



## 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 Joeliene 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 Meiyen  
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  
ACS (International Internal) IB Scholarship 2020  
ACS (International Internal) IB Scholarship 2020  
ACS (International Internal) IB Scholarship 2020

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		SILVER		BRONZE	
Gurnihal Singh	4CKS	Kan Nuoya	4CKS	Natalie Chew Jiaxian	4CKS
Ronak Sanan	4CKS	Gai Siyan	4CKS	Stephanie Tsang Miao Zi	4GHK
Lim Kai Jun	4SVM	Fahim Mohammed	4GHK	Vivian Hu Xin Hui	4TCT
Manya Nahata	4SVM	Nguyen Thanh Thao Lam	4SVM	Cheng Xirui	4THO
Clarisse Lim Jia-Yi	4SVM	Le Quoc Thai	4SVM	Cheng Yingfei	4TKK
Teo Jie Shi Alarice	2CKS	Wei Yu	4TKK	Teo Yu Ning Aglaia	1CKS
		Darnesh Ramu	1SVM	Kim Sunbin	1SVM
		Larissa Chan Mei Huen	2SVM		
		Sin Hau Nam	3GHK		

## CCA Awards

Group Achievement Award in the Arts	Philharmonic Orchestra
Group Merit Award in the Arts	Drama CCA
Group Merit Award in the Arts	Contemporary Singers Ensemble
Group Merit Award in the Arts	Gu Zheng Ensemble
Individual Merit Award in the Arts	Lukas Choy Rui-Yang Electro Acoustic World Music Ensemble
Group Achievement Award in Interest Groups	Interact CCA
Group Merit Award in Interest Groups	Christian Fellowship
Individual Achievement Award in Interest Groups	Le Quoc Thai – Chess CCA
Individual Merit Award in Interest Groups	Benjamin Keng Hwee Ong – Christian Fellowship
Team Achievement Award in Sports	16U Girls Touch Team
Individual Achievement Award in Sports	Lye Li Tong Madeline
Individual Achievement Award in Sports	Joshua Chan Yu Wen
Individual Merit Award in Sports	Aiko Yokota
Individual Merit Award in Sports	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 Lyngé	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 Lyngé	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

THE BEST IS YET TO BE  
S (International)





## 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

1<sup>st</sup> place – **CKS**

2<sup>nd</sup> place – **TKK**

3<sup>rd</sup> place – **Thoburn**

#### Aesthetics Cup

1<sup>st</sup> place – **CKS**

2<sup>nd</sup> place – **Thoburn**

3<sup>rd</sup> place – **Oldham**

#### Academic Cup

Joint 1<sup>st</sup> place – **GHK & SVM**

3<sup>rd</sup> place – **Thoburn**

#### Overall Cup

1<sup>st</sup> place – **CKS**

2<sup>nd</sup> place – **Thoburn**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal classes (Periods 1 to 5)</li> </ul>
Thursday, 23 January to Tuesday, 28 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunar New Year break – SCHOOL CLOSED</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 29 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal classes resume</li> </ul>
Friday, 31 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapel</li> <li>Normal classes (Periods 1 and 2)</li> <li>Lunar New Year Assembly</li> <li>Staff Lunch</li> </ul>

## 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IBDP results released at the Library</li> </ul>
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#### Monday, 6 January

All Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Training: IB and Non-IB Workshops "Investigating Inquiry" (for all teachers)</li> </ul>
11:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Students Welcome by the Principal followed by lunch with new students and parents</li> </ul>
1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPC briefing for new international students</li> </ul>
1:00pm–5:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student subject consultations and changes with Divisional Coordinators</li> </ul>

#### Tuesday, 7 January

All Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Training: IB Workshop "Investigating Inquiry" (for all teachers)</li> <li>New Students Orientation I (excluding Year 5) with BBQ &amp; Bonfire at 6pm</li> </ul>
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#### Wednesday, 8 January

10:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole School Assembly</li> </ul>
10:45am–11:20am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 Tutor Group meetings to go over expectations, timetables, iSAMS personal details</li> </ul>
10:45am–12noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tutor Group meetings (all except Year 5) to go over expectations, timetables, iSAMS personal details</li> </ul>
11:30am–1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 IBDP Introduction</li> <li>Other year groups released at 12noon unless required for subject options/timetable changes with Divisional Coordinators</li> </ul>

#### Thursday, 9 January

8:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>House Meetings</li> </ul>
8:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Period 1 begins, followed by regular timetable</li> </ul>

#### Monday, 20 January

7:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 new students admitted via 'O' level and IGCSE to report to Reception, General Office</li> </ul>
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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.

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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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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.

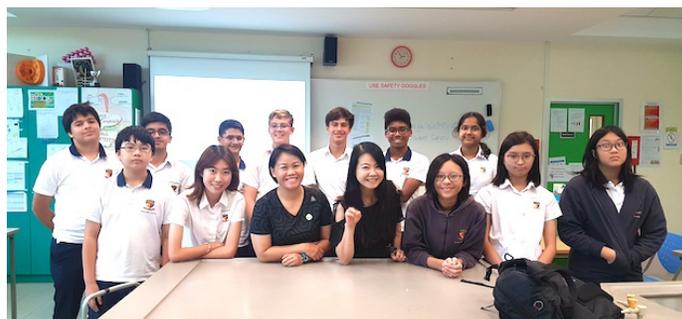
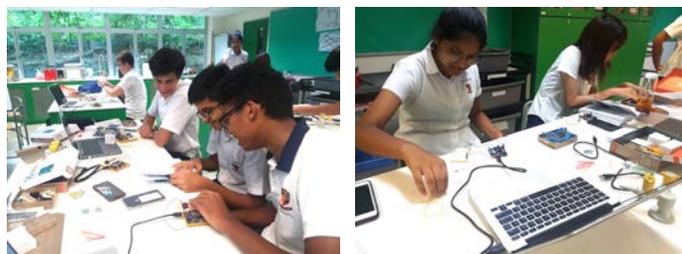
*Danelle Ong, 2 Oldham*

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



