



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Welcome back for Term 3. There was a genuine buzz in school this week as teachers and students reconnected physically for the first time in three months. The Safe Management Measures still result in a number of restricted activities at school but face-to-face learning is now the order of the day for the 94% of students attending school. We are also now able to apply to the Ministry of Education for our absent international students to return, and we are hopeful that our 35 new students will additionally be able to physically join the school soon.

It was interesting to read a summary in The Straits Times on 28 June on Minister for Education, Ong Ye Kung, referring to his video address to school leaders at the Annual Workplan Seminar on 25 June. Mr Ong said that due to the pandemic, teachers, students and parents went through "an unexpected crash course" in Home Based Learning (HBL). He then said that while recognising that HBL cannot be a substitute for school, where there is social interaction, the building of soft skills and values transmission; he said that *HBL encourages more independent, self-directed learning, which is one of the most important lifelong skills.* (emphases are mine.) In other words, both forms of teaching have benefits. Mr Ong went on to suggest the HBL might become a permanent part-time feature of teaching and learning in the future providing a "flipped classroom" approach to learning – that is, where the student reads through the teaching and other resources of a particular topic *before* being taught the topic in class. This would help students "chart their own learning journey at their own pace" and reinforce "independent, self-directed learning," he added.

At ACS (International), we too will review our future approaches to teaching and learning in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some approaches can be incorporated now but long-term strategies will only become clear after the year end examinations as we see how students have performed academically, socially and mentally. We are encouraged by the scripture from Romans 5: 2- 4: "And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." These attributes take time to develop.

Our Year 4 and 6 students and teachers are now preparing for Prelim Examinations which begin on 13 July. As for other school activities, we are belatedly holding scaled back Commendations Award ceremonies and the Student Leaders' Investiture along with discussions on how to incorporate Inter-House activities and some co-curricular activities.

We wish everyone a productive and safe term ahead with improved financial, social and educational outcomes; and we draw parents attention to the good news about 2021 school fees in another section of this newsletter.

Rob Burrough
Principal

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The average golf ball has 336 dimples

Remembering Mr Chen Chiah Chee

With great sadness, the school announced the passing of Mathematics teacher, Mr Chen Chiah Chee, on 13 June 2020, due to complications from cancer treatment.

Mr Chen joined the school as a founding staff member when the school first opened its door on 3 January 2005. He was Head of Department (HoD) Mathematics and was one of the select group of First Day Staff who collectively worked very hard to lead the creation of ACS (International). After he stepped down from his role as HoD, he continued to teach in a part-time capacity from 2011, and taught till the end of Term 2 this year.

Mr Chen was a real gentleman. He was consistently positive and always interested in other people. He devoted a lifetime to education, firstly as a teacher in MoE schools before joining ACS (International). Teaching was a true vocation to him, and many students over the years found a love of Mathematics through his teaching. Mr Chen did not tell anyone outside the family of his illness – typical of him as he did not want any fuss and just wanted to continue teaching for as long as he could.

As a long serving member of our extended school family, we all will greatly miss him. Rest in peace, Mr Chen.

Rob Burrough, Principal



An outstanding teacher and a teacher mentor who shared best teaching practices with his colleagues during faculty collaboration, Mr Chen was always the first to respond to questions posed by our colleagues. His teaching style promoted deep thinking on the subject matter and he always used the student's prior knowledge to develop new concepts. He produced a Top in the World student for Additional Mathematics, November 2016 IGCSE examinations. Always present, he had one of the best attendance records in the faculty and possibly within the school.

As a HoD, Mr Chen recruited majority of the current full-time Mathematics teachers, many of whom have taken up higher level responsibilities such as Division Coordinators, Housemaster and Head of Examinations. He was instrumental in setting an open, positive and collaborative climate in the faculty, which was key to its continued success and top results in external competitions, IGCSE and IB examinations. A role model and mentor with a wealth of experience as a HoD and as a teacher, Mr Chen had set the standards for the faculty in curriculum, assessment and pedagogy that are still in use today.

Mathematics Department

Mr Chen brought with him many years of experience in teaching Mathematics, leading the department as well a pure passion for Mathematics. I remember vividly how in the early years at Academic Committee Meetings, all heads would turn to him when calculating a percentage or getting a statistical response.

Well known for his very personable and unassuming ways, Mr Chen was always smiling and having a positive word for everyone. He had been a team player who readily obliged to requests for help from staff and students. Even after relinquishing from his HoD role, he was looked up to and had guided two Heads of Faculty who succeeded him, giving them valuable inputs and guidance.

I remember our small chats about manual versus automatic vehicle when riding in his manual car – the only type of cars he would drive. He cheerfully gave me a lift to my destination even though he had to make a big detour from his route home. Such was Mr Chen – always generous and kind.

Farewell, Mr Chen. Thank you for having been a valuable part of ACS (International) and your significant contribution to the education of the younger generations.

*Tan Siew Hoon,
Founding teacher and
current Vice Principal, Senior Division*

Mr Chen is also fondly remembered by his initials c^3. Not only does it stand for his name, it also aptly describes the person whom he is:

C: his Compassion for learners
C: his Collaboration in knowledge
C: his Calmness in handling crisis

*Teo Lay Cheng,
former colleague of Mr Chen at an MoE school
and former teacher*



TERM 2 COMMENDATION AWARDS

Congratulations to the all the 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	Moon Dayoun	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	Lee May Ann Rachel	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	Moon Eunyeong	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	Keishiro Sawa	FOUNDATION IB	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	Kan Nuoya	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	Tan Jia Ying Nicole	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	Hannah Kek Yihui	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	Esther Chua Ning	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	Dhar Yutika	1	GOH HOOD KENG
10	Luke Lai Wen Le	2	GOH HOOD KENG
11	Aama Sanjay Singh	2	GOH HOOD KENG
12	Varalee Chaiphanichapun	3	GOH HOOD KENG
13	Saw Yone Shou	3	GOH HOOD KENG
14	Jeong Hochul	3	GOH HOOD KENG
15	Chong Hannah	3	GOH HOOD KENG
16	Chan Yee Lok	FOUNDATION IB	GOH HOOD KENG
17	Lee Jinsol	4	GOH HOOD KENG
18	Sin Hau Nam	4	GOH HOOD KENG
19	Fahim Mohammed	5	GOH HOOD KENG
20	Kim Chaemin	4	LEE SENG GEE
21	Shu Xinyi	4	LEE SENG GEE
22	Wang Yanze	5	LEE SENG GEE
23	Lim Jia Ying	6	LEE SENG GEE
24	Marisa Renjia Lee	3	OLDHAM
25	Ajay Karthikeyan	3	OLDHAM
26	Pongyada Soothipong	4	OLDHAM
27	Aditya Kumar Bhardwaj	4	OLDHAM
28	Son Yoon	5	OLDHAM
29	Yuka Nakamura	6	OLDHAM
30	Yang Jiwon	6	OLDHAM
31	Wan Hoi Yan	1	SHAW VEE MENG
32	Kim Sunbin	2	SHAW VEE MENG
33	Prisha Chalak	3	SHAW VEE MENG
34	Cheng Qija	3	SHAW VEE MENG
35	Ahn Chee Yoon	3	SHAW VEE MENG
36	Rhena Gan Pei Ying	3	SHAW VEE MENG
37	Nanditha Vithanala	3	SHAW VEE MENG
38	Zhou Run Kang Patrick	4	SHAW VEE MENG
39	Wan Hoi Ching	FOUNDATION IB	SHAW VEE MENG
40	Hou Yunzhi	4	SHAW VEE MENG
41	Kim Yerin	4	SHAW VEE MENG
42	Tan Cae Lyn	4	SHAW VEE MENG
43	Chen Yili	6	SHAW VEE MENG
44	Joeliane Woo Tronskar	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
45	Michael Cheung	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
46	Ho Myra Meiyun	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
47	Masuvathi Ramesh Chander Samsheetha	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
48	Roy Kawaguchi	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
49	Park Jimin	PRE IB	TAN CHIN TUAN
50	Oweon Sujin	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
51	Riho Takaki	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
52	Ko Bomim	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
53	Tan Yen Pin Sheryl	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
54	Choi Madeline Yu-Jin	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
55	Nicole Chung Mae Sze	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
56	Gurmehr Kaur Dhanoa	2	THOBURN
57	Ethelyn Huang Meici	3	THOBURN
58	Conrad Trey Indradjaja	3	THOBURN
59	Ari Nartita	3	THOBURN
60	Min Seoyoung	4	THOBURN
61	Shreya Supriyakumar Sakhalikar	4	THOBURN
62	Zheng Jiayi	4	THOBURN
63	Lee Hyunseok	4	THOBURN
64	Cao Kefei	4	THOBURN
65	Cheng Xinui	5	THOBURN
66	Eliana Kwok	5	THOBURN
67	Daiki Kashiwagi	2	TAN KAH KEE
68	Eloise Laetitia Laksmono	2	TAN KAH KEE
69	Lam Ngoc Mai	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
70	Pichaya Chanpongari	3	TAN KAH KEE
71	Abhay Malik	3	TAN KAH KEE
72	Yoon Yeo Eun	4	TAN KAH KEE
73	Damien Pierre Tay	4	TAN KAH KEE
74	Xu Xinwen	4	TAN KAH KEE
75	Yuki Kashiwagi	4	TAN KAH KEE
76	Suen Ching Man	FOUNDATION IB	TAN KAH KEE
77	Wan Zhijun	5	TAN KAH KEE
78	Ren Yiting	6	TAN KAH KEE
79	Man Megan	6	TAN KAH KEE

Distinction for Effort and Achievement			
NO	NAME	YR	HOUSE
1	Acharekar Om Nitin	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	Kim Minwoo	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	Natsuko Kawasumi	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	Diya Biswas	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	Lim Jun Le Waime	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	Li Yazhen	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	Natasha Wong Su Ann	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	Jo Woonhyeong	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	Natalie Chew Jiaxian	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	Ronak Sanan	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	Ui Ogino	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	Aaliana Roy	1	GOH HOOD KENG
13	Asha Bodeslyne Jing Zi Slow	2	GOH HOOD KENG
14	Jeong Hyukchul	3	GOH HOOD KENG
15	Chen Siyu	3	GOH HOOD KENG
16	Ji Hyunmin	FOUNDATION IB	GOH HOOD KENG
17	Lim Yong Tai Louis	4	GOH HOOD KENG
18	Suramya Sood	4	GOH HOOD KENG
19	Chia Fui Rupert	5	GOH HOOD KENG
20	Kevin Huang Li Bang	5	GOH HOOD KENG
21	Govind Anurupa Ajeet Wagle	1	LEE SENG GEE
22	Reianne Hoon Yi Lin	2	LEE SENG GEE
23	Mikayla Alyson Toh	2	LEE SENG GEE
24	Supitchar Sritrakamont	3	LEE SENG GEE
25	Ryon Chan	4	LEE SENG GEE
26	Kim Hyeojin	PRE IB	LEE SENG GEE
27	Anna Kong Min Yi	5	LEE SENG GEE
28	Yang Nayoung	5	LEE SENG GEE
29	Nguyen Yen Minh Phuong	5	LEE SENG GEE
30	Shu Luoandi	6	LEE SENG GEE
31	Sakshi Bharathi Baskaran	6	LEE SENG GEE
32	Tang Kefan	1B	OLDHAM
33	Ma Tri Dung	1B	OLDHAM
34	Sara Attal	1	OLDHAM
35	Lee Adel	2	OLDHAM
36	Kim Minjae	2	OLDHAM
37	Muhtasin Fiyaz Rayan	3	OLDHAM
38	Carter Luke Xavier	3	OLDHAM
39	Aiko Yokota	4	OLDHAM
40	Yuiko Yokota	4	OLDHAM
41	Rohan Arora	5	OLDHAM
42	Lucas Zachary Leong Joe-Yii	5	OLDHAM
43	Benjamin Ong Keng Hwee	6	OLDHAM
44	Lee Xue En Aerial	1	SHAW VEE MENG
45	Kristy Ann Lim Shue Wen	2	SHAW VEE MENG
46	Lea Chong Wern Fang	2	SHAW VEE MENG
47	Goh Dillon	2	SHAW VEE MENG
48	Larissa Chan Mei Huen	3	SHAW VEE MENG
49	Lai Hong Chang Jayden	3	SHAW VEE MENG
50	Soong Jae Shien	3	SHAW VEE MENG
51	Chen Yirong	5	SHAW VEE MENG
52	Wu Yanyu	5	SHAW VEE MENG
53	Julia Miyo Coffey	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
54	Um Seoyoung	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
55	Yang Ruoxi	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
56	Keiji Yamamoto	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
57	Jeong Soo Hwan	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
58	Rong Yanhan	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
59	Wang Yujia	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
60	Roh Seung Hwan	5	TAN CHIN TUAN
61	P Rishikesh	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
62	Melody Lee Yun Shyan	1	THOBURN
63	Hannah Lim Yi Wen	2	THOBURN
64	Choi Jiwoo	PRE IGCSE	THOBURN
65	Vera Yong Ying Xuan	3	THOBURN
66	Fan Shiyi	4	THOBURN
67	Sanya Bobby Sanghavi	4	THOBURN
68	Isabella Tan	5	THOBURN
69	Lee Chaehyeon	5	THOBURN
70	Cheng Shizhao	1B	TAN KAH KEE
71	Mao Shimono	2	TAN KAH KEE
72	Karthikeya Vetsa	2	TAN KAH KEE
73	Yook Joewon	PRE IGCSE	TAN KAH KEE
74	Bhagwani Sandhya	3	TAN KAH KEE
75	Yamano Asumi	4	TAN KAH KEE
76	Chantel Thora Chesney	5	TAN KAH KEE
77	Samuel Agra Sianipar	5	TAN KAH KEE
78	Chau Nguyen Khanh Giao	5	TAN KAH KEE



Commendation for Effort and Achievement			
NO	NAME	YR	HOUSE
1	Shreya Biswas	1	CHEONG KOON SENG
2	Jiang Chunyu	PRE IGCSE	CHEONG KOON SENG
3	Advika Karthik Iyer	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
4	Victor Seat Yong Sim	2	CHEONG KOON SENG
5	Jason George	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
6	Natalie Heng Qiu Xuan	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
7	Lim Yi Xing	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
8	Teo Jie Shi Alarice	3	CHEONG KOON SENG
9	Annabella Tiffany Princessa	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
10	Shuck Kye Jie Dylan	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
11	Kim Minjee	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
12	Tan Mu En Jenell	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
13	Bill Johnathan	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
14	Ashley See Yao Jun	4	CHEONG KOON SENG
15	Gai Siyan	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
16	Yasumi Sakaide	5	CHEONG KOON SENG
17	Loke E-Shyen Tessa	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
18	Chang Tun-Min	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
19	Vansh Romesh Goel	6	CHEONG KOON SENG
20	Zee Yuel Yi Audrey	1	GOH HOOD KENG
21	Yang Cheng-Hao	1B	GOH HOOD KENG
22	Iyakam Kannasoot	1B	GOH HOOD KENG
23	Loh Junyan Jerry	2	GOH HOOD KENG
24	Sanjita Parashar	2	GOH HOOD KENG
25	Yuri Masuda	2	GOH HOOD KENG
26	Ernest Loh Wei Qian	2	GOH HOOD KENG
27	Summer Yew Min	3	GOH HOOD KENG
28	Lao Hanfei	3	GOH HOOD KENG
29	Morita Sola	3	GOH HOOD KENG
30	Ishaan Arora	3	GOH HOOD KENG
31	Sabrina Koswara	5	GOH HOOD KENG
32	Anisha Mahibalan	1	LEE SENG GEE
33	Kaylee Victoria Ng	1	LEE SENG GEE
34	Celina Isabela Madamba Abueg	1	LEE SENG GEE
35	Johan Imran Mattinson	2	LEE SENG GEE
36	Zhuang Yachen	3	LEE SENG GEE
37	Liu Jihan	3	LEE SENG GEE
38	Ng Hei Lam	3	LEE SENG GEE
39	Nguyen An Minh	3	LEE SENG GEE
40	Sin Zi Ting Chelsea	3	LEE SENG GEE
41	Joschka Flynn Kalisch	4	LEE SENG GEE
42	Kwon Ho Sung	4	LEE SENG GEE
43	Li Jia	4	LEE SENG GEE
44	Justin Cheng Ming Hearn	5	LEE SENG GEE
45	Wang Renhe	5	LEE SENG GEE
46	Judith Ann Ho Han Lin	6	LEE SENG GEE
47	Nguyen Hien Minh Trang	6	LEE SENG GEE
48	Natasha Tan Rae	1	OLDHAM
49	Lee Yeseo	1B	OLDHAM
50	Ling Ee-Yang Ethan	2	OLDHAM
51	Bhardwaj Aditi	2	OLDHAM
52	Wong Wei Zhi	2	OLDHAM
53	Thanaree Srisuphawatt	3	OLDHAM
54	Emmanuel Quintis Carter	4	OLDHAM
55	Kaito Sato	4	OLDHAM
56	Lee Ada	4	OLDHAM
57	Jiang Jinyi	5	OLDHAM
58	Darmesh Ramu	2	SHAW VEE MENG
59	Kamaraj Mohit	2	SHAW VEE MENG
60	Lee Rui En Aeryn	2	SHAW VEE MENG
61	Kim Jibin	PRE IGCSE	SHAW VEE MENG
62	Ren Yicui	3	SHAW VEE MENG
63	Park Hyunsu	3	SHAW VEE MENG
64	Emma Chong Yi Ting	4	SHAW VEE MENG
65	Liu Zhen Rui	5	SHAW VEE MENG
66	Manya Nahata	5	SHAW VEE MENG
67	Cheah Eu Jin Ethan	5	SHAW VEE MENG
68	Clarisse Lim Jia-Yi	5	SHAW VEE MENG
69	Lee Keondong	5	SHAW VEE MENG
70	Lee Sumin	1B	TAN CHIN TUAN

71	Chelsea Lim Xin Ni	1	TAN CHIN TUAN
72	Aryan Asri	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
73	Kim Amin	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
74	Tan Wan Shih Bethany	2	TAN CHIN TUAN
75	Nira Pituwat	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
76	Shravya Kishor Kacha	3	TAN CHIN TUAN
77	Natanya Abigail Mandagi	4	TAN CHIN TUAN
78	Park Hyunjin	6	TAN CHIN TUAN
79	Yun Seojin	1	THOBURN
80	Gabriel Loh Seck Chuan	1	THOBURN
81	Marika Leo Furiya	1	THOBURN
82	Kohtarō Okano	2	THOBURN
83	Zhang Qingyan	PRE IGCSE	THOBURN
84	Chye Shu Lin Lauren	3	THOBURN
85	Sun Lehan	4	THOBURN
86	Saya Ruchiev	4	THOBURN
87	Nguyen Ngoc Thien An	PRE IB	THOBURN
88	Jesslyne Yau	5	THOBURN
89	Tan Kia Min	1	TAN KAH KEE
90	Athena Peh	1	TAN KAH KEE
91	Choong Hui Yu Shannen	2	TAN KAH KEE
92	Yu Yat Tin Benetta	2	TAN KAH KEE
93	Priya Renee Peeris	3	TAN KAH KEE
94	Krishna Gehlot	3	TAN KAH KEE
95	David Leong Kai En	4	TAN KAH KEE
96	Abigail Kastono Ahadi	5	TAN KAH KEE
97	Loh Kin-Rui Tarquin	6	TAN KAH KEE
98	Aarthy Narainy Ravichandran	6	TAN KAH KEE
99	Chia Xin Ying Bernice	6	TAN KAH KEE

Commendation for Effort			
NO	NAME	YR	HOUSE
1	Ong Zi Yi	1	LEE SENG GEE
2	Einna Parekh	2	LEE SENG GEE
3	Zhang Xiaoyu	2	LEE SENG GEE
4	Chisa Kamei	5	LEE SENG GEE
5	Boonsiri Kanitarong	1	OLDHAM
6	Maaz Ahmad	1	OLDHAM
7	Ma Mingyue	2	OLDHAM
8	Mars Ashton Podiono	3	OLDHAM
9	Tian Wei	5	THOBURN
10	Eldon Joel Kwan	1	TAN KAH KEE
11	Kim Nahyun	4	TAN KAH KEE



STAFF NEWS

New Staff

We welcome the following new staff to school this term:

- Dr Rana Shaji, Teacher of Chemistry, India
- Mr Deacon Manu, Teacher of PE, New Zealand (former international rugby player and Fiji Rugby World Cup Captain)

We congratulate them on their appointment and we wish them a successful and fulfilled time with us.

Farewell, Mr Molloy!

Mr Billy Molloy is leaving us on 24 July to a role as Head of Sport at the new NLCS Singapore school. We thank Mr Molloy for his contributions in the past 5 years. His full-time PE role will be taken by Mr Scurr Lee whose role will be taken by Mr Deacon Manu.

NOTICES

Revised School Calendar

A few dates for Terms 3 and 4 have been revised. Click [here](#) for the revised calendar available on the school website.

Student Stagger Arrivals and Dismissals

School start times have been adjusted as follows:

- Monday – Junior Division 8:00am, Middle Division 8:35am, Senior Division 8:35am
- Tuesday – All Divisions, 8:35am
- Wednesday – Junior Division 8:35am, Middle Division 8:00am, Senior Division 8:35am
- Thursday – Junior Division 8:35am, Middle Division 8:35am, Senior Division 8:00am
- Friday – All Divisions 8:00am

School finish times have been staggered as follows:

- Junior Division 2:45pm
- Middle Division 3:00pm
- Senior Division 3:15pm

The above schedules may change during the Prelim sessions so that Junior Division is not consistently disadvantaged with the earlier finish time.

Stay Home If Unwell

Students who feel unwell (e.g. having cough, fever, flu or stomach upset, feeling nausea) prior to coming to school are advised to stay home to rest and to consult a doctor if necessary. Please visit only one clinic and do not doctor-hop. When back to school, please submit your parent's/guardian's letter of excuse or medical certificate to your tutor.

Direct School Admissions

Prospective students can apply for admission to 2021 classes through our internal admissions tests or based on formal examination results such as PSLE or 'O' Levels taken in 2020.

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 2020 PSLE results.

Virtual Open House and 2021 Admissions Days

Due to the cancellation of the traditional Open House in Term 2, a virtual Open House has been available from 25 May via [this link](#). For more information on admissions matters, please contact admissions@acsinternational.edu.sg

Additionally, we will hold two Saturday 2021 Admissions Days on 11 and 18 July (similar to our PSLE and 'O' Levels Information Sessions) to be hosted by SLT and Admissions Department with school tours led by our Student Leaders.

Prelim Examination Dates 2020

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.



PEAKS Assessment and NVR Test for New Year 1 and 1B Students (2nd Run)

All Year 1 and 1B students admitted between mid February and Term 3 are required to take the PEAKS assessment and NVR test on Thursday, 16 July, 3:15–5:15pm in the iMAC Suite, Level 5, Library Block. An email with details on what PEAKS is, the pre- and post-briefings, the PEAKS assessment and NVR test will be sent to these students and those who missed their session in February, and their parents/guardians by the end of next week.

The post-briefing will be held on Thursday, 23 July, 3:15–4:15pm in the Seminar Room, Level 2, Library Block.

Term 3 Parent Teacher Meetings (PTMs)

At this stage, we are still planning to hold the Term 3 PTMs as scheduled in the School Calendar (Year 4 and Year 6 on 19 August; and Whole School on 27 August). However, as the further loosening of Phase 2 restrictions is uncertain at this stage, we are considering whether to move to a virtual format. We will advise closer to the time.

Tuition Fees Rebate

The Board of Management has agreed to a 5% reduction of the Semester I tuition fee (January to June) in recognition of the financial impact of COVID-19 on individual families. This 5% rebate will be applied to the Semester II fees.

2021 Tuition Fees

The Board of Management has agreed to hold the 2021 Tuition Fees at the same level as 2019 and 2020. This means that there will be no tuition fee increase for next year.

Overdue Semester 2 School Fees

Many thanks to all those families who have paid the Semester 2 fees. A final reminder has been sent to those families with outstanding fees.

For families with questions on the fee payment deadline, they are invited to speak with or email the Finance and Admin Manager, Ms Jase Cheok at jase.cheok@acsinternational.edu.sg.

Transcripts and Testimonials

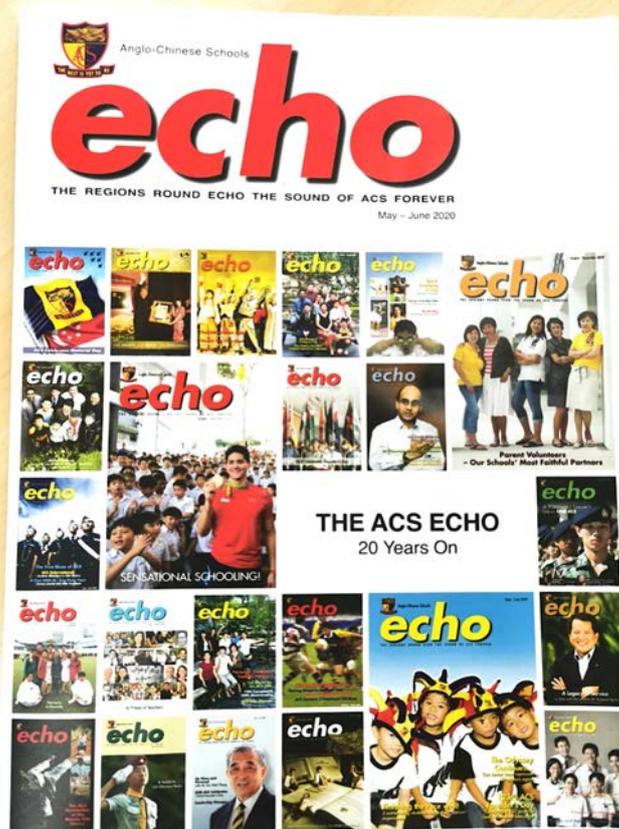
This is the time of the year we begin to receive requests of these two documents. The Academic Secretary, Ms Manwant Kaur, will process these requests upon receipt of the completed transcript and/or testimonial application form, which can be downloaded from the website ([Life At ACS -> Forms & Important Information -> Forms -> Request for Transcript/Testimonial](#)).

A period of 10 days is required to process any document. We regret that we are unable to respond to any request to produce them immediately.

Year 6 students will automatically receive these two documents at the end of the school year. They only need to apply for these documents if they are applying to university before year end. Testimonials are only available for Year 6 students, and Year 4 students who are leaving school. School leavers in other year groups can only apply for a school transcript summary of all school reports.

ACS Echo

The May–June 2020 issue of ACS Echo magazine has arrived. Do not miss this special issue that commemorates the 20th anniversary of the magazine and features feedback from some readers. Parents and students who would like a copy may pick one up from the General Office reception.



Pedestrian Road Safety and Driver Road Etiquette

The school strongly advise students to use the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Taman Warna Road (beside Raffles Holland V Mall) [see red star marked "Traffic Light Junction" on the map below] for their safety.

We also appeal to parents who drop off their child/ward to slow down and drive carefully along Taman Warna and to be more considerate towards other drivers/road users.



Source: <https://www.streetdirectory.com/>

Restricted Vehicle Entry to School at Start of the Day

Due to the heavy congestion at the school gate by both vehicles and foot traffic, we restrict vehicle entry to the school grounds to just staff cars between 7:30am and 8:10am. This means that parents are not able to enter the school grounds to drop off their children. All drop-offs must be done outside the main gate at the drop-off zone.

On wet days, however, parents will still be able to access the covered drop-off zone at the foyer, Administration Block. With an increased roll, there is increased congestion at the school entrance and students on foot are contributing to that. Parents are encouraged to drop off their children via Holland Close near Gate C [see blue star marked on the map above] as a much less congested alternative.



STUDENT SUCCESS

Year 5 Student Wins First Place at Piano Competition

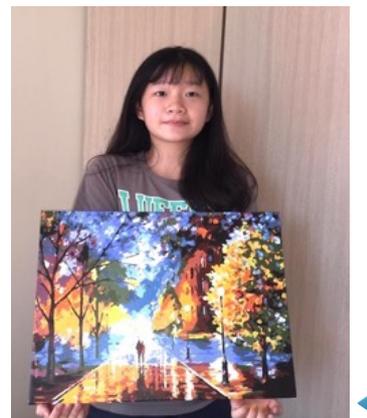
Despite the restrictions of the April-June Circuit Breaker, Jarell Tang (5 TCT) participated in the 5th Steinway Youth Piano Competition Grand Finals, which was hosted online via livestream on 30 May. The competition in particular was open to all young aspiring musicians age 17 and below, wherein Jarell competed in Category 3 (age 15 to 17) of the Profession Class. The Grand Finals was open to the online public, judged by an illustrious adjudicator panel consisting of Dr John Sharpley, Dr Lee Pei Ming, Professor Bernard Tan, and Mr Frank DeMeglio.

Jarell’s repertoire ranged from Classical compositions such as the first movement of Haydn’s Sonata No. 31 in Ab major (Hob XVI-46), to Romantic pieces like those of Chopin’s Barcarolle Op. 60, and Liszt’s Concert Etude No. 3 in Db Major, “*Un Sospiro*”. Ultimately, Jarell was placed overall first in his category, much to the pride of his family and friends.

We congratulate Jarell in his achievement and wish him all the best in his future music endeavours.

ACS (INDEPENDENT) BOARDING SCHOOL NEWS

During the June holiday, for the dual purpose of reducing screen time and engaging in productive work, the Villagers [as ACS (International) students are affectionately termed as] were given Paint-by-Numbers paintings. They found the painting process very therapeutic especially when they could not go out during the Phase 1 period.



PSP NEWS

Coping During the Circuit Breaker Period

Like everyone, parents who are home-makers or career professionals had to adjust to staying at home 24/7 during the circuit breaker (CB) period. Here's the story of three mothers from the PSP Exco:

Adapting to the new norm brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic was easier than what my family and I had expected. While the idea of being homebound was initially unappealing, we realized it gave us opportunities to grow individually and as a family. As a homemaker, I found ways to connect with friends locally and abroad through zoom meetings. My three school-going children helped with household chores and my husband, who was working from home, provided additional parenting support. It was a welcome change for me and a lovely way to strengthen family unity. It also encouraged the pursuit of new activities at home. Rather than rely on restaurants, we tried our hand at cooking different dishes like Spanish paella and Philippine pancit. When buying bubble tea was not an option, we made it and when we wanted fresh bread, we baked it. The CB period empowered us and taught us to be self-reliant. My children not only learned to cook and bake but also dabbled in creative activities that included the development of short animated videos and games via Scratch and LUA programming. My youngest child, being a violinist, was actively involved in virtual symphonies in support of our frontliners and found her green thumb, growing papaya trees. My husband and I even gave DIY haircuts and had a blast doing so. This period also taught us to embrace our new-found independence, explore our interests, discover new talents and to appreciate the people in our lives. Family meals turned into bonding sessions, Sunday masses became intimate gatherings and movie nights became exciting events. While we look forward to having things return to normal, we can't help but feel a little sentimental about losing that extra quality time together. But perhaps, we won't need to with a little creative planning!

*Mrs Celine M. Abueg,
mother of Celina Abueg, 1 LSG and Antonio Abueg, 2 LSG*



The recent CB has taught me a huge lesson of not taking the little things in life for granted. I missed the freedom of walking out without the fear of catching the COVID-19 bug that has taken over the world. Quarantined fatigue is real but I found balance in a harried world. I no longer find myself rushing from place to place. I have managed to live one day at a time – I cooked more, I learnt to bake, I could paint and I could take longer walks. It is so wonderful to bond more meaningfully with my family as we spent so much time together. I want to especially thank the frontline healthcare professionals who have bravely looked after the unwell patients. Thanks to all my friends who have been sending little gifts and food to cheer me up during this trying time. Until an effective Covid-19 vaccine has been found, let us all stay healthy and stay safe.

*Ms Josephine Oei,
mother of Michelle Choo, 6 CKS*



While we missed the social interaction with friends and relatives during the CB period, we were glad to have the opportunity to bond as a family, especially since my husband was back in Singapore and could spend quality time with our daughter, Larissa. He cooked up a storm in the kitchen almost daily while Larissa whipped up all sorts of delectable desserts! We were grateful for the luxury of time to have deeper and meaningful conversations instead of hurried ones during a typical work or school day. Praying together as a family also helped us cope with the stress and uncertainty that this pandemic has caused as we continue to trust in our Lord and His plans for us.

*Ms Alysia Ling,
mother of Larissa Chan, 3 SVM*



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

16th Prefectorial Board: Progress Report

Since the 16th Prefectorial Board has officially been signed into term, we have made significant progress.

Head Girl Abigail Kastono and Head Boy Jin Kawaso have been continuously working on many different projects such as working with the Exco to create an investiture video to introduce themselves to the student body, as well as leading the Exco in creating a safe distancing video. They have also started a fundraiser for the migrant workers with the Exco, raising over \$5,500.

If you would like to help them and contribute to the fundraiser, you can donate at:

https://www.giving.sg/campaigns/aid_the_foreign_workers

Elizabeth Chia has led the student council in a very successful Orientation 3 which was held on 26 June. The orientation was a blended event. About 10 students were present physically and another 20 students online. Many different activities such as Kahoot and Lost at Sea were held. These team bonding activities brought students closer despite not being able to be together physically. In addition, both an online and physical tour of the school and Holland village were showcased to the students. We are delighted to hear that students have found O3 a meaningful and fun experience.

Samuel Sianipar has also successfully led the Student Affairs (SA) in a few projects such as the ACS Design Challenge, which allows students an opportunity to submit new ideas for the school's improvement. Another of his projects included the SA holding a 5-Day Instagram Story Challenge to boost student morale during the circuit breaker period. Lastly, he and his team has been working on welcoming students on the first day back to school.

Yoona Son and the student ambassadors has done a very good job in opening ACShop which is a fundraising project for MWS Bethany Nursing Home. They are also working on ACS challenge where students challenge each other with their creative skills and ideas so as to help boost student morale.

Natalie Chew and the Head of Houses worked as a committee to come up with a new Inter-House event, Inter-House Short Film, so that students could look forward to something exciting during circuit breaker period.

The 16th Prefectorial Board will continue to work hard to serve the school. Look out for more events to come!

Head Girl, Abigail Kastono, 5 TKK and Head Boy, Jin Kawaso, 5 SVM

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Orientation 3

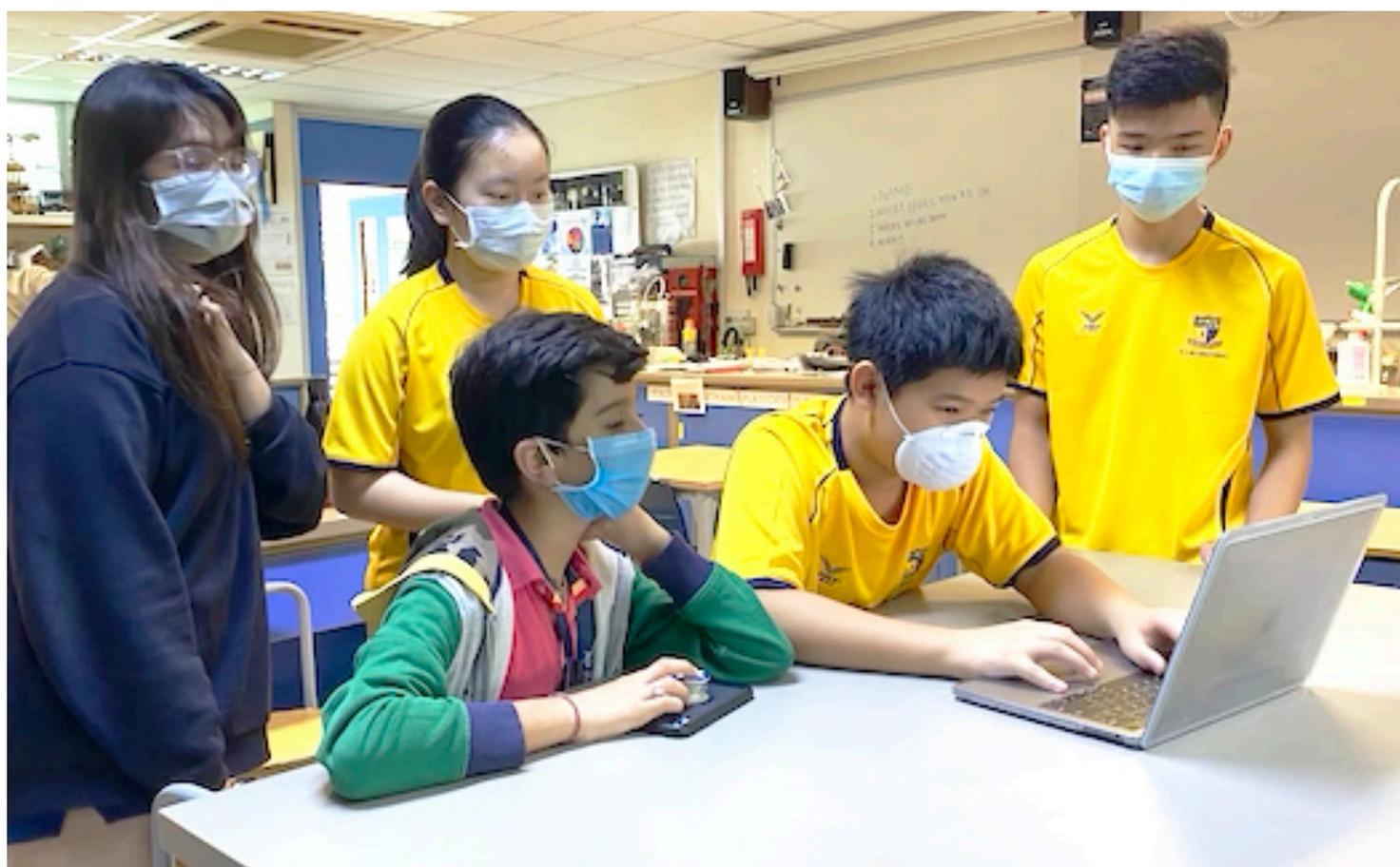
This year's Orientation 3 was planned to welcome students from the Pre-IGCSE and Pre-IB years into our new family and to provide a glimpse of school life at ACS (International), before the start of a new school term.

The school prefects were dauntless in planning the event to accommodate changes associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. For instance, virtual tours of Holland Village and the school grounds were pre-recorded and shared via Zoom with students and parents who were still abroad.

As a result of modern communication, all enrolled students had a chance to connect with their peers, seniors, as well as teachers and be a part of the Orientation programme. The students were introduced to the school's values and motto, took part in several team-building games and had a special tour of Holland Village, guided by the school prefects.

We thank all teachers, parents, students and the Prefects Executive Committee for being a part of this special Orientation in our school's history and we look forward to connect with our new students in the school term.

The 16th Student Council



Step To Change

As the COVID-19 pandemic hits the entire globe, safe distancing becomes prevalent. Unfortunately, because of this pandemic, the ambassadors are not able to hold our annual event Choice To Run this year. We came up with another event in which we could raise funds for the Bethany Nursing Home but at the same time following all the precautions imposed by the government and school. To be frank, the ambassadors team were initially quite bewildered on what event can be held especially during this time. The saying "when one door closes, another door opens" best describes our new project, Step to Change, which has two arms, ACS Challenge and ACShop.

As the ambassador exco in charge of ACS Challenge, I literally started everything from scratch with my team. When we were planning, we encountered a lot of uncertainties. When an idea came up, we could instantly think of the possible problems that we might encounter. We always asked what if this or that happened? That to me was the most challenging aspect. As and when we met with an issue, we have to be quick to react and look for a solution. Another challenge is to find the best way to describe the new event to our peers. We have to explain the procedures and rules clearly, and at the same, make the event appealing for the students to join.

Overall, as this is the first event planned by the 16th Ambassadors team, I would say we've done a pretty good job in organising an event, especially when there are a number of precautions to abide with. Overall, this has been a one of a kind experience which will help us be better prepared for future events held by the Ambassadors team. Click [here](#) to watch a video on what we have done.

Jesslyne Yau, 5 Oldham
Treasurer and Head of Logistics

ACShop
Sponsored by PSP

OPENS FROM 22/6
Early Bird discount 5/7

Scan the QR code to support MWS Bethany Nursing Home by shopping online!

30PCS/PACK \$10
1PC/PACK \$9
9 PCS/PACK \$10
\$8/PC
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How to participate in the ACS Challenge?

- 1 Scan the QR code & fill in the google form
- 2 Design your own challenge, and video yourself doing it!
- 3 Send your video to theteam.acsintl@gmail.com Don't forget to name your challenge! **Due: 8th July 2020**
- 4 Find sponsors to sponsor you and help raise at least \$20. Sponsors should fill in the sponsor card. If \$20 is not reached, you have to cover the remaining funds
- 5 Send your sponsor card to theteam.acsintl@gmail.com and submit the donated funds by 5th August.

Awards will be given out to the best challenges!!

After a long process of brainstorming, we decided to open an online ACShop to sell various items such as handmade soaps, plants, face shields and an event T-Shirts mainly to the ACS family.

Besides the two teams in charge of ACShop and ACS Challenge respectively, we have a publicity team which is responsible for publicising and promoting our events. To organise and plan our projects, we met several times during the holiday via Google Meet. It was unusual and unexpected, but was a meaningful experience to discuss and make a proposal online. I made a timeline and we tried hard to fit everything in our plan, ordering needed materials and making a website. I must say the student ambassadors have worked very hard and I deeply appreciate their contribution as everyone has done their task very well within the time constraint, let alone the physical constraint too during the circuit breaker period.

Even though there were a lot of difficulties, the student ambassadors overcame each obstacle and successfully opened our ACShop! We are expecting a lot of responses from ACS family:))

Yoona Son (Iris), 5 Oldham
Head of Student Ambassadors

Step To Change is co-organised by ACS Ambassadors and Holland Village Methodist Church, sponsored by Parent School Partners. All proceeds will go to MWS Bethany Nursing Home for its Care Remodelling. For more information and the latest update, please follow us on Instagram at [acsintl.ambassadors](https://www.instagram.com/acsintl.ambassadors)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY	EVENT
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Group 1 Languages IOC and Group 1 Language A IOC Student Leaders' Investiture (08:00–08:35)
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'O' Levels Oral Examination Examination Briefing for Year 4 and Year 6 (08:00–08:35)
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'O' Levels Oral Examination IB Core – Year 5 – Academic Integrity (8:00–08:35)
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polling Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prelim Examinations commence for Year 4 and Year 6
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Education Information Session for Year 1 and Year 2 (08:00–08:30)
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Education Information Session for Year 3 and Year 4 (08:00–08:30) Year 1 and 1B NVR Test and PEAKS Assessment (2nd Run) (15:15–17:15)
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 and 1B PEAKS Post-Briefing (2nd Run) (15:15–16:15)
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Application Information Session for Year 6 (08:15–14:15)
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPV Vaccination – Sec 3 and 4 (2nd Dose) 'O' Levels Listening Examination
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Chinese Oral Examination School Photo-Taking IB Core – Year 5 – Referencing (08:00–08:35)
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Chinese Oral Examination School Photo-Taking
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Chinese Oral Examination School Photo-Taking IB Core – Year 6 – Exit Briefing (08:00–08:35)
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hari Raya Haji (SCHOOL CLOSED)
AUGUST	EVENT
03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Chinese Oral Examination
04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Chinese Oral Examination IB Core – Year 6 – CAS Closing (08:00–08:35)
05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online University Application Seminar for Parents (15:30–17:00)
06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents' Prayer Group (08:00–09:00)
07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Day Celebration International Day Celebration



University Application Information Session for Year 6 Only

25 July, Saturday

8:15am–2:15pm

Oldham Chapel

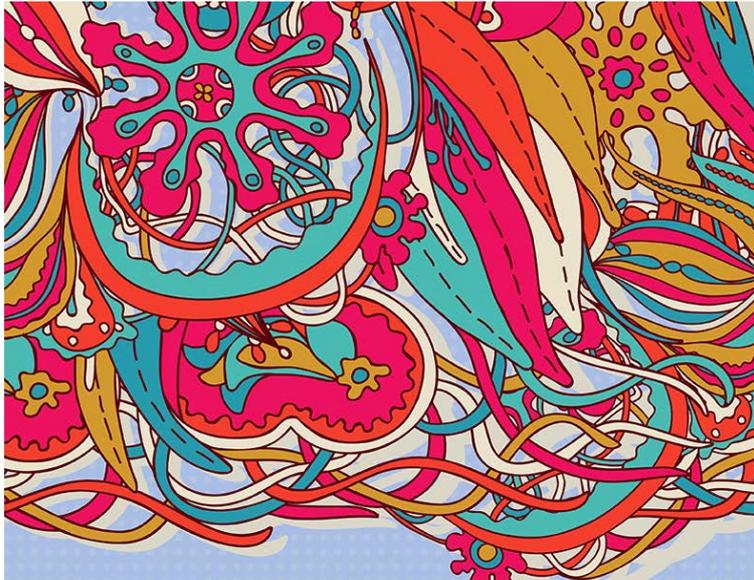
The Higher Education and Careers Department is holding its annual university application information session on Saturday, 25 July. **The latest developments in the Higher Education scene due to COVID-19 will also be shared with students.**

This session has proved immensely popular over the years and your child/ward will find it very useful for their application process. It is **compulsory** for all our Year 6 students, who should prioritise this important information session as part of their university planning process.

Apart from the Step by Step Application guide, a few alumni will also be present to speak about their university experience and will provide some useful tips on overall university applications, living away from home as well as insiders' information on surviving the crucial years at any Higher Education Institutions around the world.

All the necessary Safe Management Measures will be strictly followed. Due to the restricted measures, parents are **NOT** invited to this seminar. A separate online seminar will be organised for parents soon after this event.





ACS (INTERNATIONAL)
LANGUAGE WEEK 2020
PRESENTS

THE COVID-19 QUIZ

By 12th JULY 2020

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Open to all Y1-3, PreIB and FIB students
who are not house prefects

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Are you empathetic with
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Apply by 10/7 to be considered.
You would need to include names of 2
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SUPPORTING PEERS AND PREFECTORIAL BOARD

support new students, look out for students with needs,
annual mental wellness week, organise activities
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Save the Date

Virtual Singapore University Fair 2020

18 July 2020, 10am – 4pm

Open to students and parents at JCs, Integrated Programme (IP) schools and International schools (local)
More details soon.

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Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts	Yale-NUS College

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The ONE ACS Career Forum Webinar 2020
Saturday, July 18th from 10am to 1pm via Zoom

An annual event that has become one of the ACSOBA's hallmark events, the ONE ACS Career Forum will be hosted virtually this year on Saturday, July 18th from 10am to 1pm via Zoom. Please register your interest to secure a place at this much anticipated event. Open to all members of the ACS Family, alumni and the Methodist Schools in Singapore.

[Register Now!](#)

10:15 am

Adjusting your career to a Covid-19 World; is the Best still yet to be?

A movie script narrating a pandemic of the global proportions that we now face would have been long-rejected by Hollywood as wholly unrealistic. Nonetheless, that's where we find ourselves now. Living the way we did prior to the Circuit Breaker may not be possible in the immediate future, and our lifestyles and careers will inevitably have to adapt. As we continue to deal with the fallout of the pandemic, what then can we expect, and how can we survive, adapt and thrive in the 'new normal'?

Join AC alumni from **Medicine, Law, Cybersecurity, Education and F&B** as they discuss the impact that Covid-19 has had on the work force and how their industries have had to react, recreate and innovate in this rapidly evolving economic reality.

Moderator

Jonathan Yuen,

Equity Partner, Rajah and Tann Singapore LLP

[Profile](#)

Panelists

Sandra Chua,

Manager, Cyber Security Agency of Singapore

[Profile](#)**Dr Wong Tien Hua,**

Family Medicine Practitioner and Past President of the Singapore Medical Association

[Profile](#)**Kelly Koh,**

Director of Admissions, Singapore Institute of Technology

[Profile](#)**Jeremy Nguee,**

Chef-Owner, Preparazzi Group of Brands

[Profile](#)

11:15 am

The Inside Scoop featuring ACS alumni from all our 7 schools

What to expect during the tertiary admissions process

Get up close and personal with AC alumni undergraduates currently attending **Yale-NUS College, Harvard University and Stanford University** as they share candid thoughts on the application processes, personal ACS journeys and scholastic challenges. Ask recent graduates from the **NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, University of Oxford, University of Chicago and Ngee Ann Polytechnic** what their job search experiences were like.

What are the qualities that admissions panels look for beyond grades? How do I differentiate myself from other candidates in today's highly competitive environment when internships and community service opportunities are virtually non-existent? How do I put my best face forward in a Zoom panel interview and how should I follow up? Answers to these questions and more await at this informative panel.

Moderator

Geetha Creffield,

Head of Arts, ACJC

[Profile](#)

Panelists

Anglo-Chinese Junior College**Dr Abigail Nyam**

Medical Officer, Ministry of Health Holdings

NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine,
MBBS 2017**ACS (International)****Shasta Kaul****University of Notre Dame**
Doctoral Student in Political Theory & Presidential Fellow
University of Chicago
M.A. (Politics) 2019**University of Oxford**
B.A. PPE (Philosophy, Politics, Economics) 2018[Profile](#)**ACS (Barker Road) and ACS (Junior)****Tavis Tan****Yale-NUS College, B.A. 2022**

Global Affairs (Major), Literature (Minor)

Ngee Ann Polytechnic
(Diploma in International Business)[Profile](#)**ACS Jakarta**
Patrick Tjandra**Stanford University, B.E. 2022**

Biomedical Engineering (Major), Material Science and Engineering (Minor)

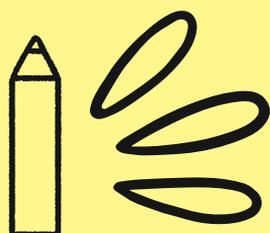
[Profile](#)**ACS (Independent) and ACS (Primary)**
Kevin Ong**Harvard University, B.A. 2023**
Economics & Computer Science[Profile](#)

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