisional entry to the DP programme until enrolment is confirmed once the IGCSE and O Level results are released. This early start will enable us to spend more time preparing our students for the IB examinations.

Progression 2015

Letters regarding Progression or Non-Progression 2015 will be sent directly to parents in the last week of term. If parents do not receive a letter from the Vice Principal Academic they may assume that their son / daughter is progressing in 2015.

Should a parent or guardian have been called for a meeting with the Vice Principal Academic about their child / ward's academic performance earlier this year yet not receive a letter please contact the Academic Secretary, Ms. Manwant Kaur, manwant.kaur@acsinternational.com.sg as a matter of urgency.





Theory of Knowledge Conference 2015 for Year 6

We are pleased to announce that the school is organising a one-day TOK conference for Year 6 students on Friday 9 January 2015.

The theme is: *What can be trusted?*

The objectives of the conference are for students to: Gain fresh perspectives from academics and practitioners in their respective fields about the applications of the Ways of Knowing in the different Areas of Knowledge; Share TOK ideas with fellow students from different classes; To think critically about the TOK central question of how they know what they claim to know.

PROGRAMME

0830 hrs : All Year 6 students seated in Oldham Chapel

0845 hrs : Welcome Address by Principal, Mr Rob Burrough

0900 hrs : Keynote speech by Associate Professor of Irving

Johnson, National University of Singapore

0930 hrs : Movement to venues

0945 hrs : Concurrent Seminar 1 (1 h 30 min)

1115 hrs : Lunch break (1h)

1230 hrs : Concurrent Seminar 2 (1 h 30 min)

1400 hrs : Tea & Dialogue with speakers

1430 hrs : End of event

All students will have a chance to attend two of the six concurrent seminars and have already registered for seminars of their choice through a link on the school website.

Bibi & Baba Far East Shopping Centre Opening Hours

Our school uniform supplier shop is open as follows:

BIBI&BABA Far East Shopping Center	Monday to Saturday	10.00 am – 7.30 pm
	Sunday	10.00 am – 6.00 pm
Wed , 24 Dec 2014	Christmas Eve	10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Thu, 25 Dec 2014	Christmas Day	CLOSED
Wed, 31 Dec 2014	New Year's Eve	10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Thu, 1 Jan 2015	New Year's Day	10.00 am – 6.00pm

Bibi & Baba will also hold in-school sales as follows:

In – School Uniform sales

Uniform sales dates -

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Uniform Sales	Mon, 5 Jan , 2015	3.00pm – 5.00pm	Outside Gerenal office
	Thur, 8 Jan 2015	10.00am – 3.00pm	"
	Mon, 12 Jan 2015	2.00pm – 5.00pm	"
	Wed, 15 Jan 2015	2.00pm – 5.00pm	"
	Fri, 17 Jan 2015	2.00pm – 5.00pm	"
	Fri, 23 Jan 2015	2.00pm – 5.00pm	"





STUDENT SUCCESSES

Prize Winners

The following students were awarded prizes at Graduation or Speech Day this week:

Year	Award Categories	Name of student (Full name)	House
Year 1	English Language	Chang Si Thong Hillary	CKS
	Second Language (Higher)	Jiang Yu Chen	OLD
	Second Language	Ruth Tan Show En	GHK
	Foreign Language	Christopher Jaehyun Yoon	CKS
	Integrated Humanities	Christopher Jaehyun Yoon	CKS
	Science	Sarah Darmawan	GHK
	Art	Jade Chang Jen Ying	TCT
	Drama	Sun YINUO	THO
	Mathematics	Liu Yanglin	GHK
	Music	Jade Chang Jen Ying	TCT
	Physical Education (Boy)	Jasper Melchior Van Selm	TKK
	Physical Education (Girl)	Chen Qianye	THO
	Most Progress Award	Jasper Melchior Van Selm	TKK
	Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Christopher Jaehyun Yoon	CKS
	Most Progress Award in 1-Bridging	Fan Yuyao	SVM
	Best Overall Academic Performance Award in 1-Bridging	Xu Zixin	OLD
Year 2	English Language	Frances Cheong Wai Hei	OLD
	Second Language (Higher)	Shi Zheng	CKS
	Second Language	Karan Ahuja	TKK
	Foreign Language	Melissa Layanto	THO
	History	Wu Jiaqi	THO
	Geography	Chloe Helaine Letessier	SVM
	Religious Studies	Lea Adele Letessier	SVM
	Science	Wu Jiaqi	THO
	Mathematics	Wu Jiaqi	THO
	Art	Huang Qingyao	SVM
	Drama	Teo Kai Hui	TKK
	Music	Elizabeth Kan Lee Hui Ching	TKK
	Physical Education (Boy)	Kim Joo Ho	TCT
	Physical Education (Girl)	Thanaporn Ngamchokchaicharoen	TKK
	Most Progress Award	Wang Xiang Wen	OLD
	Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Wu Jiaqi	THO
	Most Progress Award in Pre-IGCSE	Tong Shengyao	SVM
	Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Pre-IGCSE	Liu Tian Wei	CKS
Year 3	First language English	Dhruv Uppal	GHK
	Literature (English)	Maggie Liu Yi Ling	LSG
	English as a Second Language	Liao Tzu-Ning	THO
	Mother Tongue (Higher)	Chen Yuxuan	TKK
	Second Language	Ng Kai Lyn	GHK
	Foreign Language	Xue Anwen	OLD
	Business Studies	Samantha Chung Yungling	OLD
	Economics	Evangeline Leong Li En	TCT
	Geography	WangQian SiQi	CKS
	History	Lim Mun Yiang	SVM
	Religious studies	Chen Yuxuan	TKK
	Biology	Dhruv Uppal	GHK
	Chemistry	WangQian SiQi	CKS
	Physics	Evangeline Leong Li En	TCT
	Additional Mathematics	Zhu Mengqi	GHK
	Mathematics	Zhu Mengqi	GHK
	Art	Xu Yingzhi	GHK
	Music	Joseph Charles Chai Ming Kwang	THO
	IGCSE Drama	Muhammad Harith Liew	TKK
	IGCSE Physical Education	Thanakhom Hoontrakul	SVM
	Physical Education (Boy)	Hwang Seon Ho	GHK
	Physical Education (Girl)	Chan Nary Chea	THO
	Most Progress Award	Yosua Ariel Andrew	SVM
	Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Evangeline Leong Li En	TCT



Year 4	First language English	Hannah Lo Shu En	TCT
	Literature (English)	Sandra Aliandy	TKK
	English as a Second Language	Rada Chantrasakaowong	OLD
	Mother Tongue (Higher)	Xie Yi Rou	CKS
	Second Language	Annie Wong Ming Hui	GHK
	Foreign Language	Sandra Aliandy	TKK
	Business Studies	Nguyen Le Duy	TCT
	Economics	Nikkei Martono	OLD
	Geography	Kyohei Hayano	TCT
	History	Hauw Yan Ren	THO
	Biology	Nikkei Martono	OLD
	Chemistry	Nikkei Martono	OLD
	Physics	Nikkei Martono	OLD
	Additional Mathematics	Li Changrui	GHK
	Mathematics	Shou Junyi	TCT
	Religious Studies	Madeleine Kerenhapukh Tomaso	OLD
	Art	Gao Xinyue	TKK
	Music	Gao Xuxin	OLD
	IGCSE Drama	Arnell Nur Karina	THO
	IGCSE Physical Education	Alicia Chong Li-Yan	SVM
	Physical Education (Boy)	Jay Nathan Lai Yew Mun	GHK
	Physical Education (Girl)	Nur Raisah Binte Ismail	GHK
	Most Progress Award	William Arthur Lukito Gunawan	CKS
	Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Nikkei Martono	OLD
	Most Progress Award in Pre-IB	Xie Haihan	TCT
	Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Pre-IB	Ruan Jinglin	OLD
Year 5	Theory of Knowledge	Risa Tan Xuan Ying	OLD
	Languages and Literature (English)	Risa Tan Xuan Ying	OLD
	Languages and Literature (Chinese)	Wang Yifan	LSG
	Literature (English)	Deandra Angelica Muliawan	THO
	Literature (Other Languages)	Ku Bonmu	OLD
	English B	Chen Kehan	GHK
	Chinese B	Liew Zi Yin	TCT
	Japanese Ab Initio SL	Yu Ling Jie	CKS
	Spanish Ab Initio SL	Deandra Angelica Muliawan	THO
	Economics	Chen Siyue	LSG
	Business and Management	David Pang Yi Yang	GHK
	Geography	Jesswant Kaur Randhawa	THO
	History	Lincoln Lee Ming Tze	TKK
	Biology	Deandra Angelica Muliawan	THO
	Chemistry	Yu Ling Jie	CKS
	Physics	Xu Hao Nan	LSG
	Sports, Exercise and Health Science	Maryam Ali Reda	LSG
	Mathematics HL	Chen Siyue	LSG
	Mathematics SL	Zhao Tian Zhi	TKK
	Music	Jerome N Teo Wei Sheng	CKS
	Visual Arts	Lu Mei Lin	THO
	Theatre	Esther Sentoso	GHK
	Most Progress Award	Jan Cheong Pok Choy	THO
	Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Yu Ling Jie	CKS
Year 6	Theory of Knowledge	Tiara Joy Foo	THO
	Languages and Literature (English)	Sandra Siow Jia Qi	TCT
	Languages and Literature (Chinese)	Chen Mingfeng	SVM
	Literature (English)	Shasta Kaul	GHK
	Literature (Other Languages)	Lee Junghyo	TCT
	Chinese B HL	Tay Sze Hwei	TCT
	English	Pham Duy Phong	TKK
	French	P Camilla Roshal	TCT
	Japanese B HL	Nikole Tan	SVM
	Spanish Ab Initio SL	Shasta Kaul	GHK
	Economics	Lin Chenyu	TCT
	Business and Management	Ramida Hanratanakool	OLD
	Geography	Ren Jiewen	SVM
	History	Brandon Lim Jun Han	THO
	Biology	Sally Valencia Lie	CKS
	Chemistry	Tiara Joy Foo	THO
	Physics	Lin Chenyu	TCT
	Sports, Exercise and Health Science	Russell Wee Xian Jie	SVM
	Psychology SL	Li Bairun	OLD
	Mathematics HL	Nguyen Huyen My	THO
	Mathematics SL	Phang Seow Ling	SVM
	Music	Elizabeth Lim Wan Xuan	OLD
	Visual Arts	Ramida Hanratanakool	OLD
	Theatre	Diane Elizabeth Pereira	TCT
	Most Progress Award	Jan Chang Pei Wen	LSG
	Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Shasta Kaul	GHK



Interest Group and Performing Arts Awards

Interest Group and Performing Arts Awards	Names in Full	House
Performing Arts, Group Achievement Award	String Orchestra	5TKK
Performing Arts, Group Merit Award	Gu Zheng	5LSG
Performing Arts, Individual Achievement Award	Abner Wong Ho Khuen	6TCT
Performing Arts, Individual Merit Award	Yang Cheng Xi	4TKK
Interest Group, Group Achievement Award	Envoy Club	3THO
Interest Group, Group Merit Award	PA	3SVM
Interest Group, Individual Achievement Award	Shasta Kaul	6GHK
Interest Group, Individual Merit Award	Tu Fang Ping	6SVM
Sports Team, Achievement Award	U19 Boys Volleyball Team	4TCT
Sports Team, Merit Award	U14 Girls Touch Team	1LSG
Sports Individual, Achievement Award	Herbert Wong Jue Xuan	5OLD
Sports Individual, Merit Award	Jay Nathan Lai Yew Mun	4GHK
Colours Award - Bronze	Tan, Ying Shen Terril	2TKK
Colours Award - Silver	Ching Ming Yin, Erin	3THO
Colours Award - Silver	Chen Cheng Olivia	4GHK
House, Best in Sports	Oldham House	
House, Best in Academic	Goh Hood Keng House	

Inter-House Competition



Overall	Place
GHK	1
OLD	2
SVM	3
THO	4
TKK	5
LSG	6
TCT	7
CKS	8

The Inter House Competition of 2014 has been a very competitive, closely - run series of events which has produced much fun and spirit during the year. The outcome of the overall competition was dependent on the final result of the final competition (Inter House Drama) this week. Well done to GHK on an excellent year.

The standard of performance and skill during the Inter House competition, be they Academic, Aesthetic, or Sport has shown very encouraging improvement in 2014. Congratulations must go to all in making this possible. It has truly been a team affair.

Service Day 14 November 2014



Service Day was a special day-special because all 8 Houses spent a day supporting members of the local community. Thoburn House chose to bless our neighbouring residents by cleaning up their one room rental flats and buying groceries and vouchers for them. TCT house helped the needy families in Singapore by packaging food hampers for them. TKK house blessed the elderly by performing and

bringing them much cheer in Bethany Methodist Home. LSG helped the young in Singapore by reaching out to needy and disadvantaged children in Chan Su Lan Methodist Home. CKS, Oldham and GHK chose to keep Singapore clean by picking up litter along the rivers and parks. SVM chose to keep our school clean by mopping and washing toilets and cleaning up the entire school. Indeed, in the spirit of giving this Christmas, we remember how much God, our heavenly father, has blessed us with and we give because we first received.



A Reflection by Lu Yun (1TKK) on her visit to the elderly home:

When we arrived, I saw many elderly sitting in wheelchairs. When they looked at us, they did not have much expression on their faces. I was a little upset, as I wasn't sure if they welcomed us, and I didn't know what they were thinking. I tried to talk to them. At first, they did not respond. Maybe they didn't hear me, I thought to myself. After trying again, they spoke to me! I could still remember an 85 year old grandmother telling me all about her beliefs, her hometown and so on. She looked very happy about our visit. In the end, she asked me when we would visit again. She was happy to live in the nursing home but she was lonely. "I am very happy to see you." She said. When we left, I thought to myself that the elderly need more care. People should talk to them more, so that they don't feel lonely.



Graffiti Art



On 15 November (Saturday), the Year 5 IB Visual Art students collaborated with a local graffiti artist who goes by the name of Ceno2. He is an internationally known and well-travelled graffiti artist who is popular within the western regions. We were to create a series of made-up and/or existing cartoon characters at the popular Skate Park at Somerset. It was great to be able to show off our art work to the public and people even stopped by and watched us do our graffiti art. It was indeed an unforgettable experience being able to work alongside an artist and at the same time receiving coaching from him.



The session was part of the 4-sessions of Graffiti Art Workshop that the school had organised for the Year 5 IB Visual Arts students. This is for the purpose of preparing us to do 5 big wall murals at the Amoy Street Food Centre in 2015, a collaborative effort with the artist CENO2 and two other ACS schools – an ACS SG50 initiative. Watch this space!

Muhd Danial 5TKK

Camp Challenge

Year 2 and 3 students went for a 5-day camp with Camp Challenge at Sembawang, from 10 Nov to 14 Nov 2014.



During the 5 days of camp, they were involved in activities including paintball, building and using the raft, high elements challenge, geocaching, amazing race at Sentosa, outdoor cooking, building trebuchet, trail seeker challenge at HSBC, tree top walk, just to name a few.



Through these activities, students learned to lead, navigate, encourage, care for others and teamwork in order to achieve the goals set out in the tasks. They also learned to put aside their differences for the good of the team. A great experience for the students.



2014 Cookery Club



To finish the year the teachers-in-charge of the Cookery Club CCA organised a cookery competition. Sixteen people, in 4 different groups, chose their own creations. One group decided to go with making chicken wraps while the other teams thought up their own original dishes. One team chose to make a dish originating from the Thai cuisine, Tom Yum soup, while the other two teams went with a dish from the Western Cuisine, burger and bacon on a stick with other condiments on the side. The three judges comprised two parents and Mr McFarlane.



The presentation of all the dishes were exquisite, showing the effort placed into making the dish by the students. Awards were given out during the last

lesson of the year with the winning team being the ones who made the mouthwatering burgers, earning the votes of all the judges.

Wennie Liu, Cookery Club Captain (5 TCT)

U16 Community Basketball League (CBL)



Our boys team did extremely well in the above competition last weekend, beating many international schools and local schools, coming in third only to ACS (Barker Road) and the Australian International School.

U14 ACSIS League

The U14 ACSIS League has just finished and the girls have really enjoyed taking part, bonding as a squad and gaining valuable experience on court. It was a fantastic achievement for ACS (International) to be able to enter 3 competitive teams into the league which reflects the success and popularity of Netball CCA this year. A special mention should go to our U14 2nd team who won Bronze medals for finishing in 3rd place in Division 3; a super result! The final results were:

Division 2 (7 teams competing):

ACS (Int) 1st team: 5th Place with 13 points

Division 3 (8 teams competing):

ACS (Int) 2nd team: 3rd Place with 22 points

ACS (Int) 3rd team: 6th place with 13 points



Netball Tournament

Our three netball team - U14, U16 and U19 competed in the Bollywood Veggies Netball tournament at Kallang. A fabulous way to end a fantastic year of netball!





UPCOMING EVENTS 2015

JANUARY	EVENT
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New Staff InductionNew Student OrientationIBDP results released at 11.00am to former Year 6 students
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff Conference (Teachers not available for appointments until 16:00)New Student Orientation
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff Faculty Meetings / House MeetingsNew Student Orientation
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School starts for Years; 1, 2, 3, 4 + 6Full School Assembly 8.00am – Sports Hall9.00am Tutor Meetings
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8.00am Normal lessonsFirst House Assemblies
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School starts for Year 5

