



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Students and Friends

A Top in the World award for IGCSE – again! In nine of the past 10 years, 20 ACS (International) students have gained this award. We congratulate Madeline Choi on her outstanding achievement, just announced, in last November's IGCSE English Literature examination. Best in the World awards are recognition of students' high academic ability and sustained hard work, particularly over the past two years. We also acknowledge the efforts of Madeline's Literature teachers – Mr Michael Hollis and Mrs Michelle Liew – in assisting, guiding and providing high-quality teaching in order to help achieve this result.

Over the past three weeks since the last newsletter, we have also enjoyed Inter-House Photography, Story-Telling, Music, Touch and Basketball competitions; and this week we celebrated the achievements of the top performing students in the Term 2 reports. We have much to be thankful for.

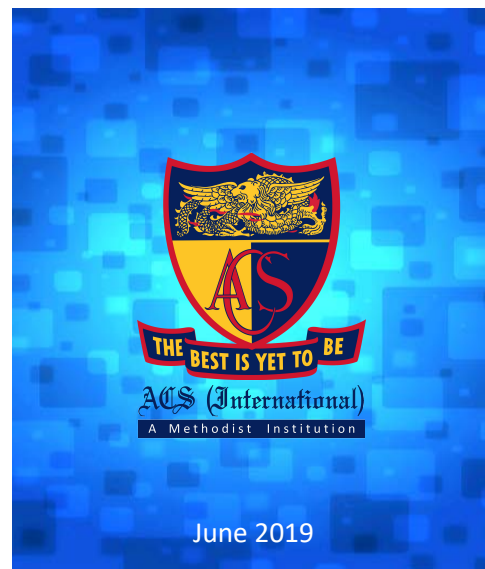
Next term, we begin with Prelim Examinations for Years 4 and 6, and with two Staff Only Days for professional development and a review of our strategic direction.

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, Laos, Vietnam and Malaysia service trips; and the Junior/Middle trip to the USA. 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 during the Term 2 school holiday. With Years 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
Principal



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**DID YOU
KNOW ?**

The largest island
in the Mediterranean sea is Sicily

PSP NEWS

Parents Bonding Session at Fort Canning

On Saturday morning, 4 May, PSP organised a bonding session for 40 parents which started with an award-winning Battlebox tour followed by a sumptuous buffet lunch at The Salon (Hotel Fort Canning).

Parents were given a private guided tour of the former British World War II underground command centre constructed under the Fort Canning Hill which comprises 26 rooms and one service reservoir. Many were intrigued as they learnt of the construction and historical significance of the bomb-proof bunker. They also saw the life-like wax figurines of the allied armed forces who strategised to fight the invasion of the Japanese army on Malaya and Singapore.



Silence filled the room as videos on the invasion and surrender of Singapore and the dark period of Singapore history following the defeat were shown. At the end of the tour, a few lucky parents won a signed print copy of the surrender document of the Japanese army upon answering a simple question.

After the tour, parents proceeded for lunch at the Hotel Fort Canning. Over great food and drinks, parents of different nationalities had a good time chatting with one another – over diverse topics from teenager issues, best restaurant recommendations, tour itineraries to examination stress, etc. New friendships were forged with mobile numbers exchanged between the parents. Many were reluctant to leave and lingered on even after the rain had stopped and lunch was long over.

It was indeed heartening to witness the infectious enthusiasm among these parents and many expressed their desire to attend more bonding sessions in the near future. We look forward to hosting many more successful parent bonding events!

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STAFF NEWS

This week, we bid farewell to two staff. Mrs Sarita Rai, our long serving Hindi teacher, is retiring, and Ms Mae-Lee Gibson in the Art Department leaves for a new role in China.

We thank them both for their service to the school, for their contribution to the wider life of the school and their collaboration with colleagues.

Mr KK Pandey replaces Mrs Rai in Hindi, and Mrs Christine Ang returns to the Art Department.

NOTICES

Mobile Device Policy and No Phones in Assembly/Chapel

With effect from 17 May, the school has stipulated the following rules around the use of mobile phones during the school day:

- Mobile phones may be used in the classroom if approved by the teacher.
- Teachers may request classes to leave their mobile phones in a box or similar at the start of each lesson.
- Teachers have the right to confiscate a mobile phone from a student up to the end of the school day.
- Mobile phones are not to be used in the Sports Hall on Assembly and Chapel days from 7:55am onwards.

Parents and guardians are reminded that in cases of emergency, the General Office can be contacted to ensure that their child/ward is reached quickly and assisted in an appropriate way.

To find out more about the Student Mobile Device policy, please click on the following links:

For students:

<https://acs.fireflycloud.asia/school-policies-and-procedures> [password required]

For parents/guardians:

<https://acsinternational.parents.isams.cloud/api/information/documents/> [password required] or go to the section on "Documents" in the iParent app



Students on School Site

We remind students that they are able to be on the school site between 7:00am and 7:00pm during weekdays, Monday to Friday, only. On weekends, the school is closed to students and other members of the public unless they are attending activities associated with the Holland Village Methodist Church or with the approval and presence of a staff member. We are not able to allow students to use the school facilities unsupervised during the weekends due to our Duty of Care policy.

Medical Certificates and Student Absences

We wish to clarify that students are exempt from providing a medical certificate (MC) for up to **two** medically-related absences per term provided that parents verify these absences by informing the school on the day of each absence.

Term 3 Start Dates

Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 July

Staff Days: All staff to attend faculty CPD training at 8:00am.

Tuesday, 2 July

New Admissions: All new students to report to the Chapel for Welcome and Orientation III at 9:00am.

Years 4 and 6: Prelim examinations begin. No lessons on 1 July.

Wednesday, 3 July

Years 1, 2, 3, 1B, FIB, Pre IB and 5: School begins at 8:00am.

ACS (International) 2020 Calendar

The [proposed calendar for 2020](#) is now published on the school website. Please scroll down to [ACS \(International\) 2020 Calendar](#).

Term 3 Parent-Teacher Meetings

For Year 4 & Year 6

The school is organising a Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) on Wednesday, 31 July, in the Sports Hall from 4:30-8:30pm.

To help current Year 4 parents and students prepare for IBDP, two information sessions will be held in the Oldham Chapel. Families can choose to attend the 4:30–5:30pm or 7:00–8:00pm session, and join the PTMs after or before the session respectively.

For Other Year Groups

The next whole-school PTM will be held on Tuesday, 27 August, in the Sports Hall at the following times: 8:30am-12noon and 1:00-4:00pm.

To help current Year 2 parents and students prepare for IGCSE and with subject selection, we are holding two IGCSE information sessions in the Oldham Chapel. Families can choose to attend the 8:30–9:30am or 1:00–2:00pm session, following which they are free to join the PTM.

Please note that the morning PTM session tends to be busier, so parents with flexibility are advised to attend the afternoon session.

Prelim Examination Dates 2019

The Prelim Examination Schedules are now available for viewing online on the Parent/Student Portals. You may also view the schedules from the links below:

- [Year 4 Prelim Examination Schedule](#)
- [Year 6 Prelim Examination Schedule](#)

Full School Uniform During Examinations and School Revision

Full school uniform must be worn during examinations and at any other time when students come to school for revision.



Direct School Admissions

Prospective students can apply for admission to 2020 classes through our internal admissions tests or based on formal examination results such as PSLE or 'O' Levels taken in 2019.

Direct School Admissions (DSA) applicants for Years 1, 2, 3, Pre IB, FIB and Year 5 can contact the Admissions Department to arrange to sit for English Language and Mathematics entrance tests. All applicants will also undertake an oral interview with a senior staff member. Year 1 applicants who do not pass the DSA process can re-apply for admission using their 2019 PSLE results.

Admissions Tests for Other Schools

Please note that we do not provide supervision for tests for other schools. Students should approach recognised external agencies for this service.

ACS Echo

The May–June 2019 issue has been published. Parents and students may get one copy from the General Office Reception.

Office Holiday Hours

Please note that during the holiday period from 27 May to 28 June, the General Office will be open from 9am to 4pm.

Request for Testimonials/Transcripts

Parents and students are reminded that the school policy for testimonials/transcripts is as follows:

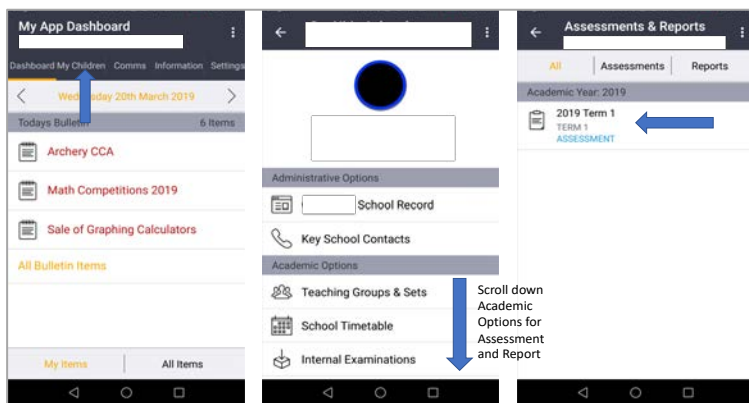
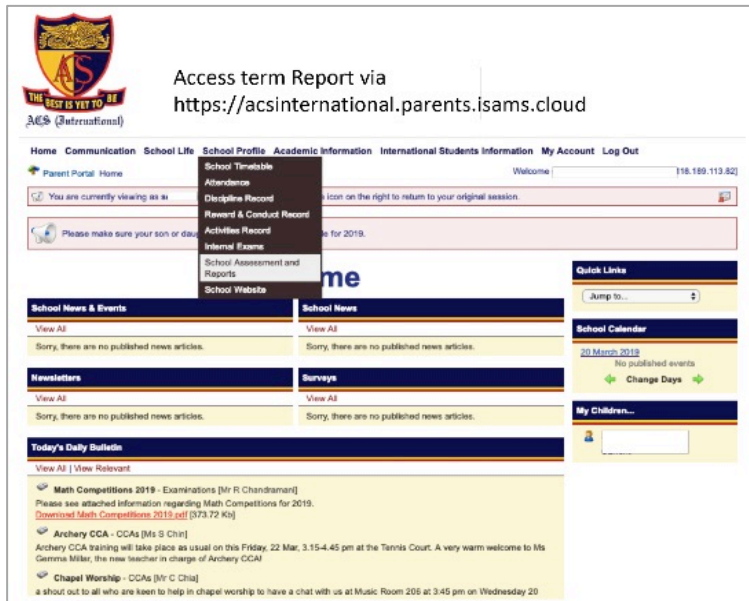
- **Year 6 students** automatically receive a testimonial and a transcript. Students complete their testimonial form and hand it to their Tutor to complete the first draft. They only need to apply for these documents if they are applying to university before year end.
- **Year 4 students** whose parents have informed the school that they are leaving are eligible to apply for a testimonial.
- **Students in other year groups** are not eligible for a testimonial but are able to apply for a school transcript which summarises their report grades at ACS (International) when applying to other schools. The school does not write reports for these schools but only provides the school transcript if they request for a school report.
- **The Academic Secretary**, Ms Manwant Kaur, will process these requests upon receipt of the completed testimonial/transcript application form, which can be downloaded from the website [\(Life At ACS – Forms and Important Information\)](#). Please allow a minimum of 10 working days for the request of any of the two documents.



Term 2 Commendation Awards

On 22 May, the Term 2 Commendation Awards were given out during Assembly and the grades had been published via the Student and Parent Portals.

Accessing Term Reports



Terms 1 to 3 Grading System

Three components, Subject Attainment (SA), Attitude to Learning (AL) and Completion of Work (CW), form the termly grading system.

SA: Subject Attainment

The Subject Attainment grade is an assessment of the student's academic progress in each subject from the beginning of the course to the current date in which the report is prepared for. The grade incorporates all tests and coursework, plus other formal and informal assessments. It also reflects the teacher's professional opinion of the overall grade that the student is likely to gain if they now sit for an examination that covers all the material in the course up to that point of the academic year. Tests and coursework from the particular term are included in the Subject Attainment Grade.

Please note that just like AL and CW, for SA:

X = Unable to assess because of failure to submit work or absence

AL: Attitude to Learning

7 = determined, responsible, self-motivated, proactive
 6 = cooperative, committed, diligent, focused, persistent
 5 = organised, cooperative, reliable, responsive, consistently thorough
 4 = passive, inconsistent, casual, lacks initiative, neutral
 3 = disorganised, unreliable, unproductive, inattentive, reluctant to engage, unreceptive
 2 = uninterested, unresponsive, idle, lacks involvement, no evidence of effort
 1 = uncooperative, irresponsible, unmotivated
 - = Pupil not in set long enough for an assessment to be made
 X = Unable to assess because of failure to submit work or absence

CW: Completion of Work

7 = always complete; submitted before or on the deadline; of consistently the highest quality
 6 = always complete; on time; of good quality
 5 = generally complete; on time; with the occasional inaccuracy
 4 = sometimes incomplete; or sometimes late; careless mistakes
 3 = often incomplete; or often late; evidence of being rushed
 2 = insufficient to complete the course; rarely submitted; little evidence of effort
 1 = almost nothing submitted; or evidence of plagiarism or copying
 - = The pupil has not been in the set long enough to complete any significant amount of work
 X = Unable to assess because of failure to submit work or absence



Congratulations to the following students who received the awards for Principal's List for Effort and Achievement, Distinction for Effort and Achievement, Commendation for Effort and Achievement, and Commendation for Effort:

Principal's List for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YR	HOUSE
1	Lee May Ann Rachel	Y2	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	Moon Eunyeong	Y3	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	Kan Nuoya	Y4	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	Ronak Sanan	Y4	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	Tan Jia Ying Nicolle	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	Soh Jia En	Y6	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	Avi Tripathi	Y6	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	Varalee Chaiphanichapun	Y2	GOH HOOD KENG
9	Saw Yone Shou	Y2	GOH HOOD KENG
10	Shu Xinyi	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
11	Shu Luoandi	Y5	LEE SENG GEE
12	Pongyada Soothipong	Y3	OLDHAM
13	Rohan Arora	Y4	OLDHAM
14	Pham Thao Chi	Y4	OLDHAM
15	Yang Jongwon	FOUNDATION IB	OLDHAM
16	Nanditha Vithanala	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
17	Hou Yunzhi	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
18	Yasmin Ai Lynn Karl Daruwalla	Y4	SHAW VEE MENG
19	Chen Yili	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
20	Noah Ng Yi En	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
21	Gweon Sujin	Y4	TAN CHIN TUAN
22	Tan Yen Pin Sheryl	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
23	Wu Ke	Y6	TAN CHIN TUAN
24	Man Megan	Y5	TAN KAH KEE
25	Aarthy Narainy Ravichandran	Y5	TAN KAH KEE
26	Ren Yiting	Y5	TAN KAH KEE
27	Vera Yong Ying Xuan	Y2	THOBURN
28	Cao Kefei	Y3	THOBURN
29	Fan Shiyl	Y3	THOBURN
30	Min Seoyoung	Y3	THOBURN
31	Shreya Supriyakumar Sakhalakar	Y3	THOBURN
32	Cheng Xirui	Y4	THOBURN
33	Ayushi Lahiry	Y5	THOBURN
34	Chen Xinmiao	Y6	THOBURN
35	Zhang Ruiyang	Y6	THOBURN

Distinction for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YR	HOUSE
1	Ariel Wong Su Ann	Y1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	Natalie Chew Jiaxian	Y4	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	Chang Tun-Min	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	Hannah Kek Yihui	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	Krish Mantoo	Y6	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	Luke Lai Wen Le	Y1	GOH HOOD KENG
7	Summer Yew Min	Y2	GOH HOOD KENG
8	Sin Hau Nam	Y3	GOH HOOD KENG
9	Suramya Sood	Y3	GOH HOOD KENG
10	Fahim Mohammed	Y4	GOH HOOD KENG
11	Daning Dyah Savitri Tjahjowidodo	Y4	GOH HOOD KENG
12	Indah Wahyu Hapsari Tjahjowidodo	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
13	Yang Nayoung	FOUNDATION IB	LEE SENG GEE
14	Ham Jiwon	Y6	LEE SENG GEE
15	Wang Zihao	Y6	LEE SENG GEE
16	Jiang Jinyi	Y4	OLDHAM
17	Lucas Zachary Leong Joe-Yii	Y4	OLDHAM
18	Son Yoona	Y4	OLDHAM
19	Eugene Kiera Tanaputra	FOUNDATION IB	OLDHAM
20	Yuka Nakamura	Y5	OLDHAM
21	Yang Jiwon	Y5	OLDHAM
22	Lee Wonseo	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
23	Kim Yerin	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
24	Tan Cae Lyn	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
25	Zhou Run Kang Patrick	Y3	SHAW VEE MENG
26	Jin Kawaso	Y4	SHAW VEE MENG
27	Manya Nahata	Y4	SHAW VEE MENG
28	Xavier Ng Jan Hao	FOUNDATION IB	SHAW VEE MENG
29	Jade Megan Chan	Y6	SHAW VEE MENG
30	Michael Cheung	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
31	Masuvathi Ramesh Chander Samstheetha	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
32	Zhu Hanqi	Y3	TAN CHIN TUAN
33	Roh Seung Hwan	FOUNDATION IB	TAN CHIN TUAN
34	Nicole Chung Mae Sze	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
35	Daiki Kashiwagi	Y1	TAN KAH KEE
36	Pichaya Chanpongsri	Y2	TAN KAH KEE
37	Loh Kin-Yue Tuesdaye Aerin	Y2	TAN KAH KEE
38	Xu Xinwen	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
39	Yamano Asumi	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
40	Chantel Thora Chesney	Y4	TAN KAH KEE
41	Wei Yu	Y4	TAN KAH KEE
42	Ethelyn Huang Meici	Y2	THOBURN
43	Zheng Jiayi	Y3	THOBURN
44	Jesslyne	FOUNDATION IB	THOBURN



Commendation for Effort and Achievement			
NO.	NAME	YR	HOUSE
1	Kim Minwoo	Y1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	Lim Jun Le Waine	Y2	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	Lim Yi Xing	Y2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	Teo Jie Shi Alarice	Y2	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	Natasha Wong Su Ann	Y2	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	Lee Seungju	PRE IB	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	Kriebisch Emily Elizabeth	Y5	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	Anahita Darayus Bhesania	Y6	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	Aarna Sanjay Singh	Y1	GOH HOOD KENG
10	Asha Bodeslyne Jing Zi Slow	Y1	GOH HOOD KENG
11	Bagas Pambudi Tjahjowidodo	Y2	GOH HOOD KENG
12	Lee Jinsol	Y3	GOH HOOD KENG
13	Rohan Kishore Buxani	Y4	GOH HOOD KENG
14	Charlotte Rebecca Chang	Y4	GOH HOOD KENG
15	Chang Kai-Chin	Y4	GOH HOOD KENG
16	Chia Fui Rupert	Y4	GOH HOOD KENG
17	Kim Seoyun	Y4	GOH HOOD KENG
18	Tawan Ng Wei Ming	Y4	GOH HOOD KENG
19	Xu Kejun	Y4	GOH HOOD KENG
20	Sarah Darmawan	Y6	GOH HOOD KENG
21	Amelia Govier Lynge	Y6	GOH HOOD KENG
22	Oue Linxiao	Y6	GOH HOOD KENG
23	Janet Tedjasasmita	Y6	GOH HOOD KENG
24	William Woong Zhi Wei	Y6	GOH HOOD KENG
25	Kim Minju	1B	LEE SENG GEE
26	Hayleigh Sim Zi Qi	Y2	LEE SENG GEE
27	Zhuang Yachen	PRE IGCSE	LEE SENG GEE
28	Du Yanzhang	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
29	Joschka Flynn Kalisch	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
30	Kwon Ho Sung	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
31	Wang Yanze	Y4	LEE SENG GEE
32	Bhardwaj Adil	Y1	OLDHAM
33	Heo Youngjune	1B	OLDHAM
34	Ma Mingyue	1B	OLDHAM
35	Carler Luke Xavier	Y2	OLDHAM
36	Wakabayashi Tomoki	PRE IGCSE	OLDHAM
37	Emmanuel Quintis Carter	Y3	OLDHAM
38	Duong Hong Hanh	Y5	OLDHAM
39	Hu Zhao-An	Y5	OLDHAM
40	Neo Su Hui Ruth	Y5	OLDHAM
41	Wang Ruiming	Y5	OLDHAM
42	Virawin Hanratanakool	Y6	OLDHAM
43	Lee Hyojun	Y6	OLDHAM
44	Kim Mookwan	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
45	Kim Nakyoung	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
46	Zhou Shaun Run Sheng	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
47	Prisha Chalak	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
48	Tan Jun Lin Elliot	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
49	Jeong Hyeonji	PRE IB	SHAW VEE MENG
50	Lim Kai Jun	Y4	SHAW VEE MENG
51	Wu Yanyu	Y4	SHAW VEE MENG
52	Park Ju-Hyun	Y6	SHAW VEE MENG
53	Elliot Luke Soh Yunjie	Y6	SHAW VEE MENG
54	Park Hyunkyu	1B	TAN CHIN TUAN
55	Shravya Kishor Kacha	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
56	Yang Ruoxi	PRE IGCSE	TAN CHIN TUAN
57	Jeong Soo Hwan	Y3	TAN CHIN TUAN
58	Roy Kawaguchi	Y3	TAN CHIN TUAN
59	Shreyas Ashvin Henry	Y4	TAN CHIN TUAN
60	Ko Bomin	PRE IB	TAN CHIN TUAN
61	Zhou Yichen	Y4	TAN CHIN TUAN
62	Khush Jagdish Daryanani	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
63	Yuki Kashiwagi	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
64	David Leong Kai En	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
65	Potala Boonkitrungsaisam	Y4	TAN KAH KEE
66	Chau Nguyen Khanh Gao	Y4	TAN KAH KEE
67	Abigail Kastono Ahadi	Y4	TAN KAH KEE
68	Lee Eunseo	PRE IB	TAN KAH KEE
69	Jung Arang	Y6	TAN KAH KEE
70	Gao Zihan	PRE IGCSE	THOBURN
71	Airi Narita	Y2	THOBURN
72	Sun Meichen	Y2	THOBURN
73	Dong Renguang	Y3	THOBURN
74	Lee Hyunseok	Y3	THOBURN
75	Sun Lehan	Y3	THOBURN
76	Lee Chaehyeon	FOUNDATION IB	THOBURN
77	Lu Pei Han	Y5	THOBURN
78	Chen Qianye	Y6	THOBURN

Commendation for Effort			
NO.	NAME	YR	HOUSE
1	Abirami D/o Murti	Y1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	Annabella Tiffany Princessa	Y3	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	Ashley See Yao Jun	Y3	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	Yasumi Sakaiide	Y4	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	Yuri Masuda	1B	GOH HOOD KENG
6	Tiffany Belle Lee	Y1	GOH HOOD KENG
7	Sanjita Parashar	Y1	GOH HOOD KENG
8	Claudia Tan En Qi	Y1	GOH HOOD KENG
9	Shi Yutong	Y2	GOH HOOD KENG
10	Kim Jung Eun	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
11	Li Andi	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
12	Wang Xin	Y5	GOH HOOD KENG
13	Alison Marie Coelho	Y2	LEE SENG GEE
14	Kim Chaemin	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
15	Li Jia	Y3	LEE SENG GEE
16	Justin Cheng Ming Hearn	Y4	LEE SENG GEE
17	Chisa Kamei	Y4	LEE SENG GEE
18	Lim Jia Ying	Y5	LEE SENG GEE
19	Seah Yi Ling	Y5	LEE SENG GEE
20	Bu Yifan	Y6	LEE SENG GEE
21	Lam Uyen Van	Y6	LEE SENG GEE
22	Suk Yiji	PRE IB	OLDHAM
23	Fong Cho Yi	Y1	OLDHAM
24	Lee Ada	Y3	OLDHAM
25	Aiko Yokota	Y3	OLDHAM
26	Yulko Yokota	Y3	OLDHAM
27	Benjamin Ong Keng Hwee	Y5	OLDHAM
28	Jason Elliot	Y6	OLDHAM
29	Sim Si Leng	Y6	OLDHAM
30	Roe Sooyeon	1B	SHAW VEE MENG
31	Lee Keondong	PRE IB	SHAW VEE MENG
32	Lea Chong Wern Fang	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
33	Amanda Chua Rui Lin	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
34	Kim Sunbin	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
35	Kristy Ann Lim Shue Wen	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
36	Darnesh Ramu	Y1	SHAW VEE MENG
37	Lai Hong Chang Jayden	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
38	Soong Jae Shien	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
39	Larissa Chan Mei Huen	Y2	SHAW VEE MENG
40	Ng Yeun Ning	Y4	SHAW VEE MENG
41	Renee Ng Lei Ni	Y5	SHAW VEE MENG
42	Ng E Lene	Y6	SHAW VEE MENG
43	Brenda Lee Jing	Y1	TAN CHIN TUAN
44	Ho Myra Meiyen	Y2	TAN CHIN TUAN
45	Rong Yanhan	Y3	TAN CHIN TUAN
46	Wang Yujia	Y3	TAN CHIN TUAN
47	Vivian Hu Xin Hui	Y4	TAN CHIN TUAN
48	Riho Takaki	Y4	TAN CHIN TUAN
49	Tan Weng I	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
50	Choi Madeline Yu-Jin	Y5	TAN CHIN TUAN
51	Chang Jen Ying Jade	Y6	TAN CHIN TUAN
52	Louis Davin Lie	Y6	TAN CHIN TUAN
53	Wang Zhuoyu	Y6	TAN CHIN TUAN
54	Briandley Ang	FOUNDATION IB	TAN KAH KEE
55	Eloise Laetitia Laksmo	Y1	TAN KAH KEE
56	Zefanya Loretta Sarianna Sianipar	Y1	TAN KAH KEE
57	Yoon Yeo Eun	Y3	TAN KAH KEE
58	Cheng Yingfei	Y4	TAN KAH KEE
59	Aidan-Mier Singh Grewal	Y4	TAN KAH KEE
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65	Elizabeth Skylar Loo Sze-E	Y5	THOBURN
66	Priyanka Kaur Bajaj	Y6	THOBURN
67	Chen Xingyu	Y6	THOBURN
68	Cheng Hanqi	Y6	THOBURN
69	Sunny Singh	Y6	THOBURN



June Holiday Tuition

The following extra classes will operate during the May/June holidays for IBDP and IGCSE classes.

The Arts Faculty

Year 4 IGCSE Art

Teacher: Mr Peter Talbot

The Art room will be open from Monday to Wednesday, 27–29 May, 9:00am–5:00pm and 24–26 June, 10:00am–4:00pm, for students to come in and finish their coursework.

Year 6 IB Visual Arts

Teacher: Mdm Chang Hung Tho

The students' studio space is open from Monday to Friday, 27 May to 28 June, 9:00am–3:00pm, for students to work on their artwork when the Art technician is on duty (unless otherwise specified but students will be informed via email).

Visual Arts

Teacher: Mdm Chang Hung Tho

For consultation, students (including Year 3 IGCSE and Year 6 IB Visual Arts) are to make prior appointments via email. The Art Department will be closed from 5 to 7 June.

Year 4 Music

Teacher: Ms Arleen Teo

Revision classes on Tuesday, 28 May, 10:30am–12:30pm and on Friday, 28 June, 12:30–2:30pm in MS203 or MS201.

Humanities Faculty

Year 4 History

Venue: SB303

Date	Time	Content
24 June (Mon)	10:00am–12:00nn 1:30–2:30pm	Paper 1 and Paper 4 Mock Exam
25 June (Tue)	10:00am–12:00nn	Paper 2 Mock Exam
28 June (Fri)	10:00am–12:30pm	Review of Exam Papers

Year 4 Business Studies

Venue: NB305

Revision

Date	Time
20 June (Thu)	10:00am–1:00pm
21 June (Fri)	10:00am–1:00pm

Year 4 and Year 6 Economics

Venue: NB106

Consultation

Date	Time
26 June (Wed)	10:00am–1:00pm
27 June (Thu)	10:00am–1:00pm

Year 4 Geography (for any student from the three groups)

Venue: OB4-4

Date	Time
28 June (Fri)	9:00am–12:00nn

Mathematics Faculty

Year 4

Consultation

Subject	Teacher	Venue	Date	Time
AM	Mrs Lim Lay Pian	OB308	24 June (Mon)	8:00am–12:00nn
AM	Ms Sandra Sng	OB406	26 June (Wed)	9:00am–12:00nn
AM/EM	Mr T.V. Giribabu	OB407	26 June (Wed)	9:30am–11:00am
AM	Ms Jasmine Teo	OB3-4	27 June (Thu)	10:00am–12:00nn
AM	Ms Jasmine Teo	OB3-4	28 June (Fri)	10:00am–12:00nn
EM (for 4Ma1, 4Ma5)	Mrs Wee Teck Hoon	OB303	27 June (Thu)	9:00am–12:00nn
EM (for 4Ma1, 4Ma5)	Mrs Wee Teck Hoon	OB303	28 June (Fri)	9:00am–12:00nn
IM	Mr Charles Lee	OB405	27 June (Thu)	8:00–9:30am
IM	Mr Charles Lee	OB405	28 June (Fri)	8:00–9:30am

Year 6

Consultation

Subject	Teacher	Venue	Date	Time
MSSL	Mrs Lim Lay Pian	OB308	24 June (Mon)	8:00am–12:00nn
SL	Ms Sandra Sng	OB406	27 June (Thu)	9:00am–12:00nn
SL	Mr Charles Lee	OB405	27 June (Thu)	9:30–11:00am
SL	Mr Charles Lee	OB405	28 June (Fri)	9:30–11:00am
HL	Mr T.V. Giribabu	OB407	24 June (Mon)	9:00am–12:00nn
HL	Mr T.V. Giribabu	OB407	25 June (Tue)	9:00am–12:00nn
HL	Mr T.V. Giribabu	OB407	26 June (Wed)	8:00am–9:30am
HL	Ms Jasmine Teo	OB3-4	27 June (Thu)	1:00pm–3:00pm
HL	Ms Jasmine Teo	OB3-4	28 June (Fri)	1:00pm–3:00pm
HL	Mr Raghuraman Chandramani	OB3-5	27 June (Thu)	9:00am–12:00nn
HL	Mr Raghuraman Chandramani	OB3-5	28 June (Fri)	9:00am–12:00nn



Science Faculty

Year 4

Subject	Teacher	Venue	Target Group	Date	Time	Suggested Work
Biology	Miss Patricia Soh	Bi 101	4Bi1	17 June (Mon)	9:00am–12:00nn	Revision of past chapters from Year 3/general consultation
Chemistry	Mdm Susan Ong	Ch101	4Ch1 and 4Ch4	26 June (Wed)	9:00am–12:00nn	General consultation (any questions from revision)
Chemistry	Ms Hilda Toh	Ch106	4Ch2 and 4Ch5	26 June (Wed)	9:00am–12:00nn	General consultation
Chemistry	Mrs Phua Mui Kiam	Ch103	4Ch3 and 4Ch6	26 June (Wed)	9:00am–12:00nn	General consultation

Year 6

Subject	Teacher	Venue	Target Group	Date	Time	Suggested Work
Biology	Miss Patricia Soh	Bi 101	6BiSL1	20 June (Thu)	9:00am–12:00nn	Revision of past chapters/general consultation/revision on mindmaps
Biology	Miss Patricia Soh	Bi 101	6BiSL1	21 June (Fri)	9:00am–12:00nn	Revision of past chapters/general consultation/revision on mindmaps
Chemistry	Miss Kom K	Ch104	6ChHL4	28 May (Tue)	9:00am–12:00nn	Revision of past chapters/general consultation
Chemistry	Ms Ng Sho Ching	Ch104	6ChHL	27 June (Thu)	9:00am–12:00nn	Go through past prelim papers/general consultation
Chemistry	Ms Ng Sho Ching	Ch104	6ChSL	28 June (Fri)	9:00am–12:00nn	Go through past prelim papers/general consultation
Chemistry	Ms Cheryl Seah	CH102	6ChHL1, 6ChHL3	28 June (Fri)	9:00am–12:30pm	Revision of Y5 chapters/consultation
Chemistry	Mdm Josephine Teo	Ch103	6ChSL	28 June (Fri)	10:00am–12:00nn	Consultation

Languages Faculty

Year 4 Chinese

Teacher: Ms Jasmine Lee Class: 4CE1 Venue: LB403

Date	Time
27 May (Mon)	8:00–10:00am, 11:00am–12:30pm
29 May (Wed)	8:00–10:00am, 11:00am–1:00pm
30 May (Thu)	8:00–10:00am, 11:00am–1:00pm

Teacher: Ms Penelope Ng Class: 4CE2 Venue: LB408

Date	Time
27 May (Mon)	8:00–10:00am, 11:00am–12:30pm
29 May (Wed)	8:00–10:00am, 11:00am–1:00pm
31 May (Fri)	8:00–10:00am, 11:00am–1:00pm

Teacher: Mr Song Jin Tian Class: 4CE3 Venue: LB401

Date	Time
27 May (Mon)	9:00–11:00am, 12:00nn–1:30pm
29 May (Wed)	9:00–11:00am, 12:00nn–1:30pm
30 May (Thu)	9:00–11:00am, 12:00nn–1:30pm

Year 4 Spanish

Teacher: Mr Olger Portilla Class: 4SL1 Venue: NB301

Date	Time
24 June (Mon)	10:00–11:30am

Year 4 Hindi

Teacher: Mr KK Pandey Class: 4HL1 Venue: LB601

Date	Time
14 June (Fri)	10:00am–12:00nn



STUDENT SUCCESSES

IGCSE – Top in the World!

Congratulations to Madeline Choi on attaining the Best in the World grade for English Literature in last year's Cambridge IGCSE Examination.

Madeline was presented with her certificate from Cambridge International Assessments along with a cheque of \$200 from the PSP at Assembly on 8 May. She is also a talented athlete and is our Deputy Head Prefect in Charge of the Ambassadors this year. ACS (International) students have achieved 20 Top in the World awards in nine of the past 10 years.



Madeline Choi and her proud parents

Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad 2019

Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO) caters to the top 40% of the student population and it aims to arouse students' interest in mathematical problem-solving, and to develop mathematical intuition, reasoning, logical, creative and critical thinking. SASMO is devoted and dedicated to bringing a love for Mathematics to the students in secondary schools. The top 40% of the participants will receive an award certificate and a medal (gold for the top 8%, silver for the next 12% and bronze for the next 20%). On 3 April, 77 students (Years 1 to 4) from ACS (International) took part in SASMO 2019.

Results of Our School				
Category/Year	2016	2017	2018	2019
Gold award	1	5	3	7
Silver award	3	4	7	20
Bronze award	6	7	10	19

List of our medal winners

Name	Grade	Award
Zhang Qingyang	Grade 07	Gold
Luke Lai Wen Le	Grade 07	Gold
Ethelyn Huang Meici	Grade 08	Gold
Tomoki Wakabayashi	Grade 08	Gold
Yerin Kim	Grade 09	Gold
Chia Fui Rupert	Grade 10	Gold
Justin Cheng Ming Hearn	Grade 10	Gold
Ma Mingyue	Grade 07	Silver
Kim Minwoo	Grade 07	Silver
Daiki Kashiwagi	Grade 07	Silver
Jo Woonhyeong	Grade 08	Silver
Gao Zihan	Grade 08	Silver
Feng Zhenting	Grade 08	Silver
Moon Eunyeong	Grade 09	Silver
Rong Yan Han	Grade 09	Silver
Eunice (Jinsol Lee)	Grade 09	Silver
Xu Xinwen	Grade 09	Silver
Qian Yuting	Grade 09	Silver
Hong Seokjoon	Grade 10	Silver
Lee Chaehyeon	Grade 10	Silver
Cheng Xirui	Grade 10	Silver
Le Quoc Thai	Grade 10	Silver
Yoona Son	Grade 10	Silver
Wei Yu	Grade 10	Silver
Kan Nuoya	Grade 10	Silver
Ronak Sanan	Grade 10	Silver
Xu Kejun	Grade 10	Silver
Lee Adel	Grade 07	Bronze
Naoki Wakabayashi	Grade 08	Bronze
Justin Matthew Tunaldi	Grade 08	Bronze
Lee Seohyeon	Grade 08	Bronze
Kim Myoung Jae	Grade 08	Bronze
Teo Jie Shi Alarice	Grade 08	Bronze
Zhuang Yachen	Grade 08	Bronze
Jang Jihye	Grade 09	Bronze
Lee You Min	Grade 09	Bronze
Hanqi Zhu	Grade 09	Bronze
Seoyoung Min	Grade 09	Bronze
Shu Xinyi	Grade 09	Bronze



“SHE IS MORE” Youth Art Competition

Ashley Ong Wei Qi (5 TKK) came in third among more than 300 entries from over 20 countries for the 14-18 age category of the “SHE IS MORE” Youth Art Competition in April.



Organised by IIX Foundation of which its mission is to build a more inclusive world, the event has brought about an awareness and celebration of the value of women through art.



The artworks were judged based on creativity, presentation, technique, and the strength of each artist’s message. Ashley received her prize from the organisers at the Opening Night Celebration and Award Ceremony on 9 May at the Sundaram Tagore Gallery.

Three other young aspiring artists from ACS (International) were also among those whose artworks were selected for exhibition. They were Ryoko Fujii (6 LSG), Celine Angelia (4 Oldham) and Kim Minju (1 LSG).

Congratulations to our four representatives and for their strong voice and expression on the theme.



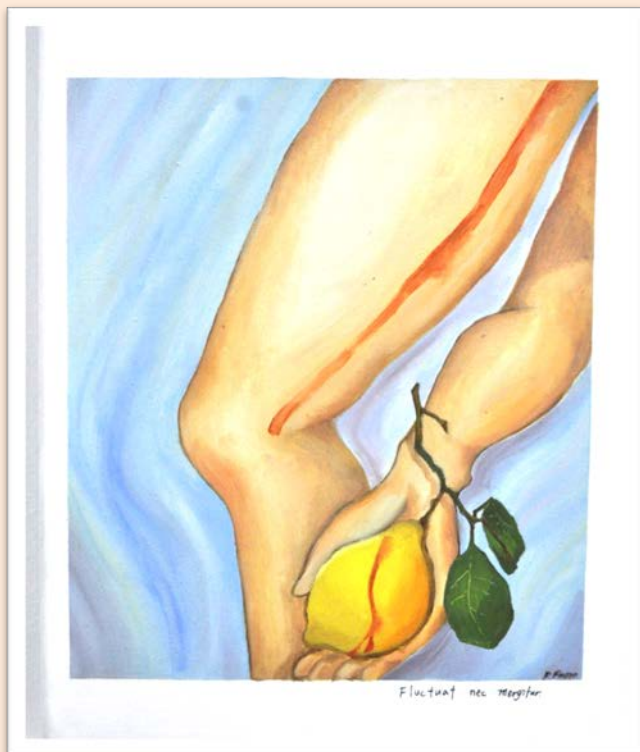
"While drawing this piece, I learnt more about myself and my passion and it helped me to put my feelings onto paper."

Name of Youth	Ashley Ong
Age	16
Title of Artwork	Freedom in Bloom

Artwork Description

My artwork depicts a girl in an ethereal space where there are flowers growing out of her hair and she's surrounded by vibrant bubbles. I wanted to show a woman in an ideal space where she has no boundaries or limits placed on her and she is able to blossom and reach her full potential, and just be herself. The bubbles mean a lot to me as I keep colours close to my heart. I see the bubbles as my creativity and ideas being able to be set free and put into action, these bubbles are everywhere because I simply have too many ideas. The girl I drew looks confident and fierce and I wanted to show that she does not have anything holding her back. Freedom means a lot to me. I know it sounds cliché, but I often find myself being jealous of the birds flying freely in the sky, hence the pastel blue background to represent the sky. I hope to be free like her.



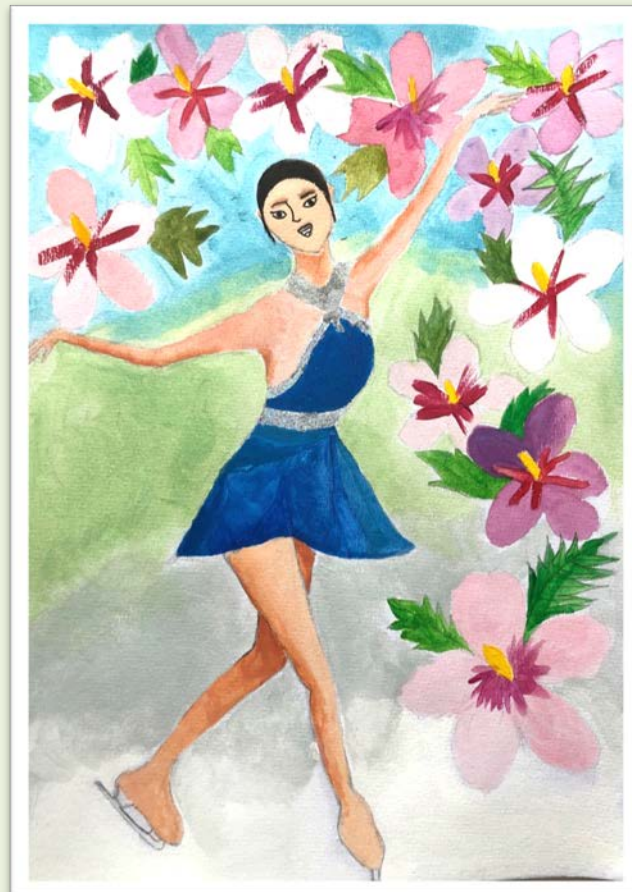


Name of Youth	Ryoko Fujii
Age	18
Title of Artwork	Woman of the Twentieth Century

Artwork Description

I believe in the power women have; the power we have to 'embrace'. Embrace life's waves and currents of hardships, challenges and intrinsic struggles alike. Even when we feel distorted, disoriented, detached and confused, we must not be discouraged, disappointed or despair, for we are born with the toughness to embrace.

I believe in this toughness that unites all women, this toughness that will take us beyond any boundaries, this toughness that allows us to love.

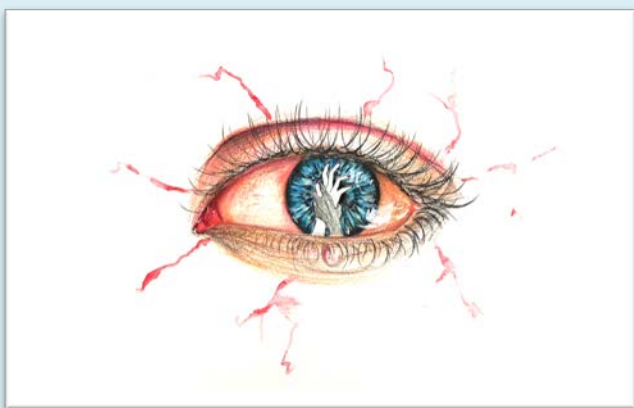


Name of Youth	Kim Minju
Age	12
Title of Artwork	Queen Yuna

Artwork Description

I admired the determination and endeavour of Yuna Kim. Yuna Kim born in September 1990 is the South Korean Olympic figure skater, a.k.a. "Queen Yuna". The two-time Olympic Medallist set a new world point record when she won gold at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. Her victory was not just a gold medal, but "a world historic event" because it was the first South Korea's Olympic medal of the figure skating. She fascinated the world with the perfect performance. She is an inspiration to the younger generation in the world as well as to figure skaters.





Name of Youth	Celine Angelia
Age	16
Title of Artwork	She

Artwork Description

The two hands inside the iris represent the torments of society which engulfed her, dragging her away from the endless possibilities and even the unknown. It restricts her from creating her own world as it drags her to the very edge of its soul. The veins around her eyes reveal how the opinions of the society have affected her mindset, this also contrasted with the tear that was forming as she struggles to challenge the world with a new mindset – the possibilities of women's capability are beyond the mindset of the society. Despite the insecurities, she perseveres to pursue her dreams against the prejudice of society. She is able to fight against the odds and turns her pain into something truly magnificent and powerful. She fights for her freedom.

Year 4 Student a First Prize Winner of London Grand Prize Virtuoso

Besides being the Cello Section Leader of the ACS (International) School Orchestra, Lenard Oh (4 SVM) is also an avid chamber musician and has been a member of The Forte Quartet since 2016. Not only has the Quartet excelled in local competitions, they have also performed in the UK and Hungary. Most recently, they were chosen as a FIRST PRIZE Winner in the 2019 London "Grand Prize Virtuoso" International Music Competition.



As a first prize winner, the Quartet were invited to debut at the Royal Albert Hall in London on 16 April and they each received a medal and a diploma. For the performance, the Forte Quartet chose to play J. Haydn's String Quartet Op. 33 No. 2 in E flat major.

Incidentally, Lenard was also the winner for the String and Woodwinds category as well as the Overall Champion at the 2017 ACS (International) Barrett Music Competition. Lenard is currently pursuing Trinity College London ATCL Performance Diploma for Cello.

We wish Lenard continued success in his music pursuits.

Ex-Head Girl Clinched Third Prize in Environment Care Competition



Julie Park (6 SVM), our ex-Head Girl, took part in the nationwide Green Wave Environmental Care Competition last year and clinched third prize overall in the Junior College/ITE category. She also won "Good Presenter Award". Julie received her awards at the ceremony on 22 May from Dr Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education.

Congratulations to Julie on her wins and for advocating greener habits.



Inter-House Competitions

A few Inter-House competitions took place in April/May:

Basketball

Results of the competition held on 30 April were as follows:

1 st	SVM
2 nd	TCT
3 rd	TKK
4 th	THO
5 th	CKS
6 th	LSG
7 th	GHK
8 th	OLD

Touch

Results of the competition held on 30 April were as follows:

1 st	CKS
2 nd	THO
3 rd	LSG
4 th	OLD, SVM & TCT
7 th	TKK & GHK

Story-Telling

Each House submitted one story per division by 22 April and judging took place in the first week of May. The results announced on 15 May were as follows:

	Junior	Middle	Senior	Total Score	Overall
OLD	2	3	5	10	1
THO	1	7	2	10	1
CKS	4	7	1	12	3
GHK	4	5	3	12	3
TCT	7	2	4	13	5
SVM	6	1	7	14	6
TKK	3	4	8	15	7
LSG	8	6	6	20	8

Photography

Five students per division from each House submitted their entries which were displayed in the Library from 23 to 30 April. On judging days 2 and 3 May, the results were as follows:

	Junior	Middle	Senior	Total Score	Overall
CKS	1	1	2	4	1
GHK	3	5	1	9	2
OLD	2	5	4	11	3
THO	5	1	5	11	3
TCT	4	7	3	14	5
TKK	6	3	7	16	6
LSG	7	4	6	17	7
SVM	8	8	8	24	8



Inter-House Music Festival 2019

Up to 20 representatives from each House did their recordings over two days, 9 and 10 May. The judging panel, comprising Ms Samantha Chong, Mr Sebastian Ho and Mr Dylan Foster, were impressed with the renditions and the talents of our students.

Here's some comments from the judges:

"...enjoyed watching the students perform their masterpieces. The students exhibited talents and tenacity."

- Samantha Chong

"Everyone displayed great team spirit and [...] good showmanship."

- Dylan Foster

"Love the vocal harmony arrangement. Beautiful!"

- Sebastian Ho

Our heartiest congratulations to all the students involved in this festival.

The results were as follows:

1 st	CKS	6 th	SVM
2 nd	OLD	7 th	TKK
3 rd	THO	8 th	LSG
4 th	GHK and TCT		



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Thoburn House's Visit to The Food Bank Singapore

Despite Term 2 being an incredibly busy and stressful term, the compassionate students of Thoburn House took time off their busy schedules on 11 May. 20 students from Years 1 to 6 showed up at 10am on a rainy Saturday morning at Tanjong Pagar Distripark, working together with The Food Bank Singapore at their warehouse to pack food for families in need.



The students were tasked with selecting the correct weights and quantities from a large inventory of donated food items, helping to sort out rice packs and other necessities for two families. It was moving to see the young students volunteer and take time off in order to give back to the community. Hopefully, this experience will inspire them to continue volunteering and giving back.



The House also donated \$1,000 raised from selling Thoburn drawstring bags to the IIX Foundation, which supports female empowerment by addressing gender inequality and injustice in the world, in order to achieve a peaceful and sustainable future.

Eriel Pang, 6 Thoburn

Pizza-Making Workshop at PastaMania

On 15 May, the Cookery Club embarked on a visit to PastaMania on the SMU campus, to partake in a pizza-making workshop. The visit helped to develop and enhance our background in creating one of the favourite culinary classics of the Italian and global cuisine.

Soon after arrival at the Li Ka Shing Library, we were warmly



welcomed by our hosts and instructors, who guided us through the bustling student hub to the kitchens within the restaurant. The workshop began with a presentation on the history of the PastaMania brand and the history of pizza itself, followed by a walkthrough of the sourcing of ingredients, and finally, a hands-on demonstration on how to make a pizza. With the acquired knowledge and ingredients to create a pizza, we swiftly took to the tasks, first kneading the dough into the desired shape, which ranged from circles to squares and even hearts, and then applying an array of various toppings, such as the classic tomato sauce and cheese, to the more conventional, namely, pineapples and ham (our effort to take the Hawaiian route).

Once we transferred the pizzas into the ovens, the arduously long 3 to 5 minutes ticked away as we waited hungrily for the pizzas to be baked. At long last, the pizzas were ready, and we munched away, well satisfied with the warm smell that wafted into our nose, and the rich taste on our tongue that was well complimented by a touch of chili and a cold drink.



Overall, the entire experience was very enriching and truly a valuable lesson on how to create, cultivate and perfect a dietary staple of a culinary favourite across the world (that all of us have learned from). We specially thank the coordinator and teacher-in-charge of the event, Mrs Lim Lay Pian, and our instructors from PastaMania, for this delightful opportunity.

Fahim Mohammed, 4 GHK



Geography Trips in Term 2

Where weather and whole-school activities allow, Geography teachers would squeeze in quick trips for the students to interact with the physical and human environments.

Year 4s were at the Botanic Gardens or Holland Village to understand the challenges of conducting successful visitor surveys. They picked up best practices on how to approach strangers for their responses, did not feel upset by rejections and felt the elation at meeting survey quotas. Students then considered the best graphs to present their results and reflected on how future surveys could be improved on.



Teachers-in-charge: Mr Chia Choong Kiat & Ms Ho Chia Yue

Class 2V tried out a route along Berlayer Creek to view river and coastal processes. They were surprised by the visible turquoise halocline caused by the incoming tide; noted how the prop roots of mangrove trees could be nurseries for aquatic animals and traps of sediments, while observing the tree tops had many squirrels and insects. They also experienced how being on the boardwalk does not erode the banks, and saw how natural looking the rip raps which are used for coastal protection were.



Teachers-in-charge: Mr Chia Choong Kiat & Ms Ho Chia Yue

As an introduction to the study on Urban Environments, **class 5Ge1** visited the interactive URA Gallery. Geographical Information Systems technology allows us to view how the different stakeholders continuously compete for space in land-scarce Singapore. The miniature buildings allow a visually-impactful understanding of the characteristics of the Central Business District and will be helpful when we consider Urban Heat Island effects.





Year 1 Integrated Humanities Trip to Telok Ayer Street

Weather permitted four of the Year 1 classes to take a short walk along and be driven past places of worship to reflect on “Why it is important to learn about the religions in Singapore?” as part of National Education. Students viewed how local and imported cultures influenced the architecture, how important religious practices were to the early immigrants and how the proximity of these locations indicated religious tolerance among them. They were also amazed to see the narrow frontage of the conserved ACS House where the Methodist missionaries taught the first groups of boys.



Teacher-in-charge: Ms Ho Chia Yue

Teachers-in-charge: Mr Chang Weng Moon, Ms Clare Wee,
Ms Michelle Low & Ms Ho Chia Yue



Interact Club May Service Projects

Home Visits

Under the leadership of the new Year 5 EXCO, our Interact Club students continued our monthly home visits on 10 May to the needy families with much enthusiasm.



Going to the local grocery store to buy the much-needed groceries for our three needy families, we then sorted out the supplies in the Student Centre to make sure every family got what they needed.

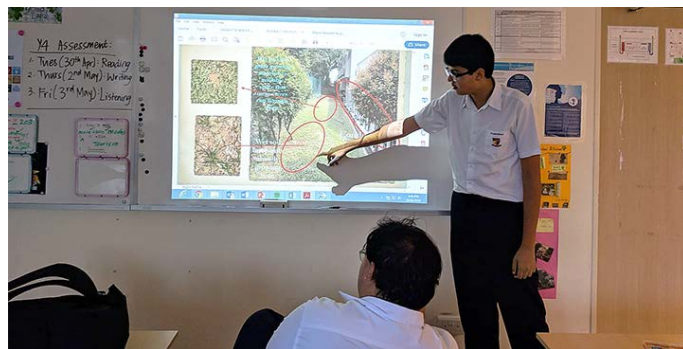


Mr Tan, Mr Jaya and Ms Julia were very happy to see our familiar faces once again! Our students relished the opportunity to befriend our families and learnt more about their stories.

A huge thank you to Dr Achter for joining us in our visit to Mr Tan's home!

Rainforest Restoration Project with UWCSEA

To continue our collaboration with United World College South East Asia (UWCSEA) on the Rainforest Restoration Project, our group of enthusiastic green warriors went about our school campus in the month of May to identify suitable pockets to plant some trees.



Our students then presented their findings to the rest of the Interact Club on 17 May. Like-minded eco enthusiasts promptly signed up to be a part of the project.

Come Term 3, we would be inviting the students from UWCSEA to our school to guide us in tree-planting to beautify our campus. We're very excited about this green collaboration!

Zero Waste Campaign

As part of our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, our Interact Club students have come up with a series of wonderful eco ideas that can be carried out across the school.



Building on the workshop and advice provided by Mr Remi Cesaro, our Zero Waste Consultant, our students got together in small groups, brainstormed for ideas, and gave a lovely presentation of their proposals. These zero waste ideas would be carried out in Term 3 upon approval from our school management.

So stay tuned everyone! Join us in our quest to turn our school into a zero waste campus!

Interact Club Student EXCO Committee



Trip to Kukup, Johor

On 4 and 5 May, nine Malay Language students and four international students made a trip to Kukup, Johor, to assimilate ourselves into typical rural/suburban Malaysian lifestyle, and be able to use the language we have learned thus far with the locals there.



When we first arrived, we went into the village or “kampung”, as most would call it, and snooped around to visit the small and various shops. We conversed in Malay and learned new words that we students would never need to use in Singapore, like “kedai runcit” because we wouldn’t have any reason but to call any shop a sundry shop.



The itinerary was simple, which was why it was so great. As soon as we got there, we were taken on a boat ride to the chalet on stilts above the waters, where we would be staying. Without much waiting at all, we were brought on foot to a seafood restaurant closer to the mainland, where we had typical Malaysian Chinese “Tze-Char” food, such as steamed chilli fish that was caught locally, stir-fried *bak choy*, Assam prawns, etc. As a Malaysian, this meal refreshed my memory of the amazing meals I have had with my family, and brought back many nostalgic memories.



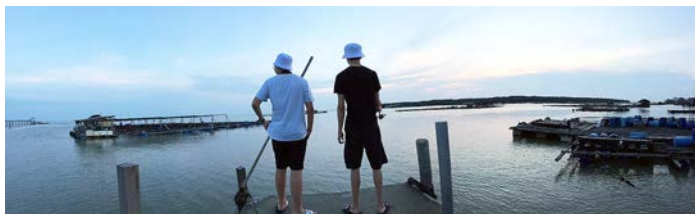
After our meal, we went back to the chalet for our long-awaited rest from the tiredness of the bus journey, as well as from the sweltering heat. We then proceeded to the paintball activity, which was really enjoyable for everyone because the teams were split into three “equal” groups so the games were closely matched. Not having done paintball before, it was quite an experience for me because prior to this, I didn’t know much about fighting besides the video games I used to play, so this whole event was super exciting and exhilarating.



When we all reached the chalet and had washed up, we had a lot of free time to explore the area or rest in the air-conditioned rooms, which was probably the highlight of this trip because it really was like a holiday and we got to interact with locals and really enjoyed the relaxedness of Malaysian country-esque life. What’s more, the chalet had a pool table, dart machine, ping pong table, and best of all, a jetty that extended from our chalet out to the deeper sea.



Later in the evening, some of my friends and I rented a fishing rod (for a remarkably cheap price, if I may add), and we went fishing at the end of the jetty, while watching the sun set and listening to old songs.



For dinner, we were treated to a satay party. Satay is a Malay dish that consists of skewered meat that is barbecued over a charcoal grill. The next day, we were brought to a different Tze-Char restaurant for lunch, which was equally as good as, or possibly even better than the previous day's food, consisting of butter-fried prawns, steamed local fish, chilli crab, beancurd and a stir-fried vegetable dish. It was really heavenly.



Again, as a Malaysian who's quite skeptical about a school trip to Malaysia, my home country, only because I thought I knew all there was to know about it, I feel I learned a lot about the rural/suburban part of my country, and people who live there. In my honest opinion, this trip was very beneficial to all who went on it because besides learning about the people there, everyone had a great time.

Jakob Yoong, 5 CKS

Student Reflections

I quite enjoyed my trip to Malaysia although the waiting time at the Immigration Checkpoint was quite long, but the rest of the trip made up for it. The house we stayed in was very nice although sleeping with the students was noisy and someone turned the air-con temperature down, so we woke up freezing. The paintball game was very fun, the food was delicious, and the fireworks were amazing. I really liked the satay and I had fun chatting with the other students. I would go to Kukup again.

Max Elliot, 1 GHK

On our trip to Kukup, Pontian, Johor, I had so much fun with my friends and I also made other friends. We bought some musical shells in a shop and played with them. Even though I can't eat much of the food due to my allergies, the teachers helped customise my meals and I enjoyed the meals that were served to us. When we were playing paintball, I was so happy even though I was shot a couple of times but I got to shoot my opponents too. I would like to thank the teachers who planned this trip because they did their best in helping us have fun!

Isaac Tetsusei Dewanto, 1 TCT

I felt that the trip was wholesome and a great memory worth keeping. It was my first overseas trip without my parents so I had no idea how things would turn out. But now I have found new friends not just from my level but from the upper levels too. I made new friends, memories and feelings towards Malaysia – thanks to the trip. I would definitely want to go with the same group of people again if given the chance. A big thanks to the school and teachers for organising this great trip. I would recommend this trip to others if I get the chance. The trip is a great way of introducing Malay cultures and bonding of different levels of students. What I felt could be improved of the trip is the entire duration. One night may not be enough as I had so much fun. Maybe next time the trip could take place in Brunei or somewhere further in the Malay Archipelago.

Nuh, 1 GHK

As a Malay Ab Initio student, the Malaysia trip was really fun and educational. We had great food and overall a good time. Definitely would recommend this to others!

Jacob Roy, 5 CKS

The trip was overall very memorable for me. I got to utilise the skills and vocabulary I learnt in Malay lessons. If there's another opportunity in the future, I would definitely go back there again.

Lee Kai Shun, 5 TCT

Despite being a Malaysian, Kukup is somewhere I've never been before but the relaxed atmosphere and lifestyle had made the trip so enjoyable. Aside from learning so much about the culture, I also made new friends – the trip was truly a fantastic experience to say the least!

Lim Jia Ying, 5 LSG



HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Personal Statement/Essay Writing Workshop for Year 6

During the week of 13 May, Year 6 students from two Houses attended a workshop each day to find out about important tips on personal statement and essay writing. They were surprised with the actual amount of preparation required for their upcoming personal statement and essay to universities worldwide. Personal statements are required by most universities as part of the undergraduate application process while essays are mostly required by universities in the United States.

Mrs Rita Kaur, the Head of Higher Education and Careers, has been running these workshops for the past years to help the graduating students with one of the most important part of their overall applications. This year, Mr Nicholas Chia and Mrs Nelly Stoilova assisted by taking charge of different groups and analysing the personal statements and essays. This was done in smaller groups so that they would be able to point out exactly what was missing or outstanding in the samples provided.

Overall, students are given tips on what to include, books/journals to read and on what should be included in their personal statement and essay. Examples are given so that students can better understand the whole process of writing for their applications.

This workshop is also seen as a prelude to the Application Guide 2019 for Year 6, parents and guardians, which will be held on 13 July where information on applications to the popular universities/countries will be provided. A step-by-step guide booklet will also presented to students during the July session. Parents are always very excited about this event as they will have first-hand information on the deadlines, application format, etc. Many students who attended this workshop found it to be very helpful as it has given them the required background to write their own personal statement and essay. The good news is that the Year 6 cohort have started thinking seriously about their university applications.



SPORTS NEWS

Year 2 Student Won Silver Medal at Synchronised Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Synchronised Swimmer Jae Shien Soong (2 SVM) who achieved a silver medal for Open Senior Category at the recent 10th SSA National Schools Artistic Swimming Championships 2019. Jae Shien is a talented athlete who has been working incredibly hard since joining ACS (International). She has registered her synchronised and artistic swimming commitments as an External CCA but still finds time to be active with school and House activities, and to balance her academics. Well done Jae Shien, we wish you greater success in the future.



Year 3 Student's 2019 Achievements in Ice Hockey

Congratulations to Joshua Chan (3 Thoburn) for his outstanding achievements in Ice Hockey which he has registered as his external sports CCA. Below is just a summary of Joshua's achievements this year:

- Assistant Captain for the Singapore Youth National Team despite being the youngest on the team. The team achieved a silver medal in the Youth South East Asian Games. Joshua contributed heavily on the ice with goals but also led the team in prayer before each game. The team was presented the Meritorious Award at the Singapore Sports Awards ceremony hosted by the Singapore National Olympic Council and Sport Singapore.
- Exceptional status as underaged player to participate in the Singapore Ice Hockey Men League, leading his team to a championship (he topped the league which made up of 18–35 year olds as the first overall scorer with 35 points, 11 more goals than the second closest scorer).
- Selected to represent Singapore in the upcoming International Ice Hockey Federation Camp in Vierumäki Finland. Each country, including powerhouses Russia, Canada, USA, Sweden and Finland, is to send their top two players in the 2004 age group.
- Supported by Singapore Hockey to be the youngest player (pending IIHF ruling on again gaining exceptional status as an underage) to represent Singapore in the upcoming South East Asian Games. He has recently been accepted as a carded athlete in the Singapore Sports Council.

The school is extremely proud of Joshua's achievements and development both on and off the ice, and we look forward to hearing more about his successes in the future.



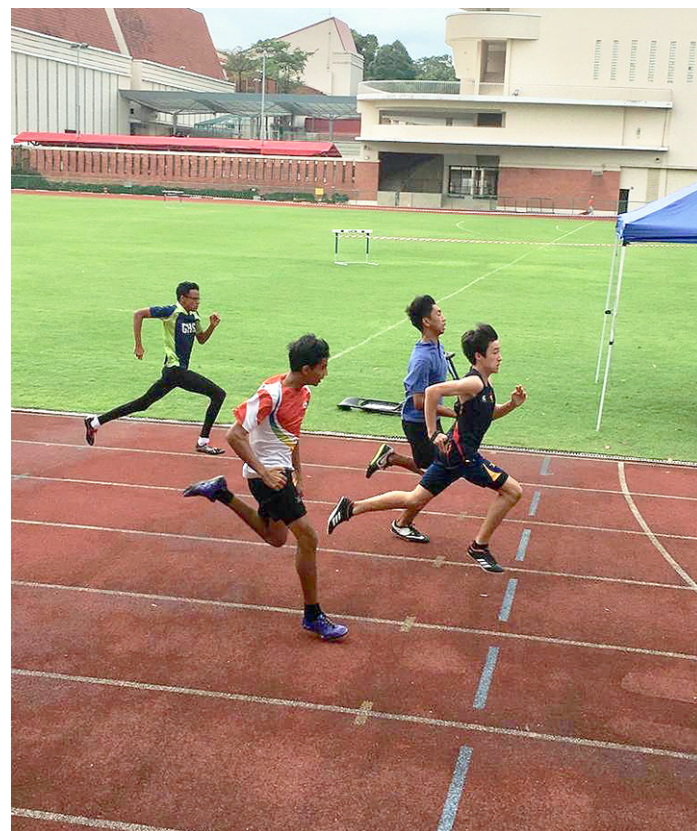
Track & Field: Records & Achievements

Earlier this term, ACS (International) entered the ACSIS Middle School Track and Field Championships for the first time. It was a chance for our more able athletes to compete against the best athletes from all the international schools in Singapore. Our students, Bob James Yang (2 SVM) achieved fourth place in the 14U Shot Put whilst Jing Ning Tong (2 LSG) also placed fourth in High Jump.



The standout performer for ACS (International) on the day was Luca Buchanan (1 CKS) who won both the 14U 100m and 200m gold medals. What's more, in winning both events, Luca smashed the 14U ACSIS school records for both events, a stunning achievement!

Congratulations to Luca and the rest of the 14U Track and Field team, we look forward to greater successes next year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May / June / July	Event
25 May –6 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Sea To Space Florida Middle/Junior Division Trip
25 May–1 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laos Year 5 Service Trip
26 May–2 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malaysia Year 5 Service Trip
26 May–3 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambodia Year 5 Service Trip
26 May–3 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vietnam Year 5 Service Trip
26 May–9 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zimbabwe Year 5 Service Trip
27 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGCSE May Mandarin Chinese Exam
27 May–28 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 2 School Holiday
3 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'O' Level Chinese Express Exam
2 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 4 & 6 Prelim Exams begin New Students Orientation III
3 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 3 begins School Assembly in Chapel (CKS, GHK, LSG, Oldham) Tutor Time (SVM, TCT, Thoburn, TKK)



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BARRETT MUSIC COMPETITION

EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC

AUDITION
Monday 29 July, 2019, 3 to 6pm
FINAL
Wednesday 28 August, 2019, 4 to 5:30pm
All guests are welcome

CATEGORIES

Piano . Strings . Woodwinds . Vocal
Original Music (Including Electronic Dance Music)

America Australia Britain Canada Bangladesh China France Germany Hong Kong Indonesia
Japan Korea Malaysia Singapore Nepal India Myanmar
Papua New Guinea Portugal Russia Taiwan Thailand East Timor Vietnam

9th Board of Ambassadors and Holland Village Methodist Church

Green Up with Choice To Run
to raise funds for the MWS Bethany Nursing Home.



CHOICE TO RUN

AUG 3, 2019 8.00AM - 10.30AM



Sponsored by PSP

The event will be held at ACS International on the August 3, 2019 from 8.00am to 10.30am

Early bird registration is open from May 15 to May 24 and the early bird registration fee is \$20

Regular registration is open from May 25 to July 15 and the fee is \$25

Higher Education and Careers 2019 Important Date

Parents/Guardians, please take note of the compulsory attendance for the following event organised by the Higher Education Department.

University Application Session for Year 6

Date: 13 July

Time: 8:00am–2:00pm

Year 6 cohort – Parents and Guardians are encouraged to attend.

Singapore Mathematical Olympiad (SMO) 2019

Junior Section: Tuesday, 4 June 2019, 9:30am–12:00nn

Venue: LT 34, National University of Singapore

Senior Section: Tuesday, 4 June 2019, 9:30am–12:00nn

Venue: LT 26, National University of Singapore

Open Section: Thursday, 6 June 2019, 9:30am–12:00nn

Venue: LT 34, National University of Singapore



ACS (International) Philharmonic Orchestra
presents

VIVA LA MUSICA

Date: 18 August 2019, Sunday
Time: 4:30pm
Venue: Victoria Concert Hall

Ticket Price: **\$10** (Free Seating)
Door Opens at 4:00pm

Please get your tickets from
Front Office or email to
APO@acsinternational.edu.sg

ACS (International) Philharmonic Orchestra presents Viva la Musica!

This year's concert, Viva la Musica!, features a wide variety of music across time, ranging from classical music such as Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Violins in D Major and Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony, to contemporary hits like Video Games Live!, Kiki's Delivery Service of Studio Ghibli fame, as well as jazzy medleys from Duke Ellington.

Our guest performers, Contemporary Singers, will perform a selection of familiar favourites from Disney Movie.

Viva la Musica! will be held in the prestigious halls of Victoria Concert Hall on Sunday, 18 August at 4:30pm. See poster on the left for details.

