

## ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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

"Do you follow your dreams or do what Mum and Dad want?" This question was posed at the annual One ACS – Careers seminar at ACS (Independent) earlier this month. The introductory session featured some prominent ACS old boys in a panel discussion. They included Mr Cheo Chai Hong, President of the ACSOBA and Managing Director, United Overseas Bank; Mr Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara, Head, Enterprise Development Group, Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited; and Mr Oon Jin Teik former Group Executive for Hyflux and former Singapore Olympic swimmer who is now Chief Operating Officer, Singapore Sports Hub.

During the Question and Answer session one question asked of the panel was "do you follow your dreams or do you do what Mum and Dad want?"

The consensus from the panel was that students should follow their dreams – with the rider that their dreams are underpinned by practical realities which include being able to provide for themselves and any dependents. A further point made was that those students from well-to-do families have more choices than those with limited financial means. Those with limited financial means or choices need to set themselves up first so that they do have choices as they are then more easily able to follow their dreams.

Further to the above, we would also recommend that students and parents talk openly and regularly with each other about university and career options. Neither party should assume that discussions held in the past still apply in the present. This applies to all situations. Open communication is important. To parents we would point you to Proverbs 18:13 - to listen before answering. And students, you will find that your relationship with your parents changes as you grow older. Those of you in the senior school are probably already finding that.

For other comments made by the One ACS Careers panel, please see below.

Today marks the end of Term 3. We especially thank all those who attended yesterday's Parent Teacher Meeting – a most worthwhile exercise – and we also thank the students and the PSP for their wonderful affirmation of their teachers at today's Teachers' Day celebrations.

We wish everyone safe and enjoyable holidays, and we look forward to meeting again on 15 September.

Best wishes to all for the month ahead.

ACS (International) September 2014

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**Rob Burrough** 

### **STAFF NEWS**

Our congratulations to our chaplain Pastor Joel Jong and his wife Arlene on the safe arrival of their second son this week.

Our thanks to Ms Meighen D'Angelo in the English Department who leaves us today to return to Canada. We thank her for her service to the school and we wish her well for the future. She is replaced by Mr Robb Ross, an experienced IB teacher, also from Canada. Mr Ross was formerly teaching in Shanghai Singapore International School.

## NOTICES

#### **IB, IGCSE & O-Level provisional Examination Schedules**

These key dates can be found are on the school website via the following URL:

https://intranet.acsinternational.com.sg/api/subwebs/?id=37

## Requests for Academic Documents for Application To Other Schools And Universities

Any students in the process of making an application to another school or a university may be asked to submit academic documents. These may include for example:

- Transcript
- Testimonial
- Validated copies of school results slips (e.g. Preliminary Results)
   References

Students requiring such documents must download the 'Transcript Application Form' by clicking on the 'Applications' tab on the school website and submit it to the Academic Secretary, Ms. Manwant Kaur a minimum of 15 days in advance of requiring the document/s.

Please note the following:

- Applications made directly by email, telephone or in person will be directed to the website documentation and required to follow the correct procedure.
- Students in Year 6 will receive their transcript at Graduation and do not need to make a specific request unless they are making an early application in which case they should check exactly which documents they need to avoid unnecessary expense and labour.
- A small fee of \$5 is charged per document to cover administration costs (no fee is charged for the transcripts provided at the end of the year).
- Evidence of genuine application to another institution must be provided.

## **Predicted Grades**

Some institutions require either the Preliminary Grades or the Predicted Grades. These grades are not necessarily the same and it is necessary for the student to check carefully which grades are required.

ACS (International) does not release Predicted Grades to parents or students as per school policy. In cases where Predicted Grades are required for application elsewhere, the student must make arrangements with the school for them to be sent by courier to the institution or to a reputable agent dealing with the application on their behalf.

The current fee for the courier is \$50.

## **University Applications**

In the case of university applications all queries must be made to Ms. Rita Kaur, Careers and Higher Education Counsellor. Subject teacher references may be directed to Ms. Rita Kaur.

## Admissions Tests for Other Schools

Another institution may require an applicant to sit an entrance test which they would send to ACS (International).

Students and parents in this category should make an advance request to Ms. Kathleen Manley, Vice Principal - Academic in order that the necessary arrangements be put in place.

Entrance tests conducted at ACS (International) will be invigilated by an external invigilator. The fee for entrance tests includes the fee for the invigilator and also administrative costs.

### **Online Reports for Other Institutions**

Some establishments in the USA, for example, prefer to ask the current school to complete a full online report. If this is the case the student applicant must submit a written request by email to the Vice Principal - Academic prior to the email request arriving from the new school.

### Morrisby Profiling for Students 15 years and above

Morrisby Profiling is a psychometric assessment tool designed to highlight a student's strengths and support the coming academic and vocational decisions. Each student's profile is compared with the profiles of individuals who have been successful in over 500 careers. Twelve careers are then selected for each student as being good matches with their profile. These 'Suggested Careers' are put forward as options the student may wish to research further. The profiling cost about \$150 to \$180. Please email Ms Rita Kaur at <u>rita.kaur@acsinternational.com.sg</u> to register. The assessment is on Saturday 27 September and it is only offered once a year.

## **Canteen Menus**

Following discussions with the Canteen vendor there will be some changes from next term aimed at improving service, quality and variety.

There will be a slightly reduced number of choices each day but there will also be greater variety each week.

The Term 4, Week 1 menu is published below.

Menu – Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Western	Black Pepper Beef Steak or Black Pepper Chicken Fries Pasta Salad / Greens \$5.00	Roast Beef or Baked Fish with Lemon Butter Potatoes Mash Greens/Cream Corn \$5.00	Chicken or Fish with Mushroom Sauce Butter Potatoes Flinder Greens \$5.00	Sausages with Potato Rosti / Fried Eggs Sour Cream Green Salad \$5.00	Fish & Chips or Chicken Cutlet Potato Wedges Coleslaw \$5.00
Pasta / Rice	Baked Pasta with Chicken or Baked Rice with Fish \$4.00	Pasta Bolognaise \$3.50	Pasta Carbonara \$3.50	Baked Lasagna \$4.00	Pasta Basils Pesto \$4.00
Live Cooking	Fried Sotong Prawn Noodles \$4.00	Korean Beef Rice set \$5.00	Claypot Hokkien Mee \$4.00	Taiwanese Shilin Chicken Rice \$5.00	Butter Cereal Fried Rice \$4.00
Asian Rice Set	Nasi Lemak Eggs/Chicken/Otak Ikan Bilis & Nuts \$3.50	Teriyaki Bento Tempura Bento \$5.00	Nasi Berinai Mutton or Chicken with Papadam \$5.00	Ayam Pengyet Tempah /Taukwa \$4.00	Curry Chicken Rice Sambal Kang Kong \$4.00
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Rice with three veg \$3.00	Vegetarian Beehoon \$3.00	Rice with three veg \$3.00	Vegetarian Beehoon Soup \$3.00	Vegetarian Pasta \$3.00
Rice Set	Pork Chop Rice set Soup Greens \$4.00	Roast Pork Rice Soup Greens \$4.00	Rice Sweet & Sour Pork Tofu / Veg \$3.50	Hainanese Chicken Rice Set Soup & Greens \$5.00	Rice Kungpow Chicken Egg / Veg \$3.50
Noodles	Vietnamese Beef Pho \$4.00	Wanton Noodles \$2.50	Bak Ku Tei \$4.00	Laksa \$3.00	Korean Ramen \$3.50

## **One ACS Careers Advice**

Further to the advice above concerning open communication and following your dreams, the ACS panel made many other pertinent points including:

- Employers are not just looking for the top academics in their graduates. They are looking for those with the 'x factor', that is those with EQ soft skills, drive, determination and resilience; those who have been involved in CCAs, leadership, church and community service.
- An ivy league university, Oxbridge and many other university applications, require a portfolio with a strong CCA or other co-curricular component so students should make sure that they maximise their opportunities at school and keep an up-to-date portfolio record. This is also especially important when applying for school testimonials.
- Many 21st century jobs have not been created yet, so students should not be restricted by current knowledge. They should try to keep their options open, and be willing to embrace change.

## Camp Challenge for Students in Years 2 and 3

All students in Years 2 and 3 will be participating in a compulsory camp from 10 to 14 November 2014. We are working with Camp Challenge to craft activities to help students discover their strengths and potential when they are exposed to a series of challenges.

Consent forms were sent out on 15 August with more details. There will be a camp briefing in Term 4. Details will be given to your child / ward. Should you have any enquiries you can contact Mr Hong at <u>chingchong.hong@acsinternational.com.sg</u>.





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## **STUDENT SUCCESSES**

## **Term 3 Commendation Awards**

The following students received their top awards for outstanding results in the Term 3 reports at assembly this week. Please note that Year 4 and Year 6 students were not eligible for these awards this term as they sat the Prelim examinations instead.

## **Principal's List**

S/No.	Name of Student	Year	Academic House	
1	Chen, Kaiyuan (Derek)	3	Cheong Koon Seng	
2	WangQian, SiQi (Steven)	3	Cheong Koon Seng	
3	Yu, Lingjie	5	Cheong Koon Seng	
4	Darmawan, Sarah	i	Goh Hood Keng	
5	Tan, Benjamin Ting Cher (Benjamin)	3	Goh Hood Keng	
6	Uppal, Dhruv	3	Goh Hood Keng	
7	Xu, Yingzhi	3	Goh Hood Keng	
8	Yin, Ruoxiang (Richard)	3	Goh Hood Keng	
9	Zhu, Mengqi (Alice)	3	Goh Hood Keng	
10	Lam, Amanda Yasmin (Amanda)	2	Lee Seng Gee	
11	Liu, Maggie Yi Ling (Maggie)	3	Lee Seng Gee	
12	Chen, Siyue	5	Lee Seng Gee	
13	Xue, Anwen	3	Oldham	
14	Yu, Yaxin (Charlene)	3	Oldham	
15	Leong, Evangeline Li En (Evangeline)	3	Tan Chin Tuan	
16	Wang, Jiyue	3	Tan Chin Tuan	
17	Chen, Siye	3	Tan Kah Kee	
18	Wu, Jiaqi	2	Thoburn	



## **Distinction List**

5/No.	Name of Student	Year	House	
1	Chang, Si Thong Hillary (Hillary)	1	Cheong Koon Seng	
2	Yoon, Christopher Jaehyun (Christopher)	1	Cheong Koon Seng	
3	Shi, Zheng (Jonathan)	2	Cheong Koon Seng	
4	Wang, Zelin (Eric)	2	Cheong Koon Seng	
5	Wang, Zixuan	2	Cheong Koon Seng	
6	Lee, Hyun Ju (Julianne)	3	Cheong Koon Seng	
7	Lee, Shaun Christopher (Shaun)	3	Cheong Koon Seng	
8	Hwang, Hee Jae (Lucy)	1	Goh Hood Keng	
9	Nandiraju, Rishi Bharadwaj (Rishi)	3	Goh Hood Keng	
10	Ruppli, Ariane	5	Lee Seng Gee	
11	Wang, Yifan (Ivy)	5	Lee Seng Gee	
12	Neo, Jia Ying	1	Oldham	
13	Cheong, Wai Hei Frances (Frances)	2	Oldham	
14	Chung, Yungling Samantha (Samantha)	3	Oldham	
15	Sudianto, Catherine	3	Oldham	
16	Tan, Xuan Ying Risa (Risa)	5	Oldham	
17	Sivananthan, Kishoraan	1	Shaw Vee Meng	
18	Letessier, Lea Adele (Lea)	2	Shaw Vee Meng	
19	Sadri Tabatabaei Naeini, Nika Sadat (Nika)	2	Shaw Vee Meng	
20	Xie, Yuanyuan	2	Shaw Vee Meng	
21	Leong, Jia En Eugenia (Eugenia)	1	Tan Chin Tuan	
22	Kwak, Yu Jin	2	Tan Chin Tuan	
23	Xu, Jiadi (Otto)	2	Tan Chin Tuan	
24	Gunawan, Howard Hans (Howard)	3	Tan Chin Tuan	
25	Amir, Adiva Fahrani (Adiva)	1	Tan Kah Kee	
26	Indrawanputri, Fransisca	1	Tan Kah Kee	
27	Van Selm, Jasper Melchior (Jasper)	1	Tan Kah Kee	
28	Ahuja, Karan	2	Tan Kah Kee	
29	Chen, Jiashu	2	Tan Kah Kee	
30	Chen, Yuxuan	3	Tan Kah Kee	
31	Gracia, April	3	Tan Kah Kee	
32	Yang, Xiyan	3	Tan Kah Kee	
33	Lee, Lincoln Ming Tze (Lincoln)	5	Tan Kah Kee	
34	Chan, Z'Yann	1	Thoburn	
35	Ng, Xuan-Ning Anna (Anna)	1	Thoburn	
36	Chan, Zi Keane	2	Thoburn	
37	Lian, Mingshi (Krystal)	3	Thoburn	
38	Muliawan, Deandra Angelica (Deandra)	5	Thoburn	

## **Cookery Club Trip to Pasta Mania**



Members of the Cookery Club CCA recently went to Pasta Mania to learn how to bake Pizza. It was an amazing experience filled with great fun and delight. The workshop started off by quizzing us about our knowledge on the history of pizza and pasta, an example being "which group of people started eating pizza first?".

To our surprise, it was the Arabs! We expected it to be either the Italian or

Chinese. After a short round of quizzing, we were introduced to the different equipment used to make the pizza, with its purpose demonstrated to us.



Following that we learnt how to make a pizza. We were handed the dough and were told to flatten it using precise movements.



Then we were handed the basic ingredients used for the pizza toppings. We had tomato sauce, cheese, mushrooms and ham. It was then placed in the oven for approximately 6-8 minutes. The end result of the pizza was simple but also mouth-watering.

Wennie Liu, Cookery Club Captain (5 TCT)

#### **PSP Prata Journey Excursion**



The PSP held a parents Bonding Session - Prata Journey - at Kampung Café at the end of July. Fun was promised and as you can see from the photos we got that in doughfuls. We learnt how the prata made its way to the shores of Singapore and how it got its name. We watched as the experts demonstrated the art of making the perfect prata then got to try our hand at making dough balls and flipping the dough ourselves. It wasn't as easy as they made it look!



To all the parents who joined us - thank you for showing us your best Bollywood dance moves, catching flying pratas and pulling teh tarik. You made this journey a truly lively and memorable one. Follow this link, <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/ACS-International-PSP/457464777685030</u> to view more photos from this event. You'll also find photos from the Back to School Party (14/2/14) and the International Day Fiesta (30/4/14).

We look forward to the next Bonding Session!

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## **New Artificial Turf**

Our new state of the art 4G artificial pitch which replaced the old sand and grass pitch is now well and truly christened. The pitch was built by United Kingdom based rugby firm, Rhino, which has also built many top rugby pitches including the training grounds for London Irish RFC (UK) and Centaurs Rugby Field, Singapore. With a built in shock-pad, the pitch is approved up to FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) and IRB (International Rugby Board) standards. From the pictures, it is clear the improvement from the old sand and grass based pitch is non-comparable.



The pitch was used recently for the Darren Loh Cup fundraiser, a staff : student cricket match, and inter-school football and rugby matches as well as being well used in school PE lessons and during students' break times. It will next be used for our upcoming ACSIS (Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools) fixtures for Rugby, Touch and Football. We hope the new pitch can bring many successes to our sporting teams in the future.

#### **Mid-Autumn Festival**



The Mid-Autumn Festival is one of the most important festivals in China. This year, the Chinese Department organized a snowskin mooncake making workshop for Year 1 and Year 2 Chinese B students, while a group of the Year 5 students went down to Takashimaya Mooncake Fest to sample and find out more about the different types of mooncakes.





Whilst the lower years learnt about the ingredients used for mooncake and gained a hands-on experience rolling out the dough and moulding the mooncake, not to mention tasting the after product, the seniors had a chance to look at the various types of both traditional and modern mooncakes, and how they have changed in favours over the years.

## National Day Outreach by Interact Club



Students in the Interact club and from Year 5 Thoburn participated in helping the under-privileged in our community this month. Together with Holland Village Methodist Church we organized a National Day celebration concert and lunch for over 450 residents from our local community.

The Rotarians also came to

show their support for our club. Most of the performances on that day were a collaboration between our students and the community children.



In the weeks before the celebration we taught the children how to write Chinese and English poems and they shared what they love about Singapore. We also taught them how to paint a portrait of the different races in Singapore and dance the "Gang Cheong style" dance. We also provided the premises for them to learn and practice every Sunday, under our supervision and guidance.



The performance was certainly a success. All the children cherished the chance of performing on stage and they all did a wonderful job. We were also told by the residents that everyone was impressed by the performers and appreciated the entire celebration sincerely.

Yu Lingjie 5CKS

#### **ACStraordinaire Talent Show**







Congratulations to all participants in the recent ACStraordinaire Talent Show hosted by the 10th Student Council. A most entertaining evening which was appreciated by the audience in the Oldham Chapel.

Results were:

1st: Folk
2nd: 5, 6, Serenade
3rd: Grace Chng
Audience Award: EZ Love
CounXil Award: Nicole and Hanbi

### Netball

In recent netball fixtures the U16 netball team hosted a touring team from Darwin, Australia, and the Under 14 teams had a friendly fixture against the Australian International School. The Under 16s had an excellent 10-10 draw against strong opposition. It was a most exciting match to watch with the team displaying excellent through-court defence and determination in attack. A special mention to Aishah Angell for her excellent leadership skills as captain, both on and off the court and to Chloe Letessier at Goal Attack, being the only Year 2 player and youngest player on the team.



The U14 A & B netball teams fixture against the Australian International School was preparation for their upcoming ACSIS league which starts in September. AIS were tough competition with both of our teams losing, but our girls certainly learned a lot from the experience.



## Inter-House Tug-of-War

Congratulations to all competitors who participated in the annual Inter-House 'Tug-of War' competition this week. All rounds were fiercely contested with each house displaying outstanding teamwork and spirit. Thank you to all the supporters who came dressed in their House colours, who helped make the competition such an exciting spectacle.





Well done to GHK House for finishing in 3rd place, LSG 2nd and Tug-of War champions 2014, SVM – size, strength, a plan and team coordination do count!



Congratulations also go to the Staff Tug-of-War team who narrowly beat the students 'Elite' team in a tie-breaker final contest.

## Darren Loh Cup Football Tournament

This is the second year Darren's friends have organised the Darren Loh Cup (DLC) in memory of his life so tragically cut short in May last year. Football was his passion and his friends feel it is the best way to remember him.

On Saturday 16 August, 27 teams competed across three categories: Under-16 (7 teams), Under-19 (10 teams) and Open (10 teams). This was a significant increase on the inaugural DLC. With about 300 people on site, the atmosphere was carnival-like and everyone had a fantastic day.



Darren's parents, David and Angela Loh, were present together with Darren's sisters and brother. Angela had Botak Jones come in and provide a great BBQ lunch for all present. David helped with the medals, trophies, commemorative jersey and (most importantly) 10 tickets for the Singapore vs Juventus match that kicked off at 6pm on the same Saturday.







The DLC committee would also like to thank Mr Reda, the PSP and the school administration for its generosity. They would also like to thank Mr Rajan and the PE department for guiding and ensuring the tournament was a success. The final thank you goes to the participants, without whom there would be no tournament.

Finals Results:

- U16 Bahaya 0 vs Rebels 2
- U19 Team West 1 vs 2G&1C 0
- Open Teachers 1 vs Ikan Kekek 0

Team West & the Teachers retained the titles they won last year. Well done! We're looking forward to a bigger and even better DLC in 2015.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER	EVENTS	University Visit (In School) September / October 2014		
15	<ul> <li>Start of Term 4</li> <li>CCA attendance for Y4 and Y6 is optional</li> <li>Fire Awareness Presentation for all staff at ACS (International)</li> </ul>	US Universities/Colleges (29 Institutions visiting) Tuesday 16 September 11am-12noon Booths in the School Canteen	Some of the participating Universities are: Academy of Art University Foothill & De Anza Colleges Pepperdine University University of San Francisco University of California, Berkeley, Davis, Irvine Bryant University Georgetown University University of Arizona University of Oklahoma	
16	PSP Exco Meeting		12 3	
18	Barrett Music Competition 7pm	and the	Boston University College London Tuesday 16 September 4:15pm	
23	Christian Ministry Serve Appreciation 3pm	R /	Seminar Room	
24	Group 4 Science Project	Northeastern University		
26 - 28	Penang Sports Trip	Thursday 18 September 11am- 12noon	STREET,	
26	Y6 IB Visual Arts Exhibition 5.30pm	Booth in the School Canteen		
		EXETER Forum Alumni Auditorium Library Students Guild Student Services Centre	University of Exeter Friday 19 September 3.15pm Seminar Room	







BENTLEY

**New York University** NYU - Shanghai Booth in the School Canteen



**Providence College** Worcester Poly Institute Thursday October 2

11am-12noon

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All Year 1 to Year 6 Students are invited! If you are interested in attending any of these presentations, please email or sign up with Ms Rita Kaur.

#### **Open House 2014**

We hold our annual showcase of the school on Saturday 4 October. All prospective parents and students are invited to see the school in action. There will be introductory talks by the Principals followed by a tour of the school to see interactive presentations and demonstrations by the different subject faculties. Current school families are encouraged to invite potential families to attend.



ACS (International) is a distinctive international secondary school open to all nationalities (including Singaporeans), 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).

#### We provide:

- Strong academic and outstanding 'value-added' examination results
- Small class sizes with overall student : teacher ratio of 8.7 : 1
- 50 : 50 mix of local and international teachers providing stability plus high quality teaching and pastoral care
- Over 200 formal student leadership opportunities
- A wide range of co-curricular activities
- An internationally focused school programme which also includes 20+ overseas trips per year
- Strong pastoral care by all teachers, specialist counsellors and full time Christian Ministry staff
- Two full and two half scholarships to IB students.

We invite parents and their children to the school's Open House 2014 to meet with our academic staff to discuss the educational opportunities at ACS (International).

# **OPEN HOUSE 2014**

## Saturday 4 October 2014

9.00am Principal's Address

9.30 - 11.30am School tours & presentations by staff & students

## **Oldham Chapel, ACS (International)**

61 Jalan Hitam Manis. (Opp. Holland Village Shopping Centre)





Rob Burrough Principal



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#### What the Parents and Students Say...

Talk to staff, students

"Having witnessed the positive transformation in our younger daughter at ACS (International) we decided this year to also transfer our older daughter in Sec 3 from a top class in an elite and prestigious girl's school to ACS (International). The different teaching methods, the high quality of teaching, the promotion of individual character and personality, and the obvious enjoyment of school at ACS (International) made the transfer most worthwhile.

Vincent and Germaine Leong

"We love the smaller class sizes, the wide array of CCAs and the many approachable, friendly, passionate and dedicated teachers in the school which makes the whole experience a great one for our boys".

Cecilia Chau

'What I find makes this school different from others are the many great teachers who engage with students and make learning fun and effective. ACS (International) is a school beyond compare and I'm proud to be a part of it.'

Benjamin Wong Liang Min - Head Boy

We were looking for a school that would invest in developing our children holistically, plus prepare them for university back in the UK. We certainly found all this and more at ACS (International) – strong academic achievement, sporting success, serving others through community service, student leadership opportunities, and nurturing in their Christian faith - all the while thriving under the tutelage of excellent teachers in the rich and diverse international milieu that ACS (International) provides." Steve and Anna Griffiths