



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends

The school year has now finished following the recent Speech Day and Graduation ceremonies.

The formal Speech Day prize giving enabled us to acknowledge some of the many student successes this year. Our congratulations to all prize winners and speakers, and our thanks to the Guest of Honour, Mr Lim Tat, a prominent lawyer and current President of the ACS Old Boys' Association, for his time and insights given to all gathered in celebration. He commented how unique it was coming to ACS (International) as it seemed like coming home in a foreign place! His exhortations to accept and learn from failure (and not be too hard on yourself) were well received.

One week later on Friday, 20 November, we also enjoyed a similar successful celebration on when we farewelled our Year 6 cohort at Graduation. The Guest of Honour was Professor Lily Kong, President of Singapore Management University, who similarly encouraged our students to make the most of every opportunity and think outside the box.

This term has been dominated by external and internal end-of-year examinations. Students have been studying hard in order to achieve their best possible results. All students have now received their end-of-year reports. We look forward to receiving the results for the external IGCSE and IB examinations in January 2020.

Over the past term, we have enjoyed many highlights at school. These included the Year 4 and 6 Final Week and Final Assemblies; the internal end-of-year examinations; the U14 Rugby team qualifying for the top 8 competition of the best local and international schools, winning one game and losing to the eventual winners ACS (Independent); the completion of Football, Volleyball and Netball leagues; the special thank-you afternoon tea for staff by the Holland Village Methodist Church; hosting (and winning) the Singapore Schools Staff Football Competition; and the Year 6 Prom. Years 1, 2 and 3 Adventure Camps traditionally held at this time of the year had been shifted to the end of Term 1.

At this time of the year, people are starting to prepare for Christmas. Christmas lights and decorations are going up all over the city, and people are looking forward to holidays and sharing presents. The festive season is upon us! Of course, we should never forget the "reason for the season", celebrated by Christians to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas comes from "Christ's-mass" – a ceremony and celebration in "memorial of the Lord's Death and Resurrection". Jesus is recognised by many religions as a prophet or a god, and for Christians as the Son of God. Christmas is celebrated to remember the birth of Jesus who was, and is, God's gift to us. When we give gifts at Christmas, the reason behind the giving is in remembrance of God's gift – Jesus Christ.

For many, Christmas is not only the "reason for the season" but also 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 2019. We wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday with friends and family, safe travels, and we look forward to another great year in 2020.

Best wishes

Rob Burrough
Principal

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"A merry heart does good like medicine."

Proverbs 17:22



CHRISTIAN MINISTRY NEWS

The PPG partnered the **PSP Study Nights Programme** in October and November, taking time off their busy schedules to come and pray for our students. The PPG also placed some inspirational materials and a Prayer Box next to the PSP booth in the library for our students. It was heartwarming to see our students helping themselves to the food and other materials placed there.



On Wednesday, 6 November, some 10 CF students together with the CF teacher and two CMS paid a pastoral visit to the **MWS Nursing Home** in Yew Tee. It was an eye-opening experience for many of our students, especially the younger ones. Their Chaplain, Rev. Dr Norman Wong held a briefing for our students before taking them to the wards, during which time the students chatted with and pray for the patients (if they consented). After an hour, we gathered again for a debrief for our students to reflect on their experiences.

Student Reflections

"It was a touching and meaningful experience with the elderly."

Ethan, 1 Oldham

"It was a wonderful experience that taught us how lucky and blessed by the Lord we are. We also conversed with the residents and learnt much from them."

Dillon, 1 SVM

"A very fruitful and great experience."

Joschka, 3 LSG

HVMC hosted its annual **Thanksgiving Tea** on Tuesday, 12 November at the Student Centre to show its appreciation to all staff for their faithful contribution and service to the school. It was a befitting way to end the year.

To God be the Glory! The Best is Yet to Be!

STAFF NEWS

At the end of the year, we farewelled the following staff:

- Mr Karuna Pakirisamy (ESOL) who is retiring after 44 years of distinguished teaching including 25 years at ACS schools;
- Mr Neil Dickins and Ms Helen Baker (both English) who move to new posts in Turkey;
- Miss Emily Austin (History) who returns home to Australia to a new teaching post there;
- Ms Aishwariyah Shanmuganathan (Drama) who has completed her contract filling in for Ms Ee Mien Sia; and
- Mr Song Jin Tian (Chinese) who has also finished his contract with us.

We thank each one of these staff members for their strong contribution to ACS (International) and its students, and we wish them well for the future. A special acknowledgement about Mr Karuna will appear in the annual yearbook which will be distributed in the coming New Year.

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





PRIZE WINNERS

The following students were awarded prizes at Speech Day and/or Graduation:

Speech Day Winners – Years 1 to 5

Year 1

English Language and Literature
Second Language (Higher)
Second Language
Foreign Language
Integrated Humanities
Science
Art
Drama
Mathematics
Music
Physical Education (Boy)
Physical Education (Girl)
Most Progress Award in Year 1 Bridging
Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Year 1 Bridging
Most Progress Award
Best Overall Academic Performance Award

Chelsea W Tan
Huang Xinyi
Tronskar Joeliane Woo
Kim Sunbin
Loh Junyan Jerry
Karthikeya Vetsa
Goh Dillon
Luke Lai Wen Le
Daiki Kashiwagi
Luca Marco Shan Zhi Buchanan
Zhou Shaun Run Sheng
Choong Hui Yu Shannen
Park Hyunkyu
Ma Mingyue
Antonio Ramon Madamba Abueg
Ariel Wong Su Ann

Year 2

Second Language (Higher)
Second Language
Foreign Language
Art
Geography
Science
Drama
Music
Physical Education (Boy)
Physical Education (Girl)
Most Progress Award in Pre-IGCSE
Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Pre-IGCSE
Most Progress Award
English Language and Literature, Mathematics, History, Religious Studies &
Best Overall Academic Performance Award

Li Yizhen
Evelyn Goh Wen Xuan
Yew Min Summer
Ho Myra Meiyan
Lee May Ann Rachel
Conrad Trey Indradjaja
Larissa Chan Mei Huen
Rowan Cumming
Alexander Ryu Kato
Faye Marie Chen Setiawan
Ren Yicui
Wakabayashi Tomoki
Momoka Kanda
Ethelyn Huang Meici

Year 3

First language English
Literature (English), IGCSE Drama & Global Perspectives
English as a Second Language
Mother Tongue (Higher)
Second Language & Business Studies
Foreign Language
Economics
History
Biology & Additional Mathematics
Art
IGCSE Physical Education
Physical Education (Boy)
Physical Education (Girl)
Most Progress Award
Music, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Geography &
Best Overall Academic Performance Award

Tan Cae Lyn
Pongyada Sootthipong
Kim Chaemin
Qian Yuting
Tan Mu En Jenell
Wu Ruiqin
Cao Kefei
Min Seoyoung
Kim Yerin
Lyu Nuo
Shreya Supriyakumar Sakhalkar
Sun Lehan
Saya Ruchiev
Shuck Kye Jie Dylan
Zhou Run Kang Patrick

Year 4

First language English
English Literature & Business Studies
English as a Second Language
Mother Tongue (Higher)
Mathematics
Foreign Language, Physics & Global Perspectives
Economics
History
Additional Mathematics
Art
Music
IGCSE Drama
IGCSE Physical Education
Physical Education (Boy)
Physical Education (Girl)
Most Progress Award in Foundation IB
Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Foundation IB
Most Progress Award in Pre-IB
Best Overall Academic Performance Award in Pre-IB
Most Progress Award
Geography, Chemistry, Biology &
Best Overall Academic Performance Award
ACS (International) Internal IB Scholarship 2020
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Nasha Amiesha Marican Bte Mohd Sadique
Manya Nahata
Pham Thao Chi
Cong Yunqin
Chia Fui Rupert
Rohan Arora
Joel Liow Xuan Hao
Natalie Chew Jiaxian
Gweon Sujin
Vivian Hu Xin Hui
Timothy Goh Rui En
Chong Theia Ning
Abigail Kastono
Rhys Yeo
Charlotte Rebecca Chang
Ang Briandley
Yang Jongwon
Kim Yeonwoo
Son Yoona
Rohan Kishore Buxani

Cheng Xirui
Cheng Xirui
Ronak Sanak
Yang Jongwon
Mohammed Fahim

Year 5

Language and Literature (English) & History
Language and Literature (Chinese)
Literature (other languages), Economics
English B
Language B HL
Language B SL & Theory of Knowledge (English)
Language Ab Initio
Business Management
Geography
Music
Visual Arts
Psychology HL
Mathematics SL
Biology
Theatre
Theory of Knowledge(Chinese)
Sports, Exercise and Health Science &
Most Progress Award
Mathematics HL, Chemistry, Physics &
Best Overall Academic Performance Award

Choi Madeline Yu-Jin
Ren Yiting
Hwang Kyohyun
Kim Jung Eun
Lau Qian Hui Crystal
Esther Ning Chua
Nicole Mae Sze Chung
Bernice Chia Xin Ying
Wang Xixian
Zheng Hanyu
Huen Tat Wah Bryan
Hong Hanh Duong
Chang Tun-Min
Megan Man
Indah Tjahjowidodo
Fu Jiaqi

John Mao Zhi Xiang
Chen Yili





Leadership Colours Awards

GOLD

Gurnihal Singh 4CKS
 Ronak Sanan 4CKS
 Lim Kai Jun 4SVM
 Manya Nahata 4SVM
 Clarisse Lim Jia-Yi 4SVM
 Teo Jie Shi Alarice 2CKS

SILVER

Kan Nuoya 4CKS
 Gai Siyan 4CKS
 Fahim Mohammed 4GHK
 Nguyen Thanh Thao Lam 4SVM
 Le Quoc Thai 4SVM
 Wei Yu 4TKK
 Darnesh Ramu 1SVM
 Larissa Chan Mei Huen 2SVM
 Sin Hau Nam 3GHK

BRONZE

Natalie Chew Jiaxian 4CKS
 Stephanie Tsang Miao Zi 4GHK
 Vivian Hu Xin Hui 4TCT
 Cheng Xirui 4THO
 Cheng Yingfei 4TKK
 Teo Yu Ning Aglaia 1CKS
 Kim Sunbin 1SVM

CCA Awards

Group Achievement Award in the Arts
 Group Merit Award in the Arts
 Group Merit Award in the Arts
 Group Merit Award in the Arts
 Individual Merit Award in the Arts

Philharmonic Orchestra
 Drama CCA
 Contemporary Singers Ensemble
 Gu Zheng Ensemble
 Lukas Choy Rui-Yang Electro Acoustic World Music Ensemble

Group Achievement Award in Interest Groups
 Group Merit Award in Interest Groups
 Individual Achievement Award in Interest Groups
 Individual Merit Award in Interest Groups

Interact CCA
 Christian Fellowship
 Le Quoc Thai – Chess CCA
 Benjamin Keng Hwee Ong – Christian Fellowship

Team Achievement Award in Sports
 Individual Achievement Award in Sports
 Individual Achievement Award in Sports
 Individual Merit Award in Sports
 Individual Merit Award in Sports

16U Girls Touch Team
 Lye Li Tong Madeline
 Joshua Chan Yu Wen
 Aiko Yokota
 Emily Elizabeth Kreibisch





Year 6 Graduation Awards

ACADEMIC PRIZES

Theory of Knowledge (English)	Park Ju-Hyun	SVM
Theory of Knowledge (Chinese)	Chen Xingyu	THO
Language and Literature (English)	Amelia Govier Lynge	GHK
Language and Literature (Chinese)	Wang Zihao	LSG
Literature (Other Languages)	Joung Jaewon	TCT
Language B	Jocelyn Huang	TKK
English B	Park Ju-Hyun	SVM
Languages Ab Initio SL	Priyanka Kaur Bajaj	THO
Economics	Avi Tripathi	CKS
Business Management	Lam Uyen Van	LSG
Geography	Mio Yoshikawa	GHK
History	Elliot Luke Soh Yunjie	SVM
Biology	Avi Tripathi	CKS
Chemistry	Lee Hyojun	OLD
Physics	Zhang Ruiyang	THO
Sports, Exercise and Health Science	Chen Qianye	THO
Psychology	Virawin Hanratanakool	OLD
Mathematics HL	Zhang Ruiyang	THO
Mathematics SL	Elliot Luke Soh Yunjie	SVM
Visual Arts	Amelia Govier Lynge	GHK
Theatre	Pateloo Ashokan Nikita	SVM
Most Progress Award	Wang Zihao	LSG
Best Overall Academic Performance Award	Avi Tripathi	CKS





LEADERSHIP COLOURS AWARDS

GOLD

Anahita Darayus Bhesania
 Robinson Joshua Yin Bunh
 Sana Bhadelia
 Soh Jia En
 Amelia Govier Lynge
 Gautam Ramasamy
 Janet Tedjasmita
 Sarah Darmawan
 Kim Minjun
 Pang Wei Ling Tricia
 Karan Attal
 Mckayla Esther Tanoko
 Varun Shah
 Jade Megan Chan
 Park Ju-Hyun
 Chang Jen Ying Jade
 Lorraine Chia Hui Xuan
 Chen Qianye
 Chen Xinmiao
 Hong Jia Lei Jaeger
 Sunny Singh
 Zhang Ruiyang

SILVER

Avi Tripathi
 Audrey Teo Syn Ee
 Hannah Koh Kai-Xin
 Muzainy Shahiefisally
 Chia Foong Timothy
 Mio Yoshikawa
 Justin Lee Mun Loong
 Huang Ruo Xin Veronica
 Chereese Tan
 Ham Jiwon
 Wang Zihao
 Pannapa Wanichnopparat
 Sivanesan Alexandre Sivarajan
 Virawin Hanratanakool
 Li Yi
 Kishoraan Sivananthan
 Ng E Lene
 Anjana Sudharsan
 Joshua Marcus Lee Zhanhong
 Joung Jaewon
 Russell Tan Kiat Wei
 Wang Zhuoyu
 Wu Ke
 Chan Z'Yann
 Cheyenne Helen Chesney

Wong Chia Yun
 Charmaine Suah Jia Shyuan
 Zhou Jiaqi

BRONZE

Krish Mantoo
 Larissa Fay Wong Hsiao Wei
 Liu Xiaotan
 Roisin Lee
 Wang Xiran
 Bu Yifan
 Wang Yijian
 Saranya d/o Madhavan
 Chang Eunjun
 Devansh Sanjay Doshi
 Pateloo Ashokan Nikita
 Sachi Ren Kuttan
 Leong Jia En Eugenia
 Ricky Sharma
 Rohit Rishi Ranganathan
 Chen Xingyu
 Adiva Fahrani Amir
 Fransisca Indrawanputri
 Jung Arang
 Kandasamy Yokesh





CCA AWARDS

**Performing Arts Individual
Distinction Award
(Philharmonic Orchestra)**

Russell Tan Kiat Wei
TCT

**Performing Arts Individual
Distinction Award
(Philharmonic Orchestra)**

Chia Foong Timothy
GHK

**Performing Arts Individual Merit
Award
(Philharmonic Orchestra)**

Kim Minjun
LSG

**Interest Group Co-Curricular
Activities Individual Merit Award
(Debate)**

Sunny Singh
THO

**Interest Group Co-Curricular
Activities Individual Merit Award
(Creative Directions)**

Lorraine Chia Hui Xuan
TCT

**Interest Group Co-Curricular
Activities Individual Merit Award
(Interact Club)**

Eriel Pang
THO

**Best Individual Sporting
Achievement Award**

Camille Alix Damas
CKS

**Best Sportsman (Senior Division)**

Kandasamy Yokesh
TKK

**Best Sportswoman (Senior Division)**

Chen Qianye
THO





NOTICES

2019 House Standings

After a year of Inter-House competitions in the sports, aesthetics and academic categories, the top three Houses for each category have emerged. Congratulations to the Houses on their successes and thanks to all the students who participated in all the competitions held and the teachers who supported their students/Houses.

Sports Cup

1st place – **CKS**

2nd place – **TKK**

3rd place – **Thoburn**

Aesthetics Cup

1st place – **CKS**

2nd place – **Thoburn**

3rd place – **Oldham**

Academic Cup

Joint 1st place – **GHK & SVM**

3rd place – **Thoburn**

Overall Cup

1st place – **CKS**

2nd place – **Thoburn**

3rd place – **GHK**

Transcripts and Testimonials

Due to the school holidays, the issuing of late transcripts and testimonials has now closed for the year.

2019 End-of-Year Report

Parents who need help in accessing the information in the 2019 End-of-Year Report or need any clarification, please email choongkiat.chia@acsinternational.edu.sg. Otherwise, parents may visit <https://acs.fireflycloud.asia/information-for-parents-public> for details regarding their child's report.

Office Holiday Hours

Please take note that during the holiday period from 25 November 2019 to 3 January 2020, the General Office will be open from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

The General Office will be closed from 12noon on 24 December through to 26 December. Business as usual from 27 December, 9:00am to 4:00pm, with normal office hours 7:30am to 5:30pm operating from 30 December.

Please note that the school will be closed from 1.00pm on 31 December and all day on 1 January 2020 for the New Year.

Progression 2020

Letters regarding Progression or Non-Progression 2020 have been sent directly to parents over the past two weeks. If parents do not receive a letter from the school, they may assume that their son/daughter is progressing to the next year level in 2020.

Pupil Portal and Parent Portal

The Pupil Portal and Parent Portal are now closed to facilitate changes in classes and setting up of the timetable for 2020. The portals will be open again around 5 or 6 January 2020 when the timetable and subject sets are ready.

MacBook Special Discount for Students

ACS (International) has made an arrangement with its preferred Apple Premium reseller to offer a special discount to all our students who order the MacBook through this link: <https://academic.com.sg/collections/acs>

Blazer Donations

Leaving students are requested to donate their old school blazers to the school for "recycling". They can deposit their blazer at the Reception, General Office for the school to dry-clean and on-sell.

Booklist 2020

Booklists for all students have been published on the school website: [Life at ACS/Forms and Important Information/Booklist](#).





2020 Calendar and Term Dates

The school and public holidays calendar for 2020 is appended for your reference.

ACS (International) 2020 Calendar

2020	M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F		M	T	W	Th	F
Jan			1	2	3		6	7	8	9	10		13	14	15	16	17		20	21	22	23	24		27	28	29	30	31
Feb	3	4	5	6	7		10	11	12	13	14		17	18	19	20	21		24	25	26	27	28						
Mar	2	3	4	5	6		9	10	11	12	13		16	17	18	19	20		23	24	25	26	27		30	31			
Apr			1	2	3		6	7	8	9	10		13	14	15	16	17		20	21	22	23	24		27	28	29	30	
May					1		4	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18	19	20	21	22		25	26	27	28	29
June	1	2	3	4	5		8	9	10	11	12		15	16	17	18	19		22	23	24	25	26		29	30			
July			1	2	3		6	7	8	9	10		13	14	15	16	17		20	21	22	23	24		27	28	29	30	31
Aug	3	4	5	6	7		10	11	12	13	14		17	18	19	20	21		24	25	26	27	28		31				
Sept		1	2	3	4		7	8	9	10	11		14	15	16	17	18		21	22	23	24	25		28	29	30		
Oct				1	2		5	6	7	8	9		12	13	14	15	16		19	20	21	22	23		26	27	28	29	30
Nov	2	3	4	5	6		9	10	11	12	13		16	17	18	19	20		23	24	25	26	27		30				
Dec		1	2	3	4		7	8	9	10	11		14	15	16	17	18		21	22	23	24	25		28	29	30	31	

School holidays

Public holidays

6 & 7 Jan: Teacher Only Days & New Student Orientation

Wednesday 8 Jan: Course Confirmation. All students - including Yr 5 who have qualified for IBDP. Compulsory attendance 10.00am start

Thursday 9 Jan: Lessons begin for all classes. 8.00am start

20 Jan. Start date for Yr 5 students admitted via O Level and IGCSE

No classes; Yr 4 & 6 Prelims Only & Faculty CPD

Friday 13 Nov. Speech Day and Final IBDP Exam

Sunday 15 Nov. Year 6 Graduation

Monday - Thursday 16 - 19 Nov Year 1 - 3 Activities & Camps

Final School Day

Teacher Only Day

Singapore Public Holidays 2020

New Year's Day	Wednesday	1 January
Chinese New Year	Saturday	25 January
	Sunday	26 January
Good Friday	Friday	10 April
Labour Day	Friday	1 May
Vesak Day	Thursday	7 May
Hari Raya Puasa*	Sunday	24 May
Hari Raya Haji	Friday	31 July
National Day*	Sunday	9 August
Deepavali	Saturday	14 November
Christmas Day	Friday	25 December

(* Monday of the following day is designated a public holiday)





Sale of Books and Uniform and Cut-Off Date for Formal Wear Orders

All students are to take note of the information as follows:

Popular Bookstore

Books

Date	Business Hours	Venue
17-20 December 2019 26-30 December 2019 2 January 2020	Mondays to Fridays 9am-4pm [Closed on 23, 24 and 31 December 2019, Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays]	School Bookshop

Bibi&Baba Pte Ltd

Uniform

Date	Business Hours	Venue
6, 7 and 17 January 2020	10am-4pm [Note: The shop at Far East Shopping Centre will be closed from 24 to 27 January for Lunar New Year break. Business resumes on 28 January.]	Outside School Bookshop

Formal Wear (Compulsory for Founder's Day on 1 March 2020)

Last Order Date	Contact Details
20 January 2020	Sandy/Pauline 6271 9248

Year Groups to Take PEAKS Assessment in 2020

During Term 1 of 2020, Year 4 students are required to take the PEAKS assessment. Other year groups include all newly admitted Year 1, 1B and Year 5 students. The assessment fee is \$481.50 (inclusive of GST). Details in January 2020 issue.

Lunar New Year 2020

To reduce disruption to curriculum time during the Lunar New Year period, the events/activities on the following dates are organised:

Wednesday, 22 January	• Normal classes (Periods 1 to 5)
Thursday, 23 January to Tuesday, 28 January	• Lunar New Year break – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday, 29 January	• Normal classes resume
Friday, 31 January	• Chapel • Normal classes (Periods 1 and 2) • Lunar New Year Assembly • Staff Lunch

Start of 2020 Arrangements

Year 5 IBDP

Due to the early timing of Lunar New Year and its potential effect on our IB Diploma Programme, the start date for our own Year 5 students who qualified for entry via DSA (based on their Year 4 preliminary examination results at the end of Term 3 in 2019) and 2019 Pre IB and FIB students who qualified, will be Wednesday, 8 January 2020.

New students approved for entry, from the 'O' levels track and our own students who did not qualify for entry via DSA, will start on 20 January 2020. These students will be given some catch-up time.

The advantage of this earlier start is that students will have extra lessons to help mitigate the very large IBDP workload.

First Weeks

Friday, 3 January

2:30pm	• IBDP results released at the Library
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Monday, 6 January

All Day	• Staff Training: IB and Non-IB Workshops "Investigating Inquiry" (for all teachers)
11:00am	• New Students Welcome by the Principal followed by lunch with new students and parents
1:00pm	• IPC briefing for new international students
1:00pm–5:00pm	• Student subject consultations and changes with Divisional Coordinators

Tuesday, 7 January

All Day	• Staff Training: IB Workshop "Investigating Inquiry" (for all teachers) • New Students Orientation I (excluding Year 5) with BBQ & Bonfire at 6pm
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Wednesday, 8 January

10:00am	• Whole School Assembly
10:45am–11:20am	• Year 5 Tutor Group meetings to go over expectations, timetables, iSAMS personal details
10:45am–12noon	• Tutor Group meetings (all except Year 5) to go over expectations, timetables, iSAMS personal details
11:30am–1:00pm	• Year 5 IBDP Introduction • Other year groups released at 12noon unless required for subject options/timetable changes with Divisional Coordinators

Thursday, 9 January

8:00am	• House Meetings
8:45am	• Period 1 begins, followed by regular timetable

Monday, 20 January

7:45am	• Year 5 new students admitted via 'O' level and IGCSE to report to Reception, General Office
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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Year 5 Student's STEM Internship

The STEM Internship is an internship programme organised by the school's Science department for students who are interested in the STEM industry to gain some experience in and exposure to the industry.



During the September school holiday, I had the opportunity to work in Roboto Coding Academy as an intern for 2 weeks. During the internship, I had a better understanding on coding, and learned how to make teaching notes for upper primary school children. On 12 and 13 September, I also had the privilege to go to two local schools, Bukit Batok Primary School and Mee Toh School to help at a two-day coding camp for the students. I assisted the instructor to teach the students how to do some simple coding with WeCode in Minecraft game.



I really enjoyed teaching the students how to code and I look forward to my next internship at Roboto Coding Academy in November.

Zhao Chenfan (James), 5 Oldham

Year 1 Architectural Model Project

In Terms 2 and 3, Year 1 students did an architectural model group project. Based on the research studies of an architect's works and the project requirements, they designed and constructed interesting forms of pavilions.



Besides using the basic materials such as cardboards to build their structures, students used recycled materials such as plastic materials, chopsticks and coloured papers to create texture and functional shapes for their artwork.



Upon completion, the students' works were presented and judged by an architect/ education consultant, Mr Albert Liang. Thereafter, a prize ceremony for the winners was held at end of Term 4 whereby Dr Kris Achter gave away the prizes. Other than the top three winners, the students were also awarded the "Most Creative Design", "Best Use of Materials", "Most Intricate Design" and "Best Use of Geometric Design".

In this architecture model project, students displayed collaboration skills, creativity and thinking skills as well as acquired a sense of achievement manipulating their materials and exhibiting their models to the viewers.





Year 1 Student's World of Performing Arts



Violet Raine Ong (1 LSG) started learning ballet and piano at the age of four and has been an active member of the Singapore Symphony Children Choir since the age of 10. She was also Chairperson of her primary school's choir.

Since young, Violet has dreamt of becoming a super star one day. Her first public performance was a Cantonese adaption of the Sound of Music musical in Hong Kong, where she played the role of Gretel of the Von Trapp family. This opportunity has sparked off her love for musicals and acting. Since then, she has acted in a few local TV productions. Violet was one of the nominees at the 2018 MediaCorp Star Awards' Green Apple award.

Her typical week is filled with performing arts activities: three days of ballet sessions, one session of piano class, one day with the school choir and the symphony choir group on Saturday.

With all these performing arts training and the exposure at various music class projects, Violet is now more aware of how the interdisciplinary arts forms come together. She is sharper with her score analysis, more aware of her music performance level, clearer character development in her script understanding, and has deeper understanding of how to use her muscle memory to help her remember her movements. But most importantly, she has now learnt to have more control on time management and self-discipline to learn and overcome the challenges.

Currently, the multi-talented Violet who also plays the Chinese traditional instrument, Guzheng, is preparing for both the intermediate foundation for ballet as well as the ABRSM Piano Grade 6 examinations.



We wish Violet all the best in her musical and performance endeavours.

SPORTS NEWS

ACSIS 1: U14 Touch

The girls had a fantastic U14 Touch Rugby season this year. They competed in Division 2 during the U14 ACSIS (Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools) competition and won all but one of their matches very convincingly. Both Faye Setiawan (2 TCT) and Soong Jae Shien (2 SVM) led the team with confidence and motivated the squad at training sessions and fixtures, with the addition of a cake rota to boost morale. It was fantastic to see the number of parents supporting at every game including our very own professional photographer. The girls thoroughly deserved winning the silver medals and we are already looking forward to the next season with them.

Mrs Georgina Patterson





EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Peer Mediation Workshop for Peer Leaders

On a bright Saturday morning on 2 November, 17 Peer Leaders attended a workshop on conflict resolution. Four trainers explained how peer mediation works and facilitated several mediation exercises which were very interesting and enlightening.



After a round of self-introductions, we started on the first mediation exercise. We were each given one of three different viewpoints of the same scenario before being put into groups of three to start the mediation process. The exercise enabled us to view situations from different perspectives and learn how to resolve conflicts. We also got the chance to get to know one another better and this helped to make the exercises more effective and engaging.



Next, two talented trainers, Mark and Sean, gave a wonderful presentation. They taught us what the process of mediation entails, the elements of problem solving and how mediation can help others.

The trainers then ended the session with a few more mediation practices which enabled us to make use of the mediation techniques that we had learnt. Through the last few activities, we were able to familiarise ourselves with the various mediation skills and to use them in practical settings.

Even though the workshop only lasted for a few hours, we learnt so much about mediation, how it works, and most importantly how to go about using mediation to help others. This workshop was truly an amazing experience which benefitted all of us immensely and I really hope to participate in more similar workshops in the future.

Larissa Chan Mei Huen, 2 SVM

Sustainability Initiatives on Campus

Nine students from MUN Impact CCA and Year 3 House Going Green group planted seven rainforest trees around the school campus after school on 8 November. These rainforest saplings, planted along the fence of Gate C, are nature's way of absorbing harmful CO₂ from our atmosphere.



Interact Club has nurtured the small trees since they were given to the club in Term 2. Over the next few months and years ahead, our students will be taking part in caring for their growth as well as learning more about how to reduce, refuse, reuse and recycle to make our campus and community more sustainable.





Oldham House Service Morning

Students and staff from Oldham House went to Willing Hearts Soup Kitchen on two occasions this year, enabling over 50 students from the House to complete three hours of service – helping to prepare meals for the elderly and needy. Both groups found the experience worthwhile.



Student Reflection

On the morning of 2 November, Year 2 Oldham House students woke up early on a Saturday to meet up at Willing Hearts. Everyone was tired and cranky, but we quickly got to work. We split up, and some of us packed food while others cut vegetables. The boys were made to move heavy boxes that were delivered into the kitchen. While we were there, many other volunteers slowly trickled in as the morning went by. We all had a chance to meet the founder, Tony, and we presented a cheque to him with the money we raised during the year. We left Willing Hearts tired but content.

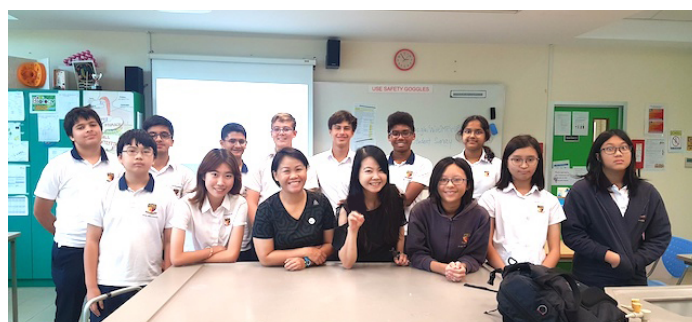
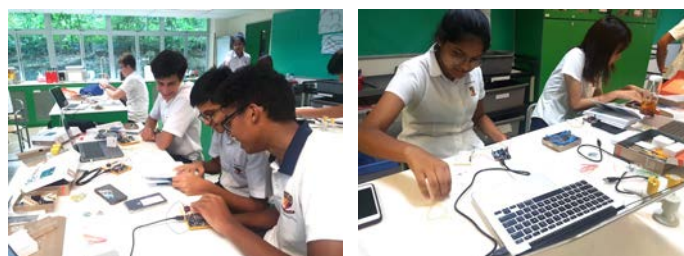
Danelle Ong, 2 Oldham

Year 2 Arduino STEM Programme

23 students from the Year 2 cohort have been greatly supported by their parents to participate in the inaugural STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programme as part of this year's post-examination activity. The 6-hour certified Arduino programme is the world's largest open-source electronics prototyping platform, which incorporates the fundamentals of programming such as coding and electronics.

Some highlights included building a colour-mixing lamp that changes colour automatically depending on the external light conditions, and making a small key board instrument for playing music. The programme aims to identify and develop STEM interests and talents and to connect concepts taught in school to real-world applications. It also hopes to build students' skills, understanding, knowledge, and competence in STEM fields.

Our students were commendable by the trainers for their strong engagement, interest and focus throughout the learning and development.





Speech Day, Graduation and Prom

Years 1 to 5 Speech Day, Year 6 Graduation and Year 6 Prom represent the culmination of the school year and enable some of the many student successes to be acknowledged. As well as presenting prizes, the ceremonies feature student performances and student speeches, alongside speeches by the Principal and Guest of Honour.

This year, the Guests of Honour were Mr Lim Tat (Speech Day on 15 November) and Professor Lily Kong (Graduation on 22 November). The next evening after Graduation, the 15th Student Council hosted the Prom on 23 November for the Year 6 graduating students. The theme was Enchanted Forest and the event was held at Hotel Fort Canning. Students in their formal gowns and suits enjoyed dinner and company, a photo summary of the students over their 6 years, some games and prizes, learnt a sequence dance led by Mr Burrough and finished with some dancing.



